

Put love first. Entertain thoughts that give life, and when a thought of resentment, hurt, or fear comes your way, think another thought that is more powerful—a thought that is love.

What's Available Online—Family GP Web Sites

By the Grapevine

If you're looking for material online to feed your sheep with, there are a number of terrific Family GP sites that you can refer your sheep and contacts to. You can download MP3s of Family music; subscribe to a daily quote, praise, picture, etc.; along with receiving regular GP MLs, excerpts from the *Treasures*, and much more.

Here is a list of some of the Family GP Web sites:

* If your friends or sheep haven't had the opportunity to visit the official Family Web site, they can check it out at:

www.thefamily.org

* On the Family Web site you'll find "Our Music," which is a collection of music written, produced, and performed by the Family. Now available on MP3 for free download at:

www.thefamily.org/music

* You can sign up to receive regular mailings of the Daily Might, Daily Praise, picture of the day, *Reflections*, tracts, Words from Jesus, MO Letters,

Treasures, and "chapter a week" for e-books, which are incredibly inspiring stories with lessons of faith, trust, and hearing from the Lord. Sign up at:

www.thefamily.org/subscribe

* Then there's our Endtime Web site at:

www.countdown.org

(For further reading on the Endtime and predictions of the future, you can also see "The Future" section of www.activated.org, and "Endtime News" section of www.thefamily.org.)

* You can order our exciting series of Endtime documentary videos at:

www.theendtime.com

* Visit our Activated site at:

www.activated.org

Here you can find out how to subscribe to our monthly magazine and read the content of all previous magazines, as well as have access to a

lot of other feeding material including many of the Aurora GP books!

* For a complete line of what GP products we have available check out:

www.auroraproduction.com

In the showcase of products there are even clips and previews of each feature for you to sample!

* We have music CD greeting cards online, visit:

www.greetingcardcds.com

* We have a new European-based site in progress:

www.thefamilyeurope.org

where you can find publications and news in around 24 languages!

We pray this information is a blessing to you, and an avenue through which your friends and contacts can receive more feeding material. We love you!

Backtracking...

Apologies from the *Reflections* team, who skipped a number (R299) in the last set of *Reflections*. A page with that number is included with this mailing. Hope this is a blessing to you.

There was a miscalculation in GN 1062, "365 Miracles" in para.266. Where it said that the area covered by the 4,100 pages in our first book printing would cover 12,700 square meters, the correct number should've been 127 square meters. Sorry for the error!

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12 FOUNDATION STONES TEACHERS' TIP

Insights from a Home that uses the course

By Stephen and Angela, Croatia

We don't have large groups to teach, so we teach people individually, or in pairs, depending on the job they have, their situations, and when they are free. We mainly teach in English, which most of our class attendees understand, and those who understand can give a running translation for those who don't. This makes it possible for anyone to teach—not necessarily only those who have a thorough command of the local language. We have translated the Study Notes sheets, as they prefer to have them in their own language, even if they speak English well. This approach saves a lot of time that

would otherwise be taken up translating.

Of course, when you are teaching just a couple of people, you might skip some of the group things, such as certain skits, questions, etc. Some of the skits and stories can be told verbally. It also helps to have the freedom [which the course allows] to follow just the required things, and some of the optional parts can be read (depending on the situation) or skipped. Quite often a verse will come to mind, or a story or testimony. Again, you just have to pray beforehand, familiarize yourself with the material, and use what goes over well with your sheep. Then once you are giving the class, the Lord will lead you as you go.

One thing we have found though, is that it's good to

pretty much stick to the class, as it's easy to get tripped off and get the "preacher's itch"! Pretty much everything is covered in upcoming classes. Sometimes the students will ask you a question, and it's our natural tendency to want to be able to expound in our own words, but I've found it better to instead let the classes feed them. It helps to have a general idea of the class contents and what is coming up, so if they have a certain question, and you know it will be thoroughly covered in another class, you can explain that it will be covered in another class (and if necessary give a short explanation about it then). This helps to save a lot of time in the long run.—So get familiar with the classes!

I have also found that you can begin teaching the

12 *Foundation Stones* to sheep once they get saved, whether they are an Active member or not. It's a great course, and then eventually they either drop out, or become part of the Family in some way! Our Home is sold on the course! We have finished it with four people, and are in the process of giving it to four others.

After the class on fulfilled prophecies about Jesus, many of the attendees got totally flipped out and sold on the Word! They knew the Bible was the Word of God, but once they saw those prophecies, they came to have a deeper understanding and realization. This helped them to be totally open to whatever we taught them, even the meatier matters. They got turned on to the Endtime, so we gave them a course in Daniel, Revelation, the Antichrist conspiracy, etc.

activated news

Amazing impact of *Activated*

By Mary (of Micah), Taiwan

Activated really rocks! The other day, after sending off the thank-you letters for the week, I got on the phone to call those who had subscribed recently to verify that they were actually receiving our dynamic mag. Everyone was receiving and enjoying it a lot, so the Lord showed me to take the opportunity to also challenge them to help us more, either by getting CD cards themselves, or by sponsoring them for others. The response was phenomenal! Almost everyone immediately agreed to help, and was eager to make appointments. Thank You, Jesus, for the good fruit of feeding our friends more deeply with *Activated*!

We've been visiting some of our subscribers and reading the mags with

them. It's a ready-made follow-up tool, and reading with them ensures that they are getting the full impact of the message.

We've been going through our stacks of name cards and visiting people and offering tools and *Activated*. We are sometimes surprised at who subscribes. On a couple of occasions we had people subscribe who turned it down last year. Also people we thought were too much into Buddhism subscribed too.

Interested to know more

By Julian, Japan

We received a beautiful, very positive reaction from an elderly man who John met at Yoyogi Park. We were doing a Holy Ghost sample, and he was taking pictures of it. John took the initiative to witness to him and led him

to the Lord. He then showed him the *Activated* mag, and the man received it. He was very touched that we were working to help the young people and is interested to know more.

He was particularly impressed with the chained eagle article, and said it was a good message for the Japanese people.

So someone else could benefit

By John and Crystal D., India

Last year we went to visit one of our subscribers who was up for renewal.

She explained that she liked the magazine, but had lost her job, so money was very tight. Because she was so enthusiastic about the magazine, we found a sponsor for her. Just recently we went to see her again as she had completed another year. She was so happy to see us. She was raving about the magazine and how much of a blessing it was to her. She went on to say that she now had a very good job, and wanted to not only renew her subscription, but pay for the one we sponsored for her so that someone else could benefit from it.

kidbits

Travis Archer, 4th child, born to **Alisa and Josh** on December 3.—Japan

Evelyne Kay, 1st child, born to **Claire and David Mountain** on December 29.—Thailand

The projected date was Sunday, December 28th, 2003 when the appointed committee (consisting of Amber, Andy, Dawei, Esther, Jason, and Johnny, representing most of the Taipei and Taoyuan Homes) agreed to host our annual city Christmas celebration for our friends and sheep, as well as our first anniversary for *Chinese Activated*. It was to be a combined event.

It's already been a little over one year since *Chinese Activated* got rolling, with 1,400 subscriptions out so far. It's brought about a revolution in the witnessing and follow up in this country, and as many can testify, our sheep and contacts have greatly benefited from this program, and have grown by leaps and bounds as a result of deeper and more consistent feeding.

The idea for this anniversary celebration was to invite the *Activated* subscribers from all over northern Taiwan, so we could get to know them better, give them a chance to fellowship with others and gain a better understanding of the Family. After several committee-planning meetings, much prayer and work on each one's part, the program started to gel. Our wonder Man was once again dazzling us with miracles of answered prayer right and left!

God bless Dawei, who was able to secure an elegant Chinese-style hall for the exact time and day we had been praying for, free of charge. The manager in charge was very accommodating and agreed to allow us to bring our own food and drinks, and supplied us with all the needed cutlery, cups, mugs, plates, napkins, hot water, guestbook, name tags, VIP passes, as well as free parking. The hotel staff also set up the room with the needed tables, chairs and spotlights for the stage. We only had to pay for the use of the monitor and screen (for the PowerPoint), as that did not belong to the hotel, otherwise they would have been happy not to charge us for that either.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY of CHINESE ACTIVATED



"Happy Anniversary Activated!" reads the provisioned custom-made two-layer cake that fed 150 people!



Paloma (center) and friends who attended the event

Our wonderful provisioners, Amber, Dawei, Maggie, and others, provisioned an excellent array of hot and cold dishes from top restaurants in the city, a variety of sushi, spare ribs, Chinese dishes, drinks, Starbucks coffee, a variety of desserts, and a two-layer cake (large enough to feed 150–200 people) which was custom made for the occasion by an owner of a bakery, who is a friend of Dawei and Sweetie. Needless to say the Lord made sure the food matched the quality of the place we were hosting the event in, and not only was there plenty for everyone in attendance, but lots of leftovers for the Homes to take back as well.

We counted over 100 visitors who signed the guestbook,

not counting the 40+ Family members who represented every CM/FM Home in North Taiwan. We also had some VIPs make an appearance—the Malawi ambassador and her husband and daughter.

Our emcees were Johnny and Crystal. Johnny opened the program by greeting and thanking everyone for attending and making announcements regarding the program sheet found on each seat, as well as the childcare facilities and activities planned for the many little ones in the room. This was followed by some lively Chinese, English, and Spanish Christmas carols performed by our faithful band—Tim, Nat, Joyce, and Esther. The kids singing group performed a couple

of numbers, which thrilled everyone.

Next the PowerPoint presentation was displayed by Jason while Crystal did a running translation on the English captions. We covered the year's highlights of our witnessing, CTPs, Bible classes, Taipei's Youth Club activities, monthly *Activated* city events, etc., as well as the stats for *Activated* subscriptions both in Taiwan and around the world. It was quite impressive to see all that footage and stats combined. There were also a few lively and powerful clips of interviews with some of our Active members (who happened to be in the audience).

The dance troupe—Amber, Joyce, Maria, Tina, and Saskia—performed some upbeat numbers, which brought everyone scurrying back into the main hall after a break for snacks and fellowship. We followed the performance with appreciation to our friends and contacts, Active members, and all those who have made the many projects possible. The emcees also thanked the hotel management for their great help, as well as the different restaurants that donated the abundant and top quality food and drinks. It was quite a testimony to all in attendance to hear how the Lord provided all that was needed!

We closed the program with the soul-stirring "Prayer of St. Francis" in Chinese, and then officially ended the program to allow time for personal witnessing, eating and fellowship.

The TASC Home that was manning the tools table sold a considerable amount of *Activated* booklets, subscribed several new people on the spot, and got out a number of tools. Several new visitors received the Lord, and many commented how much a part of our work they felt, and how proud they are to be one of us.

All credit to the Lord and the keys for making this event possible, and to our wonderful Family for their faithfulness to reach His sheep and feed them so they can in turn help us reach others! Long live *Activated*!

TURNING AROUND TITANIC

—Reactions to “New Year’s Challenge for 2004” (ML #3468, GN 1054)

It has to be Jesus alone

Thaddeus English, Iceland: What a wake-up call! We need this! No matter how long it takes to implement it, we need it if we’re going to survive—even for one more year! The Enemy’s really fighting it tooth and nail and we’re seeing battles erupting all over, which shows we’re on the right track—the Lord’s track. It’s especially convicting for FGAs such as myself who had the benefit of being in the Family in the earlier days, even if not right at the beginning. Putting meaning to each word the Lord has spoken, rather than regarding them as pretty poetry, is revolutionizing my whole outlook. There was so much I never understood when I joined the COG from the Church system, where they have the “poetry reading” down to a fine art!

Yes, I’m tired! Worse, I’m exhausted and feel like a rubber band that has been stretched too far. So at least now I know I can’t do it, and anything that gets done will have to be an outright miracle of the Lord, and He will deserve all the credit and glory. I’ve tried to claim it in so many ways in the past, but there’s no way I can keep up with Him or even approach the dust off His shoes.—He’s just so far in front and doing it all in ways I never dreamt of! It’s thrilling to be able to let go and let Him carry me after all these years of pounding the race track in the flesh. May we old-timers help the younger ones not to make that mistake!

At a recent seminar, we saw the power that is latent in our upcoming young people. They’ll blast past us and leave us in the dust if they’re given the right training and sample of obeying and following the Word as it is written and believing it means what it says—precisely and unequivocally! Even if my sword doubles as a crutch, by God’s grace and mercy, I’ll do my part. I don’t want to miss out on this after all these years of trying and learning, and coming up from way behind! Every revolution has been thrilling and exciting, but this beats them all!

Regaining that higher standard

SGA female, China: These new GNs on discipleship are just what I desperately needed. I had the feeling that my

spiritual life was slowly slipping and that I wasn’t really enacting the Word Revolution like I should have been. The Lord had given me great initiatives after Feast 2003 on how to apply it to my life, but while I did make a greater effort to get better Word time, most of the practical lifestyle changes slowly or rather quickly faded away.

The day before reading this GN I had been praying about this and He’d given me some practical changes to make, then I got a prophecy from the Lord that morning that was both very sobering and saddening to hear, but I’m very thankful I received it. I’d gotten a little correction for being too strong and pushy in discussing things, and that was originally what I had been hearing from the Lord about.

It was very sobering and saddening to realize I was in such a bad state. Right after this I checked the new mailings that had come in the night before and these GNs were there. Wow! That’s just what I was doing—grading on the curve. I knew I wasn’t really living the standard of the Word, but had almost developed a second standard, the general, collective standard of those who were serious about serving the Lord and being in the Family, and as long as I was on par with that I considered I was upholding the standard. It’s amazing though, how easy it is for little foxes to come in and bring that collective standard lower.

A few years back I feel I did uphold a higher standard, but because it was often mixed with self-righteousness it didn’t endear me to a lot of my peers. I think that’s the big temptation, that often the standard of the Word is higher than the expected standard of the “good” young people in the area, and people can feel they’re just being judgmental, self-righteous, or too legalistic if they try to reach for and promote it. I know I did, and in my case I probably was.

I’ve been doing my best to put the changes into place the Lord said I needed and got united prayer, I know I’ve got a ways to go to get the standard in my life back to the proper standard of the Word, but I’ve been bringing it to the Lord each day to have Him assess my progress, and He’s encouraged me that I’m well on the way to victory. I’m claiming the keys for a speedy,

full, and lasting victory to regain the standard of the Word in my life and no other.

“Practice being a disciple”

Spring Valentine, South Africa: This GN helped me to understand what caused the slide and compromise in our values, and it was done in such a way that I am sure each of us can see the error of our own ways, and hopefully, none of us will get into pointing the finger, but get on with mending our ways and becoming 100% disciples again. It has caused me to pray regularly for the survival of our Family. It has convicted me to preach and practice being a disciple, and letting my testimony be such that the Lord can be proud to say that I truly am a disciple.

“I want to fight!”

Rayne Pearl, Zaire: This new GN about the Family’s restructuring and the prophecies from the Lord about how we need to change is cool and very sobering. I know I’ve been guilty of not being as faithful a witness as I should be, and this Letter convicted my heart. I want to fight for the Family’s place as the Lord’s Endtime army. I don’t just want to let it go. It would be really sad if we were to lose our place. My prayer is that I can make the necessary changes in having more conviction so that I will become more of a bold witness.

Right after we read that GN I decided to start praying more with people instead of just selling tools. It really made a difference, and the Lord sent some special people along my way to encourage me to show that I was making a step in the right direction. A big thank-you to Mama and Peter for correcting us and helping us all to try and up the standard to make our Homes the way they ought to be.

Confounding old habits

Lisa, Italy: This GN was quite stirring for me and exciting at the same time! To think that there will be all these different changes in the Family that will change our lives is quite a challenge. Especially when reading GN 1055 about what true discipleship should be it convicted me, as in everyday life often you lose those values and you tend to slip into old habits and ruts that you try hard to change. I guess I didn’t realize how much I’d let the Enemy in with a lot of bitterness and gossip and compromise.

It can become discouraging when you see so much around you that is wrong, and yet it always seems to stay

that way and nothing ever changes! I'm so glad that Mama and Peter are going on the attack and tackling these things, which are very needed.

“Clearly laid out”

Lynne, South Africa: Although this is going to shine the spotlight in my own life a whole lot, and also cause me to keep making sure my own socks are pulled up, so to speak, I am especially thankful that at last it seems that the time of “barking” is now past and there is going to be some bite put to that bark. I have felt that even though the Charter was the standard, that there were a lot of deviations from that standard and that it was confusing for me (and I am sure for a lot of other people too, especially the young people in the Family) as to why some situations continued when the consequences are specifically and clearly laid out.

Challenged to change

Martin, Japan: The recent GNs are having a very strong impact here in our Home! We are excited and anxious to put them into action and take up the challenge. I would have to say that our greatest weakness is in being able to methodically build our change, step by step. We all desire to do more for Jesus and to be professional disciples, but our battle is in slowing down long enough to get a united plan for our work. Having said that, I need to say also that the challenge is so exciting, and so needed! I feel like it is really bringing the Family back to life, like Ezekiel's dry bones!

Fully on the mercies of Jesus

Frankie, Slovakia: I've read GN1054 fully and there is so much to take in. The point that sticks out to me the most (many points apply to me) is how we can love the Lord, yet not really be a disciple. I haven't been. There are some obvious areas in my life, which I knew needed change, but in reading this Letter I can better see the more subtle ways that I have compromised in not aiming for the highest in many ways. I've allowed the spirit of compromise to permeate my thoughts and modus operandi.

I am very, very challenged by the upcoming changes, and am throwing myself upon the full mercies of Jesus that He will help me awaken to all that He expects from me in the way of real genuine discipleship—a doer, not hearer of the Word.

Here to be a disciple!

FGA female, Australia: This Letter was a welcome cap to the Letters and counsel that Peter and Mama have been sharing, and definitely what we need to help us power in the right direction. Thankfully, the needed “bite” to the long heard “bark,” and I'm sure it's going to help steer our ship away from the iceberg.

Although some similar conditions had existed on our mission field, back here on the home field, where we returned recently, it has been difficult to feel much of the fervor and fire of that unrestrained freedom of serving Him utterly and completely as a united part of a “Revolutionary Racer” of true disciples on full throttle to win the race of harvesting many souls in to the Kingdom when so many have “gone afishin'” with System jobs and a little tracting, just barely keeping a flicker of the spiritual flame alive.

However, this Letter spurred me on to look at my own lacks and NWOs, a major long-standing one being a consistent effort to get out the tools and propelling us to make the necessary changes to “move with the spirit of God” before we get left behind. I know the Lord has been working on me to do this so that when the time comes to team up with others we will be an asset to the Home and able to pull our weight in this way. We had always been faithful for many years with personal witnessing, feeding the sheep, shows, CTPs and provisioning, but after many years as a full-time teacher it was hard to let my husband take on the bulk of the teaching (due to poor health and need for a more sedentary ministry) and to alter my lifestyle to get out the door.

I definitely feel like one putting my armor on, so I have nothing to boast about, but it has been very inspiring to see the Lord do miracles to meet me since I actually have been getting out the door, as close as possible to daily, to fulfill the vision of following up with the tools on the people we have met through provisioning over many years, with the vision of deeply feeding them and winning them as solid and close friends and supporters for when, DV, we return to the mission field.

Discipleship —Our #1 priority

Gabe Moonshine, Japan: The Summit summary GN was quite a bomb! Seeing the Revolution as the Titanic that is sinking is a pretty sobering and alarming vision. I know there are many

changes we need to make in our Home to get back to full-time discipleship as our #1 priority, and by His grace, we will work toward that goal! We want to be a part of a vibrant Endtime movement—radical and revolutionary, and not some washed-up, old churchy has-been group. We look forward to the upcoming changes that will get us back “afloat” and making headway under full steam.

Let nothing stand in our way

Joanna Newheart, Europe: This Letter was very sobering as well as challenging—to know what we're here for, Who we're serving, and to strive for a higher level of dedication and discipleship no matter what level of Family membership we are. I was also so thankful for Mama and Peter and their unswerving dedication and loyalty to the Lord and this Family, and their stand and commitment to do all that is necessary to help this Family make it—to become what the Lord has intended for us to be from the start. I'm so thankful to have such wonderful shepherds in the driver's seat! Truly such glowing samples of 110% discipleship.

I'm so thankful for this Letter, and for the changes that will be coming, because they are what's going to help our Family really make it—to fulfill the special calling it was created to perform! That was what many of us joined this Family for in the first place, so many years ago! It would truly be a great tragedy if after all these years the Family would fail. Just the thought of it is too hard to bear! It makes me weep to even contemplate it.

I believe in this Family with my whole heart and even though I am FM, still I know this Family is special, unique and being a member of it at any level is a *high* honor and one to be revered and treasured greatly! I am so thankful to still have a place in this Family and to be called a child of David, and I pray that I can do that title honor by being a good representative to the best of my ability, so help me God.

I believe in this Family, and I pray with my whole heart that this ship of the Family will be able to turn around and once again become the great and shining light for these Last Days that it was destined to be. That will be my fervent prayer from now on! We just can't fail now! It just can't be an option! We just can't let anything stand in the way of the Family fulfilling its destiny in these Last Days!

Reaching the Rich Through Considering the Poor

By the Home in Montenegro

Background

After having worked in Albania for two consecutive years, Julie was out witnessing in England while on furlough, when she met a man from an international community service club. After seeing photos of her work in Albania, he mentioned that a truck packed with gifts for Albanian children was leaving the next day. He gave her the phone number of Colin, the man in charge of the operation, who was also traveling out with the truck. During the phone conversation that followed that evening, Julie gave Colin the name of the Head of Customs in the port city he was arriving in, as he was a close friend of the Family.

A few weeks later, Julie received an enthusiastic call from Colin, who had returned, and who wanted to explain what had happened. Apparently, even though they had put together the correct paperwork, the customs workers in the port city were giving them a hard time and asking for money. When Colin refused to pay, they told him to leave Albania without even being able to unload the gifts! Knowing that hundreds of English children had lovingly prepared these gifts, and having traveled for more than two days, Colin was devastated!

As the truck headed back to the ferry, he suddenly remembered the name Julie had given him, so stopped the truck and asked the men for this man. Their faces changed and they became more helpful. They took him to this man's office and Colin introduced himself by saying, "I know you speak English, because I know your English friend, Julie!" At that, he said our friend broke out into a big smile. Within half an hour, everything was cleared and he was able to distribute all of the gifts as planned! What a miracle of the Lord's intervention!

After that, we worked with Colin in future years and he supplied the local Albanian Family with gift boxes to distribute to local orphanages and handicapped centers, etc. He also gave the Home a large donation towards a vehicle.

In 2002, Julie met Colin in England and arranged with him to supply 1,000 boxes for Montenegro, where she had been working for two years. They were to come through Albania and we needed to arrange for their transportation onward to Montenegro. During the same year, we had been introduced to Diki, who had started a local branch of community service club in a nearby coastal town. When he heard that we were doing a project with this international community club in England, he invited us to attend one of their meetings and explain the project, where the gifts would be put inside an empty shoebox and then wrapped as a gift.

At this time, we asked them for their help to transport the boxes and do the necessary paperwork to bring the boxes through customs. They agreed and one of our friends who had helped us previously was appointed to help. Unfortunately, due to a problem when the goods had entered Albania, the entire shipment was designated for Albania only. It was quite a disappointment as we had already booked seven shows in which we had arranged to distribute the gifts. The local community club then agreed to sponsor €500 so that we could make the boxes ourselves and give them out after the shows. For five evenings, all of our Home members worked together to put the boxes together and everything worked out well!

Not just a few boxes, but a whole consignment!

On a fundraising trip to England last summer, Julie met with Colin who introduced



Colorfully wrapped shoe boxes full of surprises for the children

her to Richard, who would be overseeing the project for the next three years. Julie again presented the need for Montenegro, and asked if an entire shipment could be brought in. She explained that we could work together with the two local community clubs and the local Social Services to set up a comprehensive plan to distribute the gifts to all the poor children in the whole of Montenegro. After lots of prayer and key power, they agreed!

Altogether, there are 21 municipalities in Montenegro, and we sent faxes to each municipality explaining the scheme and asking for the amount of children between 0–18 whose parents were receiving government benefits as they were unable to find work. From these facts, we drew up a table of eligible children and sent it to Richard. The result? Over 11,000 boxes were designated for Montenegro!

To explain a little more about the need here: The rate of unemployment is about 40%, but higher in some areas where factories have closed down. The average wage here is €250 per month, although the cost of living is as high as some places in Western Europe, due to the need to import so much and the inflation that happened with the onset of the euro. A family of four on government benefit receives only €89 a month! So you can imagine how much these gifts mean to these poor children!

The shoe boxes arrive

In December, the long-awaited truck arrived and our Home members began the big job of sorting them into consignments, ready for collection. The community club did the paperwork for the customs and arranged most of the transportation (a difficult job as Montenegro is a mountainous country, and some places are isolated by snowstorms in the winter months).

Shows were organized in the larger towns for the poor children to attend and receive their boxes. What a joy it was to see their happy faces and shrieks of excitement as they opened their boxes to find toys, games, colors, hat, scarf, gloves, and toiletries! Some boxes even had a photo or card from the English child who had packed the box!

Where God guides, He also supplies

"Your attitude shouldn't be one of shame in asking for what is duly yours, but rather one of, 'If you want this service, it costs X amount!' Not that you have to put a price on it, though at times that would help too. But the recipient of your product or service must know that he needs to pay what he can for that product or service! Yes, you don't work for money, but you need *money* in order to *work*" (ML #3462:266, GN1048).

In the original discussion and following paperwork, we had made it clear to Richard that we were volunteers

and would need a budget to cover our expenses. He agreed to this, and in 2003, the community service club in England gave us a total donation of £800 (€1,200 euros). In addition to the €500 that the local community club gave us in 2002, they also offered us an extra €150 donation for our help with the boxes this year!

Ministering to the rich and influential

Richard's oldest daughter has been ordained as a vicar in the Church of England, and he himself is a believer. At one point in the initial conversation, Julie was able to explain that, as well as supplying donated items to the needy in Montenegro, we were very concerned with their spiritual

needs, and wanted to use the funds from the project as a means to preach the Gospel. He appreciated our honesty and the sincerity of our faith.

While organizing the various aspects of the Project, we were able to minister one-on-one to six of the club members in Podgorica. Ivan, who organized the transportation for the project, liked the "Somebody Loves You" tract so much that he asked for more to give out to the other members of the club! We also gave out a lot of *Activated* mags, tailored to the individual needs. We also gave a *Glimpses of Heaven* to someone who had just lost her mother.

The president of the Podgorica community club has a computer company and is re-

ally interested in financing projects that encourage children to learn English at a younger age. When we showed him our Aurora catalogue, he got very excited and said that as soon as the "shoe box project" was over he wanted to work together on an educational program for the schools in Podgorica. He particularly likes the solid moral teachings of our materials. Three of the members are also from National TV and are interested in our materials and we are praying that we will be able to get them on TV too.

Recently, through going office to office, we met the person in charge of choosing materials for the curriculum taught in all the local elementary schools. She took a sample of each of our tools,

and we heard that they want to recommend our materials for their schools. She asked us to get in touch with someone in the Ministry of Education, who would make an order for the 20 special schools that are going to start teaching English this coming September to students from six upwards (presently, they start at nine years).

Having an official recommendation and request from the Ministry of Education will greatly help to give local credibility for our tools as well as encourage those who want to sponsor them for the schools. We are praying that the Lord will help us work together with these precious individuals so we can reach the whole of Montenegro with the wonderful materials we have.

Demons on the Run as We Burn Free!—By JP (15), Brazil

There was a cool breeze that night, punctuated with the sound of cars zipping down the freeway. Groups of young people flocked into the popular bars and nightclubs, cops held a traditional blitz, and lovers looked for their quiet spots. Then came the unexpected: A group of peculiar people appeared from nowhere, guitars in their hands, singing songs, and handing out posters about the end of the world.

After a few numbers there was an announcement that there would be a skit. "Wait around," someone told the crowd, "the actors are coming out."

We had a crowd, and nothing draws a crowd like a crowd does. It wasn't long before our motley crew of actors piled out from the McDonalds, faces painted and costumes ready. They had only practiced the skit for two days. The actors gathered in a circle to pray and claim the keys before their performance. Then the skit began. It was called "What Some People Get High On."

Perhaps I should go back a little and relate the beginning of this story. You see, for

many of the Family's young people here in São Paulo, Mama's "Woe" video caused a reopening of our eyes to the reality of the spiritual warfare around us. It meant coming to grips with the fact that for some reason we, out of the billions of people in this world, were chosen and born into our Lord's army of the End. And as such, we were accountable for all the Word and training we'd received over the years.

It meant forsaking our own ways and ideas in order to climb on board with the Lord's new visions for the Family. I'm sure this was the very kind of thinking the Enemy considered perilous to his work. We were being challenged to fulfill our calling to "go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). We'd already begun to reach new sheep, with people calling us and coming over for classes. People snatched right out of the Enemy's hands and brought to the Lord instead, like university students, party kids, drug addicts, you name it.

So with our renewed witnessing fervor a group of



young people from several Homes in São Paulo—South America's capital of culture and commerce—have begun doing Holy Ghost samples on the streets, reaching youth from every echelon of society, and winning hundreds of souls. Recently, many young people here began dedicating their free time to learn guitar, and are now able to use it as a means for reaching the lost. The idea of doing Saturday night Holy Ghost samples on the streets came from one of our sold-out JETTs, and has since become a rolling snowball. The concept was pretty much just to get out there, invade what has been the Enemy's territory for so many years, and rock out for Jesus. We feel it is bearing tremendous fruit.

As for the "What Some People Get High On" skit, we must offer a special thanks to Samuel Apocalypse and all those in Joinville who originally came up with the idea. Many souls have been won, sheep reached, and many more mass witnessed to through this skit. We have also been learning important lessons on organization and have held a meeting with representatives from participating Homes in the hopes of planning our strategy better. Despite some rough beginnings, Lord willing, there will be many more Holy Ghost samples to come. Granted, there are battles and tests, but through the power of the keys we believe there are no limits or impossibilities that cannot be overcome.

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Not long ago my friend shared an *Activated* booklet with me, which I really liked. I was very interested in the fact that you know the future in such detail, and that God revealed it to you. I never thought about the future in this way, and you are right, it's fast approaching and God will have His way with this world soon. There's not much to think about or discuss when it comes to the Time of the End, and this world is coming to its end. Jesus the Savior is our only hope; He gives us the true way for living and glory to Him that we chose this way. Glory to Him that He has such obedient children as yourselves, who do His will and share His Word with the world.

—E., *Russia*

I thank the Lord and everyone working in the *Activated* office for the magazine! It helps me in learning more about the Lord and teaching others! I lead a house church, and we often read your magazine at our gatherings. So I work alongside you in preaching the Gospel, and I'm glad to help because you really help me.

I thank the Lord for your existence and help!

—V., *Russia*

Thank you for the magazines, thank you for your words of encouragement, thank you for teaching me Jesus' Words! I'm interested in corresponding with you, as you seem to give me long sought answers to my questions. Please continue to send me posters too, so that I can give them to others when I tell them about Jesus as you taught me to. I received the Lord in my heart, so I am His child and need His words and your personal touch. God bless you!

—G.V., *Romania*

I thank you from all my heart for the publications that you sent me that are helping me a lot. I find in your magazines truths and principles I never

thought of. Like I read in your last magazine, sometimes the Lord lets us go through things to make us pray more, and to believe that He can answer us.

—D.I., *Romania*

The quotations of "Mottos for Success" have been loudly appreciated by all our business associates located in different countries of the world. Thanks for making such motivating thoughts available.

—Pawan (owner of a company who bought 300 "Mottos"), *India*

I want to thank you for the wonderful magazine called *Activated*. I received one from my friend who gave it to me on my birthday. When I go through it, it helps me to know how to study the Bible, and how to walk in the light as well as how to share the Gospel with others.

I received a copy featuring "God Still Speaks." I was very touched by Vijay's life story as he stayed in a rehabilitation center and God sent someone spiritual to speak to him.—I think because I too was a drug addict. But by the grace of God I met a man of God and he helped me come out of it, and now I am studying theology and am in my final year.

I want to serve God as a missionary, so please pray for me and my coming ministry. I am also involved in a Sunday school ministry, and would like to share the Gospel to the people. I am in contact with people of many faiths, so I request that you send me 2,000 copies of the *Activated* magazine so that I can use it to share the Gospel.

—Andy J., *India*

May the good Lord abundantly bless your ministry. I came to know about the magazine through a friend of mine. It comes to my office every month where my friend used to work. There is a big demand for the magazine among our staff. After they are done [reading the

magazine] I bring it home and read it. It is truly a blessing. The articles are really good! Please accept this check, which is a part of my tithe and offering towards your ministerial work.

—J. S., *India*

This is in reference to an article called "Love Is the Most Important Thing" in your mag. The article touched me extremely. I am in the same position as that of Laura or Anne in your article. I have been working as a secretary in my company for the past six years. Two years after my joining, most of the secretaries and ladies joined a group and they stopped talking to me without any reason (or probably a reason unknown to me).

After I read your article I have felt that I should rectify the situation and learn to love and care for the whole group. I hope you will be able to advise me.

—Reena, *India*

I just received your *12 Foundation Stones* (correspondence Bible classes), and am very grateful for them! I go to church and pray there with my fellow believers, and I share your brochures with them. We pray for you at every meeting. We read your literature together and then go out and give it out to others. Many people ask me to teach them about God and I'm so happy to be able to do that! I feel like, thanks to your letters and reading materials, I began to understand many wonderful things about the Lord. I also got filled with the Spirit and His grace, just like you taught me.

I was thinking the other day that I don't even know what denomination you're from, and yet you are so dear to me. I think you're following the Lord like we all should. I will be waiting for your letters and will be thankful if you continue to pray for me, as I know your prayers are heard. I will also pray for you!

—A.D., *Russia*

Gladly and joyfully I thank and greet all the members of your Family. I wish you health and success in your noble work! I thank you for not leaving me in ignorance of God's Word, especially concerning the future Endtime events! With your permission, I'm giving out some of the materials that you send me, especially about the Endtime, as I simply can't hold the message from others in secret. Everyone needs to get ready for what's coming, and it's my duty to pass on the message you delivered to whomever I meet.

If you have any other revelations, please send them to me right away, as I'll be waiting to hear from you.

—M.P., *Russia*

I want to thank you with all my heart for these wonderful magazines that you are sending me. Each month I can hardly wait to receive them.

You can't imagine how very happy I am to receive these wonderful magazines. My soul needs them like the air I breathe. It's through these magazines that I find the tranquility, the peace, and the answers that I need.

I read in one of the magazines how a girl was saying that you are as her own family, and I want to tell you that I feel very much the same about you. I love you with all my heart. I was raised by my grandmother—I have no parents—and I still live with her. I'm visiting one of your missionary communities in my city and they are like my family. I would like to meet you, too, but until then let's keep in touch.

I will pray for you because you are close to my heart and I want to tell you that I love you.

—B.O., *Romania*

Thanks a lot for sending me your publications. It's important to stop each day, get off the fast train of life we are on that is full of busyness, problems, worries, temptations, violence, etc., to take the time to think of God, and ask Him to make us better

people each day. Only then will we be able to change the world little by little and help you in your mission of salvation. God bless you.

—José, South America

I got to know you through *RadioActive Productions* in our country. While on the air, they aired the address, and I decided to write to thank them for the tremendous work they are doing. Let me take this opportunity to thank you people for all the *Activated* mail you have sent and are sending. They are very good and contain educative and encouraging messages. The "Feeding Readings" in the

magazines have changed my life completely; "Personal Experiences," "To You, with Love from Jesus," and "The Future Foretold" have helped me to know what is going to happen in the time to come.

I greatly appreciate the good work you are doing, and please keep up that spirit. God will reward you. I showed the *Activated* magazines you sent me to my friends and they were very happy and impressed. They got the *Activated* address and are soon going to write to you. I hope that you continue with your good work and good spirit.

—Kalenda E, Uganda

I'd like to thank you for your prayers and your way of caring about me. I got the magazine with the article "Streams That Never Run Dry." I read it and gained many things from it. It helped me to realize how great the Lord's love towards us is. I shared it with my friends, and they got very interested.

My thanks go also to Mrs. Philip who put me into contact with the *Activated* family. May God bless her. I look forward to getting news from you soon.

—Apollinaire, Burundi

On the world map, Tahiti is a very small dot, but in spite of how far and very small it is, the Gospel has

come over here! What a joy to know the Lord intimately, and in a way that is so different from other religions!

Your monthly *Activated* mag is and will be of utmost importance to all those that are thirsty for the Word of God. It's as living, pure waters, which bring powerful emotions never felt before. Through your reading materials, I also discover the immense love (so unknown, or rejected) from the Lord, and what a thrill it is to know that someone loves me and wants to know me. I thank you and I especially thank the Lord for having opened my eyes to the riches of His Word and love.

—Sylvia, Tahiti

"I thank the Lord for your existence." —V.

News from the Activated Desks (December 2003)

BRAZIL

Mag of the Month standing orders: While subscriptions decreased from November, the Home's standing orders have continued their steady rise. They have increased over 1,000% this year to the current level of 6,363 regular orders, plus another 1,000–2,000 "sometimes" orders. (This follows our record one-month sale of 30,000 Christmas magazines.)

CEAD (CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE)

Hungarian "Mottos" getting out! We have begun to receive a number of inspiring accounts from the local Hungarian Homes as to how well the Hungarian "Mottos" are getting out. One Home commented that one of their favorite ways to get out the "Mottos" is to ask the person they are talking to for their birth date, and they then turn to it and read that particular quote to the person. This Home said that this is a great way to encourage people to get the "Mottos," as after they read the quote for their birthday they are sold on it and want one. Many Homes have been getting these out to their longstanding contacts, and many of them have said that they start off every day with reading the day's quote—as

it helps them so much to start the day off right.

CHILE

Christmas Conéctate mags: December was a great month! We got out about 4,600 Christmas mags to the Homes in the southern cone of South America (Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay, and Chile). A lot of brethren got them out together with other tools like CDs and tapes, thus feeding the sheep a meatier message.

Conéctate meetings: *Conéctate* helped organize two big meetings for friends and disciples in the area during the month of December, one at a well-known hotel and another one in a Home. The first one was an enhanced Sunday fellowship with a workshop included, bringing out the true spirit of Christmas, and stirring everyone to witness to their friends and relatives this season. The second one was a big barbeque. Both were a great success, and included the children and the adults singing carols.

Candlelight ceremony: Our candlelight ceremony was also a touching and special occasion for our friends and sheep that attended. It helped to draw them closer to the Lord

and brought even new friends to our Home. This ceremony is something that lots of people look forward to and value. We have been doing it faithfully with our friends and disciples for the last four years.

COLOMBIA

Booming Venezuela: The Homes in Venezuela are having an *Activated* boom; they distributed over 3,000 mags this month.

EAD (EUROPE / AFRICA)

Outstanding orders: We had phenomenal orders over the Christmas period. It was our biggest order month ever, with 17,000 CD cards being sold plus many other items. We also sold all our Christmas mags. If we had had more we would have sold them too as orders were still coming in.

INDIA

Retail order: This month we had quite a few larger retail orders for "Mottos." We received over 50 inquiries on "Mottos" alone with more than half resulting in sales of some sort.

Subscription increase: We also had a very large increase in subscriptions this month with a total of 752. Out of that 164

are renewing for the first time, 54 for the second time, and we now have 11 who have been with us from the beginning. The renewals are slowly but surely taking off!

MEXICO

Sponsor a Book: One Home organized a Sponsor a Book program, and was able to gather sponsors for 500 of each of the *Crece Con Cuentos* (*Stories to Grow By*), including the Christmas edition, as well as 500 children's CDs.

PHILIPPINES

Subscriptions on the rise: This month we mailed a total of 1,080 magazines to 916 subscribers. We almost reached our goal of 1,000 subscriptions this year, and hope to have it by February, our one-year anniversary!

USA

Mag of the Month: This month our MOTM orders are at 9,075 in English and 1,251 in Spanish, or a total of 10,326.

Wine Press and Xpress (young people mag): Our *Wine Press* membership at the end of December is at 254. We added 18 new people to the *Wine Press* list in December.

happenings

Getting our tools out is exciting!

Botswana Home: All over the world there are fast food chain restaurants like McDonalds, and more locally here in Southern Africa, chain restaurants like Nandos, Spurs Steak Ranches, Steers, Wimpy, MacRib, Mike's Kitchen, etc., are all well-known eating places for families. The main attraction in many of these places are the playgrounds (indoor or outdoor) and the toys offered with each kiddy meal.

What we are doing now is approaching them with our *Stories to Grow By* series to go with their happy meals. The response has been good. This is one way that the kids get to collect the entire series. Another way we distribute these books is by offering them in sets of six, and 95% of the time people take them in sets rather than individually.

The "Mottos for Success" desktop calendars we offer in packs of 10, 20, and 30, and the response to this has been fantastic. As a Home we recently got out close to 3,000 "Mottos." Now we are seeing them more and more in the offices we visit.

We generally have three outreach teams out every day, and we all enjoy every minute of it. Outreach in this home is not instigated by financial pressure, but is an exciting time for us to go out and witness and meet people and win the world for Jesus!

A chance for spiritual nourishment

Martin (14), Priya (14), John (18), and Heather (16), Tanzania: Jackson had seen our phone number in the local newspaper, and had phoned us asking for assistance as he was an orphan. We explained to him that although we help orphan children with their physical needs, as our social service here in Tanzania, our budget was pretty tied up with the over 100 orphan children we are presently assisting, and that it would have been very difficult for us to help him at that time. Jackson insisted that he should meet with us to explain his situation more clearly. The Lord showed us that it was His will, and to listen to this boy's plea.

A couple of days later we met with Jackson, and after having heard his heartbreaking testimony, we told him that we would have to counsel with our

other coworkers about his situation, and that together we would ask the Lord to show us how we could help. He seemed so thankful and hopeful just because, contrary to bigger organizations, we had given him a chance to explain his situation, and that we actually would take it into consideration.

The Lord then led us to explain to him that although we do work with orphan children supplying their needs for food, school fees, and medical needs, our main goal is to help people with their spiritual needs. He told us how for a very long time he was praying to find somebody who could help him to get closer to the Lord, and said how even if we could not help him financially, as the assistance he needed was US\$350 to be able to pay his school fee to take his final exam, he could see how the Lord had us meet in answer to his prayer.

We asked Jackson if he was interested in getting together for Bible classes. He liked the idea and mentioned that his roommate was interested in having classes with us too. Later, the Lord miraculously supplied the funds through a sponsor and Jackson was able to take his final test, which he passed with good grades. Jackson was also able to benefit from regular spiritual feeding with us, too.

This has been an answer to prayer as we had been praying a long time for potential disciples and are thrilled with the results. Our Bible class started with two people and has now grown four times the size. We've been teaching them the *12 Foundation Stones* classes, and they are very turned on with it.

We also feel the Lord's blessing in many ways since we've started; it's been exciting to see what the Lord does. For example, we're a bit short of transport and need to hitchhike some of the time to be able to go to Jackson's place, but the Lord is faithful to supply us with good rides although it is a bit out of the way.

One particular time we were walking on a back road where no cars had passed for the last five minutes. We called on the keys that at the count of 10 the Lord would bring a car along. Right after 10 a beautiful car pulled up out of nowhere and picked us up. The driver turned out to be a sheep and brought us right to our door, even though it was quite out of his way. These are just some of the many miracles the Lord has been doing in transportation and in people's hearts.

Results of searching our hearts

Tim (of Hannah), Taiwan: We had a few Home meetings where we discussed the questions [from the finance GNs] that Mama and the Lord asked us all to pray about and discuss, and the Lord showed us many good things we could do along the lines of our follow-up, as well as in other areas. After much prayer and desperate seeking of the Lord to change us, to give to our sheep more and expect more from them, He started to do quite a few interesting things for us.

One such miracle was with a sheep who had known the Family for almost 10 years, but who had never gotten into tithing. After reading some very good Word with this friend she surprised us by bringing her whole tithe, plus she has started to give us her financial report on income that was coming in!

Another sheep who Soni met last year, shared her heart about doing more for the Lord. She's a sincere Christian, and asked about serving the Lord completely, like we do. Soni filled her in quite a bit about the Family, and how the Lord has led us in the ways we live, etc. This friend was so turned on that she wanted to dedicate her life as we do in some full-time service, and sold her business later that week.

We were able to start a new weekly weekend Bible class with quite a few old and new friends who are coming to our Home for deeper feedings, and they're memorizing too! The Lord is blessing us in big and small ways as we go over the top, and it's encouraging to see how He is leading us into fuller obedience. Lord help us as we have lots more to learn in applying all He shows in the GNs.

Undeniable transformation

Nina, Tanzania: Marisa, the president of a large Christian company and a dear friend, has been a big supporter of our work for over 15 years. She had a nervous breakdown and went into a big depression following a lot of incidents in her personal family's lives as well as her own walk with the Lord. I put her on the prayer list for months, and the Lord arranged for me to be able to visit and stay with her alone in her mansion on an island to help her to get reconnected to the Lord. I was alone with her for a week and the Lord was beginning to work in her life.

This Christian woman has been on TV shows and has been like an evan-

gelist to many, but needed the meat of the Word given to her like only we, the children of David, have. Through the years, though she took the Word from us and read it and loved us dearly; however, sometimes it was hard to get her to accept anything new or “different” on a subject she felt she already knew about!

Initially, the time spent with her was a battle in the spirit, and during this time I called my Home in Africa for prayer. While I was with her, the team at home, God bless them, went on a militant prayer vigil for her. We didn’t give up. Their prayers were even prayed in the middle of the nights.—It was serious, and they and I knew we needed each other even though we were thousands of miles apart.

I saw Marisa strengthened by the time I left her. I returned to Africa and

the Lord continued to work in her life in the areas of compromise, putting Him in first place, loving Him intimately, cutting off unfruitful relationships with unbelievers—she was having a metanoia. I needed to return to New York for surgery for my hand, and she invited me to come with her for dinner and a speech she was giving to her employees (as everyone knew she had had a breakdown). At this speech she talked about the Word that I had shared with her. I didn’t know she was going to talk about our team, but she did. At one point she said, “Nina said Jesus wanted to have a relationship with me, and speak to me in prophecy. So I said, ‘Okay, Jesus, You speak to Nina this way so...’” As she spoke she took out a little pink notebook for her prophecies! Just like my book!

Tears ran down my eyes as I saw how deeply the Lord was changing her and how much we have compared to these precious souls. She then went on to read a prophecy to the company’s workers. It was a very touching moment. We are so rich, so blessed. Reaching the rich has truly been reaching spiritually hungry souls. Lord help us to reach out to these needy ones. As the Word says, they will also take care of us.

Marisa had a huge garage sale, selling off her antiques, valuable items, and her trinkets. The proceeds are going to our Home in Africa, and any extra needs for my surgery. Marisa told me she is getting rid of the old and putting Jesus back in first place in her life and company. She prayed for the keys to help her be positive and praising, and to get back to her first Love.

The Heart of Man Is the Same the World Over

By Julie, Montenegro



Bible classes with our Active members

We met BJ and Imo while witnessing in a nearby town. They are professional footballers from Nigeria, who were happy to find English-speaking Christians to fellowship with. They love our different materials and have bought copies of our CDs, *Activated* mags and booklets as well as the *Word Basics*. BJ is only 20, and a “shepherd” of the other nine football players from Nigeria and greatly appreciates the listening ear, godly counsel and prayer that we are able to offer him after each Bible class.



Dan, Ren, Emi, and Ilia

We laugh sometimes when we look around the room and see such a variety of visitors from different cultures and

lifestyles. From Nigerians, local students and a businessman, to a Russian mother and a couple of dropouts such as Pedje, with his multi-colored dreadlocks and bright red braided beard. We are learning that we should never judge someone by the outward appearance, but rather by his or her hunger for the Word.

Activated Bible classes in the local language

Most of our closest Active members from last year—who were our usual translators—are now at university in different parts of the country. So often we find ourselves with a room full of local visitors, and *no* translator. We have other local sheep who speak some English, but not enough to understand everything we say during the classes. And unfortunately, none of our Home members speak enough of the local language yet to teach. We would be greatly handicapped if we didn’t have the Activated materials in the local language!

So we want to give our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Lukas and the CEAD Home, who have worked so hard to translate and print the Activated materials. We now have the Mag of the Month translated as well as most of the Activated booklets! This means that Activated becomes our preferred means of teaching the basics as well as the Bible. We read in English and they follow in Serb, or the other way around! At least we know they are all able to understand the main principles of the class.

Sometimes they ask questions that are not specifically covered in the class we are teaching, and we often have to grab another (translated) booklet to give the answer! For example, being Orthodox, they are taught to pray to

“Our Father,” and one of them had difficulty praying directly to Jesus. We were happy to find a section in *Hearing from Heaven* that explains it so well, and also gives some Bible verses to look up. We have seen the value of really studying and categorizing the different materials and magazines. We are amazed how often the very topic we need to answer their questions can be found in the Activated materials!

Our activated potato man!

We first met Marko when we were waiting for the train to the capital city. His potato van provided shade from the sun on a very hot day and protection on a rainy day. We gave him a tract, and he explained that his parents were Catholics but that he didn’t believe. The next week, we greeted him again and talked more to him. Slowly we built a friendship, where he would greet us as friends each time we would see him. We offered him an *Activated* mag, and he took it (more out of politeness than interest). The next week, he told us how much he liked it and asked for another. Now, every Wednesday, on the way to the capital, we stop and talk to him and he gets another mag—he even has his donation in hand!



Marko, sitting next to his potato van eagerly reading his *Activated* mag

“Love Came Down at Christmas, Part 3”

(Continued from GV #169)

Christmas miracles through the keys

By Mary Dear, Bombay DF Home, India

The Lord did some very exciting miracles for us over December. We can honestly testify that using the keys in our prayers has made a very remarkable difference. Never before have we felt this power in so many little and big ways.



(L-R:) Annabelle, Rachel, Charity, Mary Dear, and Anna

In our planning meetings for Christmas the Lord laid on our hearts to do more personal witnessing as compared to doing so many shows and programs. He did not completely rule out performing, but said that He wanted us to balance our time more wisely, and invest our time in personal witnessing, activating, tool distribution and follow up. From the previous years we have seen that a lot of our time is taken up by practicing and performing for five-star hotels, and often these hotel lobbies can be quite empty. So in the past we'd often end up singing to a few people, compared to getting out and witnessing and promoting the tools and activating.

Offers of programs came in and we felt we had to oblige some contacts, but we did not want all of our time to be spent just practicing. We started quite late with our practicing and getting costumes together, and it was a bit hectic, but by a miracle it all came together and we were able to do eight programs.

At the same time we were calling on the keys to be able to personal witness more. The Lord opened a door through our contact at a five-star hotel for Hannah and Rachel to sell the Christmas CD cards table to table in the high-class bar. The girls made very presentable cane baskets, with ribbons and decorations, to put the CDs in. They met many receptive people and won souls, got *Activated* mags out, and sold 300 CD cards. Not to mention the tons of follow up that will come from having met these people.

“Mottos” distribution

We made a personal push on getting out the “Mottos for Success,” and again we have to testify that the power of the

keys really did it. It was our best month ever with 6,500 “Mottos” out. We rejoiced that the Lord was so sweet to us and encouraged our faith in such a great way. It was nothing of our own doing as some big orders came in without much effort on our part.

Along with this, we were able to see friends we had not seen in a long time and give them the beautiful Christmas message, with the Christmas *Activated* mag. It was so encouraging to see how receptive they all were and a lot of them helped financially too.

Christmas program

One of our burdens was to be able to have a Christmas meeting for our close friends and supporters. We have so many, and it would have to be a real miracle to get a place to fit everyone as well as to put a program together, food, stage, sound, etc. It would all come to a lot of money and usually takes us quite a lot of planning. Once again we prayed and claimed the keys and the Lord opened a door to hold this meeting totally for free.

The program came together miraculously, the five-star hotel gave very good food, and best of all the banquet room was completely packed out. The program was very lively and fast moving.

We received some beautiful reactions. One young businessman said, “I have never felt the spirit of love before until I came to your meeting. The room was just filled with love!”

Another young lady who owns a gym, wrote: “It was incredible! I have never experienced something so beautiful!”

It was totally thrilling for us as a Home, as the Lord made our Christmas outreach the best ever. At the beginning of the month, things looked quite shaky and unsure, as we were going to do things differently this time, but the Lord took us day by day, and showed us exactly what He wanted us to do.

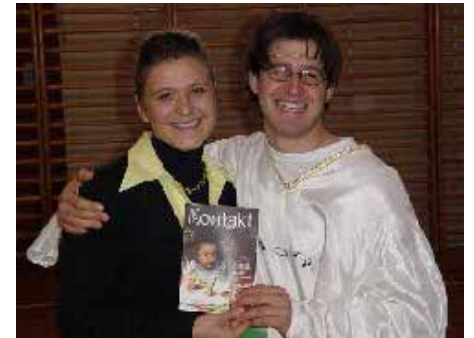
Bringing a touch of Heaven

By Angela, Croatia

Over the past few years our Home had followed a certain routine during Christmastime. Seeing that our fold of sheep and contacts stretches all the way to northern Italy, we would usually start practicing for our Christmas show in November, then perform shows here in Croatia till around mid-December, then close the Home for two weeks to bring our show to Italy, do follow up, outreach, etc. However, this year the Lord showed us to do something different, and instead of everyone leaving for Italy in the second half of December, He showed us that three members should stay back in Croatia,

while the rest of our team headed for Italy. At first it was a bit of a hard saying and a sacrifice on the part of the three Home members who stayed back and thought they were going to miss out.

“Divide and conquer” was our slogan for the Christmas season. With the additional help of Mark (17) from another Home in Croatia, plus a few of our on fire Croatian Active members who helped with carolling, shows and general witnessing activities, the home team had a fantastic time!



Paolo and a friend after a Christmas performance

Something important that kept them busy was the arrival of “Mottos for Success” in Croatia! We got the calendars on December 18th, and before that we all had gone out by faith promoting it everywhere we could. We had gotten orders already, using an English and Italian copy as a sample and getting enthusiastic responses. On December 15th our show team left for Italy, and our brave home team was left to deliver over 200 calendars in less than a week before Christmas to all those who had ordered them. (By the way, we are still getting them out and receiving phone calls from people who want more.)

By obeying the Lord and putting the needs of His sheep and His work first, we were actually able to accomplish more than in past years, even financially! We did 40 shows, 2,200 souls were saved, we got out lots of tools (including another 250 “Mottos” in Italy), and our Active members felt more a part of our team.

Efforts the Lord rewarded

By Peter and Kristia, Thailand

It was very inspiring this Christmas to have a children's performing team. All our kids as well as our three teens were involved. Nikki (16) choreographed the dances, a first for her to take charge and do this; Sunny (16) was the main “mover” in getting the kids to learn and practice. It was a wonderful team effort that the Lord rewarded with opportunities at company functions, school programs, and performances at our CTP projects. At one company's dinner and dance, the kids' performances led us to meet the top man-

agement of the company which promises to be very potential in terms of “reaching the rich” who are hungry for spiritual truths as well as a source of fund-raising.

We also had a Christmas open house for friends and supporters. It was inspiring to have some of the staff and children from the babies’ home which we serve visit, along with a couple of the handicapped men from the Industrial Rehabilitation Center. With friends streaming in as early as 3 PM and the last guest leaving about 10 PM, our little show troupe put on three shows in all that time.

Once again, through the contribution of one of our sponsors, we were again able to



Our kids performing their Christmas show

embark on bringing the *Treasure Attic* VCDs to provincial schools. Over December and January we visited ten schools, and about 1,900 souls were led to the Lord.

With our Christmas show troupe consisting of our six kids (ages 5–16), we were able to bring the magic of Christmas through choreographed performances. After the song “The Real Meaning of Christmas,” we then introduce them to Jesus, the reason for Christmas, leading them in a prayer for salvation.

More than just a “dime from the sky,” Christmas has also inspired our friends, old and new, to contact us, offering surprisingly large donations! It’s surely nothing of our self-efforts, we feel so pampered by the Lord as He opens His doors of blessing, sweeping out the gold dust from Heaven upon us.

GRAPES OF THANKFULNESS

I’d like to dedicate this poem to some very dear friends,
The ones who stuck around through all the rough bends.
They’re very dear friends, and close to my heart.
This is a big, juicy grape, and I give each of them a part.

Firstly, dear **Sarah P.**,
She’s stayed around still.
Besides being a kind and loving friend,
She’s helped me through rough times,
I love ya, girl!
You’re the best in the world.

Then that good friend, **Rachel**,
She’s very dear to me.
I could tell her everything,
And my faults she didn’t see.
She’s a barrel of laughs,
And a lot of fun, too.
Keep at it, Rachel! You’re the best ever!

And finally **Sarah D.**,
She was so much fun!
We had a lot of laughs together,
We talked and cried, and stuck together.
She went through some of the things I did,
So she understood my feelings, even when I flipped my lid.
I love ya, Sarah! Keep goin’ for God!

So, fellow professionals,
I’d like to thank God,
For the friends He’s allowed me to meet,
And the dear ones He’s allowed me to keep.
Thank You, Lord, for all Your blessings,
And for helping me through the rough times.
And finally, I thank You, God,
For these cool girls—these friends of mine.

—CELESTE (13, OF GIDEON AND CRYSTAL),
IRELAND

We’d like to say a heartfelt thank-you to all of you, our dearest Family, who made our wedding ceremony possible.

All of you guys were the miracle makers, without you nothing would have been possible. Your love was the greatest of all gifts we could have received for our wedding! Thank you! You are the best Family one could ever have!

Dear **Isabelle**, it meant the world to me that you sent me your own wedding dress for the ceremony. It was all that I’ve ever dreamed of! **Nai**, thank you and the **hardworking camp staff** team for all the work you put into making the camp happen. And on top of it baking our wedding cake for all the 350 people who were present. Dear **Eve**, thanks for provisioning the cake stand, and for trying to work out a hotel for the wedding night. (**Elichke**, thanks for the same too!)

Juls, thank you for the white shoes, it was the special last-minute final touch; **Peter BP**, thank you for graciously tackling the job of Master of Ceremony keeping the evening flowing. **Laura**, thank you for being a great wedding planner, and you and **Charity** were beautiful maids of honor.

Abe, thank you for leading the ceremony! **Sarah and Sam**, thank you for trying to help Brian find a costume, and for helping with the flower girls, they were so absolutely cute and pretty. **Jason**, I couldn’t have had a better person to take me down the aisle and give me away! **Rufus**, Brian couldn’t have had a better best man. **Rosemary**, thanks for assisting Rufus in the matchmaking.

A special thank you to all the photographers—**Chris, Mary, Sam (of Joy), Tino, Rufus, Michel (of Liberty), and Angela (of Ben)**. Dear **Chris**, you did an absolute wonder with the video footage. We are so thankful for all the hard work you put into it. Thank you, **Levi**, for provisioning the balloons. What a neat surprise! Dear **Sam (of Joy)**, you turned the hall into a piece of Heaven with the beautiful balloon art decoration. Thank you, dear **Francesco**, for helping with the musical arrangement for the event.

Thank you for the prophecies you sent us, dear **Gallio, Tina, Ange, Simon**

and **Julia, and Steve**. The words you received from Jesus for us are very dear to our hearts and a great source of encouragement.

Thank you for the donations, presents, and tokens of love, dear **Esther (of Peter), Tania, Peter (of Rose), Sam and Joy, Lisa, Ange, Sharon (of Abe), Rufus and Dulce, Diamond and Dust, Steven and Joan, Rosemary, Selah, Liberty and Eden, Tino and Mary Jane, Sherah (of Ben)**. And dear **Lizzy**, thanks for donating your computer to our work.

The Lord answered all our prayer requests, including the chance to go for a honeymoon. We want to say a *big* thank you to **Stefano and Susanna A.**, our long-time friends who were the Lord’s hands of love in answering this prayer, and making it possible for us to enjoy a few wonderful days at Balaton. And thank you, dear **Edit**, for helping with the practical aspects of booking the hotel and helping set everything up.

If we’ve missed mentioning anyone, please forgive us. Please, know that we appreciate you all very much! We do love you all very much and your friendship means a lot to us! What a Family!

—BRIAN AND ROSA, HUNGARY



Brian and Rosa

entertainment

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

PAYCHECK (2003)

Ben Affleck, Aaron Eckhart, Uma Thurman

A reverse engineer has agreed to have all memory of his assignments erased upon completion and before receiving his paycheck. After one particularly long assignment he awakes to find himself a wanted man. Without any recent memories, he must somehow prove his innocence.

(Jesus:) This movie has an interesting plot. There's good in it, and there isn't too much "evil" to "eschew"—it doesn't have excessive bad language, an abundance of graphic violence, or a lot of bad attitudes conveyed. It's an entertainment movie with action, suspense, and a few twists and turns—not a "must see," but watchable for the majority of the Family.

It's an action movie, a man on the run, and it does have the obligatory car chases and other chase and fighting scenes, but it's more interesting than some movies of this genre. It exposes the dangers of man's endless quest to reach higher levels of technology, which will one day be man's greatest downfall when the Mark of the Beast is introduced.

In addition to being entertained, there are things that each one of My children can gain from such a movie—deeper issues and inferences, application of spiritual principles to the world of the future. I don't want to give away essentials of the plot, but suffice it to say, I will be leading and guiding My children in the coming times of darkness in many similar ways. While this man had to follow many clues blindly, stumbling onto the next clue to the puzzle, I will be able to give you multitudes of clues and supply just what you need at every stage of your Endtime existence. You won't be stumbling along, because you'll have My voice whispering in your ear, reassuring you, confirming things, and giving you faith and peace and trust, as well as the ability to act and move quickly.

LIAM (2000)

Ian Hart, Claire Hackett, Anthony Burrows

Drama focusing on an English/Irish family in Liverpool in the 1930s, where jobs are hard to come by and the seemingly omnipotent Catholic Church controls charity.

(Jesus:) This is a character study which shows the sad state of the poor English and Irish people during the Depression.

It exposes the way the Catholic Church keeps its members under condemnation, and it's also interesting to see what the pressure of money and pride will cause people to do.

This movie is sad, even what some might call depressing, but if you watch it, it should make you very thankful for the Family and the loving surroundings you live in and how you can experience My true love in your lives. It also helps one see the need to reach with true salvation those who the church has in bondage.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

I'LL REMEMBER APRIL (1999)

Pat Morita, Trevor Morgan, Haley Joel Osment

Four young boys find a shipwrecked Japanese sailor during World War II and struggle with the decision to save him. *[Editor's note: This movie would be suitable for some OCs, but parents would want to preview and pray about it first.]*

(Jesus:) This is a sweet movie, with good lessons on love and understanding, and loving your enemies. It teaches that war is hard on everyone on all sides. War is just a sad thing for everyone, and no one really wins in the end.

It does have a slightly pro-American stance throughout that needs to be powdered with the kids, but the overall message of the movie is that everybody of every race needs love and is important in My eyes.

There is a bit of foul language in the beginning of the movie especially, used by the four boys, so that's something to watch out for. Of course, they were just trying to be tough and imitate the grown-ups they'd heard, but it's not very pleasant to hear some of the ways they speak to each other.

The attitudes of the parents, just letting their children come and go and run wild as they pleased, would also have to be explained. Back then, it was quite common for kids to ride their bikes around town after school, as everything was safe—traffic went slower, there weren't dangerous people around, and kids were more mature and didn't really get into as much trouble. Nowadays, of course, it's very dangerous for kids to just go off alone like that. This point can be explained as pertaining to that period in history.

Another aspect of the boys' behavior that wasn't exemplary was that they were independent and secretive about something that should have been shared with their parents. They took a lot of risks, put-

ting themselves in danger. I wish for My children to be open and honest with their parents and shepherds, so this aspect should be brought out and discussed as well.

WHALE RIDER (2002)

Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene

A contemporary story of love, rejection, and triumph, as a young Maori girl in New Zealand fights to fulfill a destiny her grandfather refuses to recognize.

(Dad:) The main redeeming quality of the film is that it is a cultural and traditional experience and gives insight into the Maori culture. It shows how they survive as a tribe without getting completely assimilated by society. One aspect that makes it a little difficult to view is the grandfather's cruel and heartless treatment of his granddaughter, merely because she was born a girl. The girl weathers the treatment well, but it's heartbreaking to see an innocent, sweet child treated in such a manner. This girl was a fighter for what she knew was her destiny, and she had to go through quite a bit to reach her goal. This movie could be educational for JETTs and in some cases for OCs—though some aspects will need to be discussed or explained.

Other Movies

[Editor's note: Before watching a movie rated in the "Other Movies" category, Homes and individuals should ask the Lord whether it is appropriate. If considering showing an "other movie" to teens or JETTs, parents or shepherds should preview and pray about it.]

BROTHER BEAR (2003)

Animated, voices of Joaquin Phoenix, Jeremy Suarez

(Dad:) This movie would be great for kids if there weren't so much of that Indian spirit stuff in it. Because of the way they promote the whole idea that animals and people are on the same plane and equal, there isn't much value in showing this to our kids, who know the Scriptures that say God made man a little lower than the angels, but above the animal kingdom, and he is meant to have dominion over the animal kingdom. This whole message was off in that they were portraying man and animal as one, brothers in spirit and in flesh.

Of course, it's a cartoon, a fairy tale, but for young children who can't discern the difference, and who see how pleasant the story is and how loving and sweet the

communion between animal and human becomes, they won't be able to tell the difference, and it will subtly but surely undermine their faith in Scripture. It's not that easy to explain why this isn't so, so I'd recommend that you just don't show this to younger audiences. Perhaps when the kids are older, in their JETT years or thereabout, you could let them see something like this, as a fairy tale, but they would be able to tell the difference between what the moviemakers tried to get across and what is truth.

As for adults watching it, it certainly isn't a "must see," and for that matter, it's not even going to do them that much good.

THE IN-LAWS (2003)

Michael Douglas, Albert Brooks

(Jesus:) This movie has its funny, light moments, as a doctor discovers that his new in-laws are not what they appear to be. The different personality types are portrayed well, although the plot of the movie is quite unrealistic. The main downside is the movie's sodomite

inferences, which more and more these days you see included in movies. In this case it's made fun of, and was done in a humorous way. It is not the main thrust of the movie, nevertheless it is there in the background and occasionally raises its ugly head. It's a shame, as it just puts

a pallor on things and taints the movie. Some lessons are learned by the main characters, including lessons on being a good parent, and having the faith to take risks in life—but it's not the type of movie that needs to be watched to glean those lessons.

German Translator Needed

BY GABE, ASIA

God bless you. I need a kind and vision-filled person who would be willing to translate approximately two A4 pages of English into German once every two months, for our German-speaking supporters. The Lord has been using these supporters to help my missionary work for the last three years. Their help has enabled me to pass on funds to other fields and especially local pubs across Asia (and WS). It has enabled us to spend more time feeding the sheep, go on faith trips, and minister to others.

I am looking for someone with a reasonable/good/or very good knowledge of German, who could translate our newsletters every second month. We have one dear translator who is wildly willing, but we do want to ease some of the load from her if we can. Thank you, dear Crystal, in Germany!

If you feel the Lord calling you, and you could commit to at least one year of service in this way, please get in touch with me. I'm looking forward to lots of loving communication with you, and hope you will enjoy the news of the exciting things He will be doing through our little Home. Thank you. I love you and am already praying for you!

Write to gabe5277@yahoo.com for more details. Please include your key if you have one. Thanks!



Healing key: Praise Me for the miracles of healing that I can work through the keys. Stand fast in the promises I've given and you will see miracles come to pass.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Lily, China: I wanted to thank everyone for praying for my daughter Maria who underwent several operations on her heel (injured by a motorbike accident and was in hospitals for almost three weeks). The operation to graft just a layer of skin on her heel was successful so she didn't need another operation to graft a part of muscle from her leg on as well. She's healing up fast and they say she should be walking without crutches in a month or so.

It was surely an answer to your prayers that her recovery has been so successful in such a short time considering the severity of the accident. Thanks so, so much. I'm sure the other requests are being answered in our amazing Answer Man's time also.

Europe and Africa

Andrew (5, of Paul and Luba): For full healing from minimum cerebral dysfunction, backlog in voice development, neurosis, and habit spasms.

Rosemary (of Frankie): Underwent an operation for cancer of the ovaries, uterus, appendix and spleen. There is still some metastasis on her bowels and liver. Rosemary will begin chemotherapy shortly. We would specifically like to ask your help in praying for complete healing, strength and amazing grace during chemotherapy. For lots of faith and against fear; strength, faith and anointing for our family during this difficult time. Needed finances and provision to cover this costly treatment.

Victoria: Cancer. I'm much better, but still have some nodules and a new one is growing. Please pray for all nodules to disappear completely.

South America

Angelo (of Heidi): Rheumatism that attacks the joints, bones, and muscles all over the body causing hardening, discomfort, atrophy of the muscles, and general weakness. He is taking very strong medication to control the pain, which causes insomnia, ulcers, and vomiting; for a

miracle of healing so he won't need to take the medicine anymore.

Emmanuel: Problems with my digestive system and colon, causing an infection in my rectum and colon. I am praying for a miracle, as it is very painful and my digestion is still bad, which is a problem I have been suffering from for a long time. I have faith that through prayer and the power of the keys the Lord can heal me!

Sara (of Pedro): Adherence of her womb, which means that after the cesarean some parts of the womb glued together causing pain and inflammation. The doctor wants to try to heal it with medications and a diet for her to lose weight. But if that doesn't help, she'll have to undergo laser surgery. Please pray her womb will be restored without surgical intervention.

Stephen (of Amber): Pain in his back, caused by two slipped disks. One seems to be healing; however, the other is still out, causing daily pain, hindering his sleep and movement. They are taking more x-rays to try to figure out what is hindering total healing. Please pray for miraculous healing, as there is the possibility of permanent damage to the nerves and spinal cord. Also please pray for wisdom for the doctors and for Stephen. For faith and against discouragement, as he has been suffering pain now for almost five months!

HELP WANTED

Dear Family!

I would like to thank every Home and each individual who has helped me before. All the help that I have received was a big blessing for me, and I was able to continue the work the Lord led me to start. I am very happy that I have been able to serve the Lord and help many people on this needy field of Romania for the past five years, and would like to continue to do so. The Lord has opened a lot of doors for me to stay here, and at times it's been a real miracle, but where the Lord leads He provides. I have a very good contact for a visa (which is not easy at times to find here) and a lot of opportunities for witnessing, CTP projects, and ministering to friends and contacts.

Fundraising on this field can be tough. Being a single mom with two school-age kids (homeschooling takes a lot of my time as well), unable to go abroad to Western countries, makes it a bit hard for me to fundraise as much as I need. I am still looking for Homes or individuals who would be able to help the work here on a monthly basis. Of course, I'll be more than happy if you could send even a one-time gift, it will be appreciated as much. I depend on your help, and pray the Lord would put a desire on your heart to help to reach Romania in this way. I would love to get in touch with anyone who would like to know more about my activities and projects and send you my prayer/newsletter. You can reach me at: eva_kira@mail.ru. You can send your donations via the ABM for RO054 for **Kira**.

Looking forward to hearing from you and thank you so much for considering my request!

With prayers and love,
Kira

Hi! My name is **Ben** (17, of Andrew and Esther Sunshine). My father is British, although he has always been on the mission field (India, Egypt, Greece, and Cyprus) ever since he joined in '78. My mum is Indian. I recently got a wonderful opportunity to go to Botswana to join the on-fire Home there. I'm looking forward to going, and I am planning to leave sometime in May this year.

I'll be raising and praising in the funds that I need through outreach here. However, as the amount needed is about the same as our whole monthly budget, I wanted to request, my Family, if you would consider helping me in some way. The target amount is US\$1,700.

Should you or your Home consider sending a gift, please designate it to: Ben's Travel Funds—IA#52, Bangalore, India. Even if you can't help at this time, I'd appreciate your prayers and praise, as this will be the first time I'm leaving India since I came here 16 years ago.

Hello, my sweet Family!

My name is **Rebeca**, I'm Romanian and for the last 10–11 years I was blessed

Personals

I'm trying to get in touch with **Salome (formerly known as Joy)** of Rahama. She is a former member and lived in France, Switzerland, and Memphis, Tennessee between 1992 and 1996. She was living in Montreal, Canada in 2000. It is very important that I get in touch with her. Please write me at my e-mail address: jeremyosborn@hotmail.com. Thank you! Love and prayers, Jeremy

Hi, I'm Kathy (12, of Abner and Delight) in Mozambique, looking for **Joanna (of Abner and Mary)**, last heard of in Germany. I met you at the fellowship for all of Europe. You gave me your e-mail, but it got lost in my pants pocket. If you see this please write me at: mozamfam@tropical.co.mz. God bless. Much love, Kat

Request: To Those Who Work in Prison Ministries

Hello to all of you involved in prison ministries. I was praying recently, feeling a little overwhelmed by the needs of the prison ministry I have been involved in for over five years now, and the Lord gave me the idea to send out an ad in the *Grapevine*, and create a platform for people with similar ministries to communicate and share testimonies, tips, and especially prayer requests. So I wondered if anyone would want to join with me in this. What do you think?

I have found the prison ministry to be very fulfilling, but also extremely taxing spiritually and emotionally. I thought we could all benefit from interaction with each other, and although each situation is most likely unique, I am sure that we could at least share one another's burden via a prayer chain. We have in our hands the lives of very needy and desperate people whose situations could really change if we united in prayer and in the power of the keys.

So if you are involved in this ministry and you are interested in this type of exchange, please write to me, and we can correspond. (Please send your key.) As more people write, we can widen the circle. Anyway, this was just an idea and if the Lord confirms it for you, please write to lily252@hotmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Love, Lily

Looking into Getting a Digital Camera?

By the WS pubs team

If you'd like to get a camera that takes photos good enough for publication, here are some tips on what to look for:

- * 1.5–2-mega pixel or more
- * Resolution that goes to 1024x768 or over (640x480 can be used for smaller pictures)
- * A zoom, which is helpful

If you use a film camera and then scan the photos, scanning at 300 dpi and saving as a medium to high quality jpeg is good for printing. We pray this information is a blessing to you.

to have the Lord use my talents in the EE Mail Ministry Home (CEAD), translating and feeding the sheep through mail (*Activated*). For the last few months the Lord is leading us towards some changes concerning the growing Romanian Activated department. If I have a laptop, the coming changes (relocation) would make things much easier.

You can win a personal prayer warrior (me), and reap some eternal dividends from the Romanian work by offering your help, big or small, towards getting this laptop I need. You can send any gifts through the TRF to HU143, designated to Rebeca, and you can contact me at reby_ro@hotmail.com. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

P.S.: If you are in the States or the West and you feel a tug on your heart you could help with the "shopping."

Dear Family,

God bless you all! My name is **Richard** (16, son of Stefan and Joy). I was born and brought up in the field of Pakistan, where I'm currently living. For sometime I've desired to move to another field to experience a more open type of witnessing. A Home in India has accepted me into their Home, and I would like to join them ASAP. I need US\$1,000 to cover my traveling and visa expenses. So I wanted to ask you, dear Family, if you could please help with anything towards this. I would be very grateful for anything you could help with! Thank you for considering my request. Waiting to hear from you. My present Home number is PKO6. E-mail: fampak@isb.compol.com.

Much love, Richard

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