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## Link

BY THE INTERNATIONAL CGO BOARD

With this notice we are happy to announce the soon-coming release of *Link*, the brand-new monthly news magazine of the Family International—for Family disciples, Missionary members, Fellow members, and Active members! This is the magazine that was referred to in “The Family Membership Expands” (GN 1096) and other pubs as “The Family Magazine,” which was our working title, since the magazine was not yet named at the time.

The first issue of this magazine should be arriving in your mailbox in August. Each issue of *Link* will feature all-new content, including new MLs/prophesies (GN-type content), testimonies from the worldwide Family, special interest material for parents, women, teens, and more. In the next *Grapevine* we’ll include more details about how to go about signing up your Active members to receive this new mag.

### Photos needed!

Would you like to see your Home, work, or Active member flock featured on the front cover of the new *Link* magazine? The magazine will have a color cover, and will feature a photo on the cover of each issue. We are looking for quality shots that put a face on the Family International. The idea is to have variety in style, such as:

- ☑ Action witnessing shots (e.g., Bible classes, CTPs, etc.)
- ☑ Other action shots (e.g., youth camps, other Family happenings)
- ☑ Pictures of Family members (individuals, families, Homes, group shots, etc.)
- ☑ Pictures of Active members (these could be portrait style or group shots, e.g., at a retreat, or showing your Active members witnessing, etc.)

The photos need to be good quality, clear, descriptive, and appealing in order for us to be able to use them. We also need a caption with each photo and a little bio—e.g., name, age (if appropriate), status, city/country, a short description of the action taking place in the photo (if applicable), person who took the photo, etc.

Please send in your photos today! We don’t yet have photos for the first few issues—and we’re starting to edit now—so who knows, you might end up on the cover of the first issue if you act quickly!

Please send your photos to:

**gp@wsfamily.com**

Thank you so much!

## 12 Foundation Stones Class Tests/Equivalency Exam available

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We are happy to let you know that the *12 Foundation Stones Class Tests and Equivalency Exam* are now available for downloading from the MO site. They will also later be sent on paper in a mailing to add to your *12 Foundation Stones Teacher’s Supplement binder*. These tests can be printed and/or copied for your sheep, or sent by e-mail, as needed.

These tests have two purposes: One way to use them is as Class Tests following each class, for those who are going through the *12 Foundation Stones* course.—This is optional, and not a required part of the course. The other use for these

tests is as an Equivalency Exam for those who have not had the actual course, but have had similar classes and are ready to become Active members. There is a more in-depth explanation of both ways to use these classes in the “Read Me” file that is included with the tests themselves.

Here’s a clip from “The Family Membership Expands” (GN 1096), which explains the purpose of the Equivalency Exam:

“If your current sheep have already had classes covering the same basic topics as the *12 Foundation Stones*, they may skip taking the *12 Foundation Stones*

course (which would mean retaking the same classes), and can become an Active member provided they first pass the ‘*12 Foundation Stones Equivalency Exam*.’ This exam will show whether or not they have learned and understood the essential subjects taught in the *12 Foundation Stones* course. If they don’t pass, then they should be taught the *12 Foundation Stones* classes for those topics which they have not yet learned.”

We pray these exams will be a blessing for you and your current would-be Active members. We love you!

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## Rocking the Youth

BY ARTHUR, CELESTE, AND KERENINA, LEBANON

We held a concert for the AUB (American University of Beirut), one of the biggest universities in Lebanon. The young people, which are a mixture of Muslim and Christian students, are very different from other young people in the Middle East. They are rapidly becoming more like the West in fashion, music, etc. They are very educated and the majority of them speak three languages (English, Arabic, and French).

By a miracle, we were put in touch with the president of the university's Music Club (a student himself). This young man turned out to be a real key figure, working with us to get the permission needed for the concert and organizing all the details.

The Lord opened the door to get the help of Heart 2 Heart and 3 Door Jam—our very own Middle East-based Family musicians. (Thank you again dear ones—we couldn't have done it without you!)

Although our dear friend was a little hesitant at first to put his reputation on the line to promote a band he'd never heard of before, he was very pleasantly surprised!—And later told us he'd be very happy to do it again, and would help us book appointments in other universities in Lebanon!

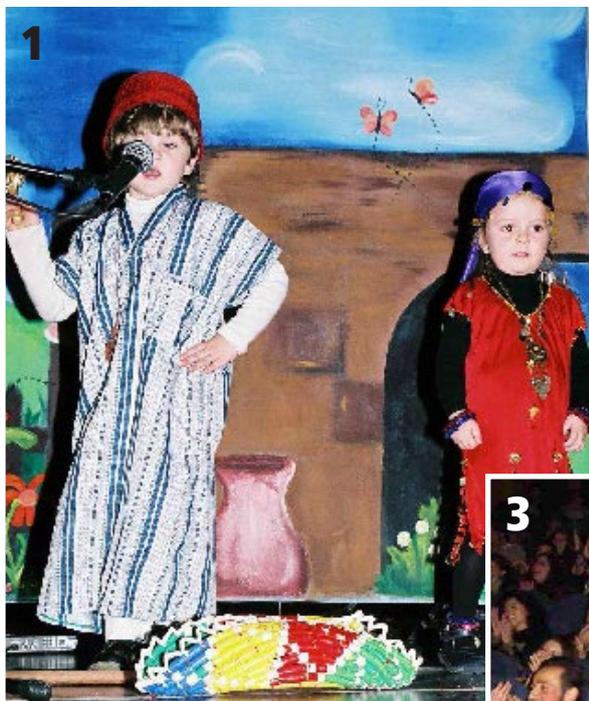
Our goal through the concert was to motivate the students to do more with their life and even to join in on our regular activities. We were thrilled with their positive reactions during the show. Many of them requested another show next year.

Through one of the university staff, we were introduced to the person in charge of community service. After meeting with her, she said she will let us know of any students, including foreign students, who are interested in volunteering their time to some cause. She also agreed to inform them of our *Motivated Training Course*.

Please pray that we can continue to reach out to these precious young people and that those we're already in contact with and who have begun helping us will remain committed long term.

### Photo captions:

- 1:** Allan (4½, of SGAs Jono and Daniella) and Anya (3, of SGAs Arthur and Celeste) perform an Arabic song with traditional costumes
- 2:** Allan (4½, of Jono and Daniella) singing a famous Arabic number
- 3:** AUB students enjoying the show



## You Just Never Know

BY IKE, THAILAND

When I opened the Christmas mailing package last December, I groaned. I know I shouldn't have, but I did. There, in the package was another Christmas GN, imploring us to do our best to win as many souls as possible, as "this might be someone's last Christmas."

I almost protested. It sounded like the same thing I'd heard every year. We already work so hard at Christmas doing all those special things like following up on our contacts, making Christmas cookies for our friends, going caroling, provisioning special meals for our CTPs, etc. I'm sure we could fit in extra personal witnessing, but did we really need to exert ourselves? Wasn't Jesus happy with the souls we had already won for Him during the year?

Despite my doubts, our Home did put more of an emphasis on soul-winning than in previous years. Along with our personal witnessing, we hosted programs at schools where we told the story of Christmas, sang songs, and prayed with the children to receive Jesus. We won over 2,400 souls during Christmas, over two-thirds of them being children under the age of 12. We averaged three school programs a day for almost two weeks straight and it was mostly organized by three SGAs, including myself.

It was not an easy job and I was looking forward to December 27<sup>th</sup> when I was scheduled to have a three-day break and enjoy some Christmas vacation with my family and friends. But the much anticipated break never came.

On the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> the tsunami struck the western coasts of Phuket, Thailand. The extent of the tragedy was

soon to be known worldwide as one of the worst humanitarian crises in history. Besides the people who'd lost their livelihood and earthly possessions, there were many—far too many—who'd also lost their loved ones, as well as those who lost their lives.

A few days later, we met many children who had attended one of our Christmas programs and received Jesus during the shows. Some of the areas that were the worst hit were the very places we had performed at, and witnessed in, over Christmas. Some of the schools that were ruined were the ones we'd held English camps at. UNICEF announced that a large percentage of the casualties from this region were children who were helpless when the waves came. Indeed, for many, that was their last Christmas.

I will never know how many children or people that we witnessed to lost their lives on that Boxing Day. I don't need to. What this whole catastrophe brought out to me was how fragile human life is. A man's life is like a flower of the field, here today, gone tomorrow, blown away by the wind, or in this case, washed away by a wave of the sea. I shouldn't have needed a tsunami to wake me up to the realization that God means just what He says. Those pleas in the GN were not just pretty words that complete a Family Christmas tradition; they were real and were meant to spur me into action and obedience.

May we all do our part to win those souls for Him before next Christmas rolls around. Who knows what might happen between now and then?

# How He Spurs Us On

BY ROSA B. (OF BRIAN), ROMANIA

A while back, the visa laws in Romania changed, creating stricter requirements for those who intended to get humanitarian aid worker visas. This situation got us quite desperate as to how to go about obtaining the necessary paperwork, as there was a fine if this was not done on time.

We prayed about the situation, and whether or not our Home should look into the possibility of opening an association in light of this law. Amidst His counsel, He also encouraged us that even though this change was difficult, it was a blessing in disguise—mainly in that it would help us as a Home with our persecution prep.

The Lord drew our attention to the GN “Pray, Obey and Prepare” (ML #3420), and stressed the importance for us to follow through on it right away. One morning for devotions we reviewed the main points and requirements listed in the GN. These can be summarized in the following paragraph:

(*Mama:*) Please pray against our enemies, pray for the Family, pray for yourselves, strengthen your follow-up programs, keep getting out *Activated*, get out the meat of the Word, build your work as the Lord has said, show the Family as a positive force in your community, feed your contacts and let them know who you are and what you stand for, and have conviction! Then you don't have to worry about persecution (par.37).

Peter also emphasized further in paragraph 79: “Talking about it is not enough. You must have an actual plan that you follow. Continue to hear from the Lord in prophecy each step until you have an effective, feasible plan of attack for putting into practice the instruction of this GN regarding your preparation for persecution.”

Well, unfortunately, even though we had been talking about it ever since this GN came out, we hadn't actually taken the time to come up with an effective, feasible plan of attack. When we took a look at our outreach and compared it to the list *Mama* gave above, we realized that we had quite a bit to do. For example, in order to strengthen our follow-up programs we first needed to have one!

So far our follow-up has been quite haphazard and done out of inspiration. Even though we've never hidden the name of the Family and whenever we'd witness or do any projects we'd clearly say we're with the Family, still we realized that we could do much more in strengthening the influence of our work as a positive force in the community. And

now with the tightening of the visa laws, it seemed to urge us to strengthen that side of our work.

We began a series of meetings on each outreach-related point. We had a meeting on organizing our follow up and making practical decisions in order for it to happen in a more coordinated and concerted manner. Since then, our Home has definitely made a push in the area of follow up. Now we've planned to meet each week to cover other points such as *Activated*, CTP, PR, Bible classes, feeding our sheep, etc.

When we asked the Lord about this change in the visa laws, He clearly instructed us to look into opening an association, as it would help strengthen our resolve to keep up our CTP/PR projects and appeal, as then we'd be legally required to perform those services.

He also said: “You're also my little ‘cork’ that can never be sunk, no matter how hard and ferociously the ‘whale’ of the System splashes its tail. You, My children, will always float and rise up victoriously for I've given you the keys of the Kingdom and they cannot be sunk. They'll keep you buoyant, and keep you afloat. You can claim this as My promise for both your visas and your persecution prep.”

This really encouraged me that even though it gets difficult for us, the “cork” of the Family will not sink, but will stay buoyant through it all. Even if the ACs have been trying to hinder the Lord's work and make it harder and more controlled, their efforts will only bring glory to God and cause men to praise Him. Through being required to fill out

## New LJ CD: *Portrait*

BY WS

You'll find the MP3s for a new CD of Loving Jesus songs, *Portrait*, available on the Audio section of the MO site. Our dear musicians and technicians have worked hard to make it available online in time for as many of you as possible to enjoy it during your Feast days between March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. We trust that the songs on this CD will be a source of inspiration to you.

Besides being a blessing to those of us who are FD/MM/FM Family members, this CD is also suitable to share, in whole or in part, with your Active members, and even with other friends who are not yet Family members, if the Lord leads you that way. The lyrics have been written and approved

an “activity report” in order to qualify for a humanitarian aid worker visa, our work will be made known as one that is helping the country. It will always cause our Family members to reach people of authority and influence and witness to them, when we otherwise wouldn't have, as it's obvious they'll be very helpful for our future progress here.

Even when working out the visas for two of our Home's members, we received a visit from a committee of the local branch of the Ministry of Work. They requested to meet each one in our Home and spent an hour talking with us. We ended up witnessing to them about what the Family is all about, a brief history of how we began, we explained how we operate and go about our humanitarian works, etc. And even though we haven't been a legal or registered entity, they were happy to meet us and offered to help in providing us with information about needs in the area, as well as giving us legal backing for our projects if we may happen to need stamps or referrals. Wow!

Before they left we gave each one an *Activated* mag. The gentleman who was in charge of the group had shared a little about his life and marriage, so we gave him the *Activated* that had just what he needed—counsel on relationships with people.

This whole situation is causing us to enlarge the influence of our work, proclaim the name of the Family as a positive force in the community, lead us to reach those of influence and minister to them, and all of this is ultimately contributing towards our persecution prep!

keeping Active members in mind; they are loving, intimate, and sometimes sensual, but also a bit less physically or sexually suggestive than some of our LJ songs in the past have been.

It's been *Mama*'s hope and desire that the beautiful songs that we produce for the Family to love our wonderful Husband by can also reach and touch the lives of more people than those within our FD/MM/FM circle. As these songs are shared with those who love Jesus, but aren't yet aware of, or ready to receive, the full concept of the Loving Jesus Revelation, we pray that they will be brought closer into His arms and develop a fuller relationship with Him.

# Our Fight for Our Daughter's Life

BY PAUL (OF DORCAS), JAPAN

My daughter Eiko (13) has been suffering from anorexia since the age of nine. The symptoms started when she was nine, but at that time no one realized the cause was anorexia. Only a couple of years later, while on a trip to visit my mother, did we realize the seriousness of her situation. During this time Eiko and I talked together, and she poured out her heart to me about her fears regarding the condition her body was in, and how some nights she couldn't sleep because she was afraid of dying. She explained that she hardly ate anything, and her body wasn't feeling well.

After this, our Home had united desperate prayer of deliverance for Eiko's condition. However, because of a lack of knowledge about anorexia and not taking enough time to study the Word on the topic, I didn't fully grasp the seriousness of it. Also, at this time, I wasn't too aware of the state of my children and what they were going through. Eiko improved a little after the united prayer, so we thought everything was okay. But there was still a very serious warfare waging inside her heart and mind, and at that time, the Enemy was winning.

One year later we again had to face the seriousness of her condition. It was a very busy year for me, as we had just relocated, and were adjusting to a new team. I was also busy with VS work, so I hadn't spent sufficient time with Eiko, to see how she was doing. Thankfully, the Lord encouraged us to take a little vacation with our children (ages 6–17), right in the middle of this busy time. It was then that we realized she wasn't eating much of the food that we were served.

I wish I had read and studied the "Fight for Life" GNs (MLs #3390–3393)

much earlier than I did. This time around, I got desperate enough to search the Word, and from there truly understood how anorexia is really a vicious *spiritual* battle. This situation forced me to depend on the keys and our different spiritual weapons. I had to make a commitment to fight for her life, no matter what, until we came through victorious.

We spent time talking together, and she told me that she knew she had given in to the Enemy. I got very desperate. As we desperately fought and prayed for her victory, we began to see more clearly how very real Pan, Bacchus, and these demons really are.

The "Fight for Life" series was extremely helpful to us. We can't adequately express our thanks to Kristen for sharing her lessons and testimony, and for the counsel that Mama and the Lord gave.

It was a battle from morning till night, facing off those demons and using the weapons of the keys, prophecy, and praise. Sometimes it was very tiring. We found the counsel in the Word about teamworking and uniting as a Home to fight this battle was very necessary in order to win the victory. I am so thankful for the understanding and help that the whole Home showed to rescue the life of this one young girl.

At a particular low point we wrote a short prayer request—a cry for help to Mama. When Mama heard about Eiko's situation, she asked a few channels to receive some prophecies and counsel for us, and the Lord revealed some amazing spirit helpers who were helping us fight the battle. This was a tremendous encouragement to all of us who were supporting Eiko. And it gave us the extra strength that we needed to continue

to fight the good fight of faith for her.

Eiko later told us that she had been crying every day, and had lost her will to live, and didn't even want to listen to the Word. But what kept her was the love that we gave her. The Lord showed me to take a walk with her every morning—a time that I had reserved for the Lord and me to spend together. But the Lord explained that I had to draw her under my wing and shower her with extra special doses of the His love, which the prophecy and counsel we received from Mama also confirmed. Later Eiko shared that those walks were the very thing that kept her going, even though she still didn't want to eat and at times didn't even want to live.

The turnaround came soon after we received the prophecies and counsel from Mama. Eiko and I started communicating with the spirit helpers mentioned in prophecy.

One day while praying desperately for her, I received a prophecy suggesting that we take her to Niigata to do relief work. (Niigata had recently experienced a heavy earthquake.) It seemed like a crazy idea as it was the middle of winter, with very cold temperatures and the possibility of snow. Since Eiko was very skinny at the time, she didn't have much strength or energy and wasn't doing so well spiritually either. Also, we didn't know what our accommodations or food would be like, all of which might not have been ideal for her.

After counseling and seeking the Lord further, He again confirmed that we should not only take Eiko, but *all* the kids as well! We received the verse, "As they went they were healed." Eiko was also memorizing this beautiful key promise, which encouraged

me to step out by faith: "The keys are activated by your obedience, so proceed as if possessing, claiming their power each step of the way. Then, like the priests who carried the Ark into the river, and as their feet touched the water the water parted, so will it be done for you. The river of troubles, trials, and difficult situations will part, making way for you to cross on dry land."

It turned out that this was exactly part of the key to her victory. The Lord prepared warm weather and a very kind lady offered us a place to stay in the same city where the earthquake had occurred. (This lady and the other volunteer workers staying with her all received Jesus!) Eiko had a chance to encourage the earthquake victims and see many miracles.

We provisioned our meals, and even saw beautiful double rainbows three times while on our trip. To us, it was an encouragement from the Lord that He was fulfilling His promise and also blessing our stepping out by faith.

After this Niigata trip, something changed in Eiko. A desire to want to live and minister to others began to flicker in her heart. Soon after this, another thing happened that helped seal this victory. I was talking with her, and then the Lord's Spirit took over and I began rebuking and casting out the demons that were attacking her. This was obviously not me at all, but the power of the Lord exposing and ridding her of the demons that had been plaguing her. Right after this talk she went to bed, and the next time I saw her, her attitude was visibly changed. She became more receptive and cooperative, and began counseling with me and others about how to develop better eating habits.

She has now made great progress. Though she still has battles, she goes on the attack against them as she wants to recover to full health. Sometimes she gets discouraged because it's taking time for her to get back to her former weight and full health. Through this battle with anorexia the Lord has

helped her to progress not only physically through working on her life and habits, but also spiritually, as she has had to forsake her independence and rebelliousness, and grow in humility, reaching out to others, forsaking her pride, etc. She has not attained perfection in any of these areas, as none of us

have, but she is progressing daily and is now such a changed person and much easier to work and talk with.

She has also been a blessing in ministering to our Active members as she has shared her testimony at many Bible classes, and through that, quite a few people have gotten major

victories over long-term depression, or in their walk with Jesus, etc.

We can't say enough how thankful we are to Mama and WS who sent us such wonderful counsel. Thank you to all those who supported us in prayer during that time, you have helped us win the victory.

## The Keys Have It!

### Two weapons empower each other

**Philip (of Hannah), Canada:** A lot has been said about the power of the keys and that we would become known as the people with the power of the keys. However, I had a hard time calling on the power of the keys in front of outsiders who don't know anything about them. In those situations I get hit with the Enemy's fear, "You can't call on the power of the keys. If you do, they're going to think you're some kind of weird cultist or something." So usually I don't say anything about the keys and just pray an "in Jesus' name" prayer. But recently the Lord gave me the faith to call upon the key power in such situations and He's blessed it each time.

The first time was at an auto repair shop, while getting the aircon in my car fixed. They had already been working for an hour on the van, cleaning out the lines, checking the compressor, and adding the air-conditioning fluid. They were just finishing pouring in the third can of liquid when for some reason the whole process stopped as it looked like the pipes were clogged. If that was the case, then all their work had been done in vain, though I would still have to pay for it, and the labor was not cheap. In desperation, I walked up to the two mechanics, whom I had been witnessing to for the entire hour, laid my hand on the engine and prayed for the

Lord to rectify the problem right away and then I claimed the power of the keys.

Not more than ten seconds later the pressure started building up again and everything went fine. When the mechanic's wife came over to see how things were going, her husband told her the testimony. "Well, things were stuck there for a bit, but the man laid hands on the engine and prayed and now everything is fine!" In the end they even gave a discount.

The next day, while my eldest daughter (former member) was visiting, I prepared to make a phone call to one of our friends. I needed to ask this man for a short-term loan to purchase a motorhome that we had found, but I was really perplexed about how much to ask him for. My carnal mind told me to just ask for a portion of the money needed, but I knew that even that wouldn't be much of a help as we weren't able to cover the rest of the cost.

I asked my daughter to pray with me, and I desperately prayed for wisdom in knowing what to ask him. As I was praying, it came to the point where I had to decide whether to claim the power of the keys or just leave it at that, as my daughter didn't know about the keys. I opted for the keys. No sooner had I finished praying when the telephone rang and it was this very friend on the line. I explained the situation to him and went ahead in faith and asked for the full amount

needed, which was three times more than what I'd originally planned to ask him for. He readily agreed, and within two days the money was in the bank.

Later, while taking my quiet time and reflecting on this decision, I realized how important that one decision was and how much depended on it. If I hadn't had the faith to ask for the full amount I probably would have missed this golden opportunity to receive the full supply the Lord wanted to give us.

The Lord also reminded me that on the days of these miracles, I had also spent extra time in the morning loving Him. He told me that these miracles were my reward for loving Him intimately and spending extra time with Him. He empowered me to make that right choice to encourage my faith in the Loving Jesus revelation and to see the fruit that this time brings in my walk with Him and can make all the difference in the world between victory or defeat, success or failure!

### Resuscitated laptop

**Joy, location unknown:** One day I left my laptop unattended for just a moment, when my son Samuel (then one year old) spilt a few drops of milk on the keyboard. When I saw that, I got very upset, and in my anger I tried to clean the keyboard and accidentally spilt the entire of cup milk all over the keyboard. The computer made a big noise

and the power went off. My heart sunk.

I asked the Lord why He had allowed it to happen, and He told me that He was trying to get my attention about being more prayerful and slow and spending more time with Him. He then said that my broken laptop was not too difficult for Him to fix, and that He would fix it. The important thing was that I learn my lesson first.

I provisioned a place to check my laptop to see what the damage was, and was told that the motherboard was completely ruined. The quoted price for a new motherboard was US\$1,500, and I was advised to buy a new laptop instead. I was flabbergasted. I wondered what the Lord was going to do since He'd promised that once I had learned my lesson, He would fix the laptop.

I brought the laptop home and didn't touch it, as I knew it was broken. That night I had a dream that I claimed a key promise over my computer and instantly it began working again. The next day I decided to do just that. I laid hands over my computer and claimed the promise, "Call down the power of the keys and ask what you will, for it's by these petitions that great miracles are wrought." I switched on the computer. And then it happened! It whirred back to life, and functioned normally.

I was shocked and so happy at the same time! The Lord said He would do it and He did!

# happenings

## It's reaching them

**Sam, Germany:** I have a list of friends to whom I send monthly *Reflections*. I receive a good amount of responses, but there were a few people from whom I wasn't getting any feedback. I prayed for them, and then sent a short note to ask if the address I had was still valid. I then received replies from three young men in Turkey—an engineer, a doctor, and a teacher—explaining the troubles they were having and how much the Word they were getting was helping them stay on top and find answers to their questions. They all begged me not to give up writing them even if they didn't answer regularly. How convicting!

## Faithfulness provides

**Spring Valentine, South Africa:** A supporter, who has been an *Activated* reader over the last two years, recommended us to his wealthy client because he felt she would be interested in helping our CTP work. We started ministering to her, and continued following up on her over the months. Then miraculously, she and her husband came through with a donation of \$6,000! Even though they are staunch Jews, the Lord touched their hearts to give to our work. This donation not only helped to pay the bills, but even gave us a one-month's buffer. This has helped us to see the importance of cultivating our contacts by being faithful with follow-up so that the Lord can pour out His blessings.

## We work and He pays

**Gideon, John, Joy, Kaylee, Manuela, Mathew, Naomi, and Rayne, DRC:** The Lord has been amazing us with His miraculous supply re-

cently. One of the biggest construction companies has donated their services to do much-needed repair work on our house, a US\$10,000 job! We also received 10 free cell phones, and altogether about US\$2,000 worth of airtime. Another company is now giving us free meat every month. The Lord is so good to us! For our CTP project of transporting clothes and shoes to the displaced war refugees in the north of Congo, the Lord provided the funds to bring the container in from Germany, the transport of the goods, and everything we needed for our trip.

He's also bringing our Bible study group along, and we even took some of them out witnessing. Our group is growing, and we have recently been able to hit most of the universities here in Kinshasa. We can testify that ever since moving here the Lord has been faithful to supply all our needs!

## By chance?

**Sam, Germany:** One day the Lord showed me to bring the Turkish *Mottos for Success* as a gift for the director of a school. When I handed him the gift, he looked at me very surprised. I jokingly started whistling "Happy Birthday to You!" as if it was his birthday or some special event.

He asked with a surprised look, "How did you know it was my birthday today? I haven't told anyone." Now it was my turn to be shocked. When I told him that I'd had no idea it was his birthday, he replied, "This is a miracle!"

## Instant results

**Jesse Youngblood, USA:** On the day of our return from the CGO Retreat, our teens joined us out witnessing

and met a lady whom they began witnessing to. She asked questions of JD (20) and Kevin (15), and as they continued to witness to her about our missionary work, she said, "Sure sounds good to me," and dropped \$200 in Kevin's donation bucket. She then walked over to the other table where Sonia (16) was tooling and dropped another \$100 in her donation bucket. We felt this was direct result of the Spirit of Pentecost that returned home with us from the Retreat. Thank the Lord!

## A little pain, but great gain!

**Hannah Handmaiden, Japan:** We have sponsored subscriptions to the *Activated* magazine for our faithful provisioning contacts, supporters, and friends who help us regularly. When they received the first issue, most of them called to thank us, and that was it. But with each magazine they received, we saw how it began changing their lives. Initially, it was a sacrifice for us to subscribe for them, but we soon found out that we never lose by giving, and indeed the Lord is inspiring a lot of our contacts to give even more because of it! One of our contacts has now begun to give regular donations, as well as other useful items. God bless those who are working so hard to create such wonderful tools for His sheep!

## He foots the bill

**Crystal Light, Australia:** We wanted to print extra tracts for our witnessing, so we asked our Active members if they would like to contribute towards the cost. We added their donations to our

extra income from fundraising, but those funds didn't quite cover the whole cost. Since it was an important need, we decided to pay for it from the Home's budget. We planned to print 6,000 pieces, using tracts posted on the MO site: "Magic of Miracles" and "Play to Win." We hadn't even sent it in for printing when miraculously the Lord supplied 10 times the amount of the cost in only one day! We were more than able to pay for it!

## Just a normal day?

**Faith (of Jonathan), Australia:** It looked like a typical outreach day to the local suburban neighborhood, but because of the way the Lord had led us to this neighborhood, we felt that something special was about to happen!

Initially, both outreach teams had received two different instructions in prophecy. But the Lord confirmed His will by closing the door to one area, and leaving us enough time to reach the other area.

We went door to door and things were going fairly well with people responding positively to our tools and giving donations. While standing at a door, waiting for the lady of the house to get her donation, I noticed inscriptions from the Koran hanging on her wall, and when she returned I noticed a similar writing on her necklace.

When she handed us the donation, I said a word of thanks in Arabic and her eyes widened in surprise. Before long we were involved in a deep conversation as she told us about an accident she'd had several months ago, and which had left her wondering if she should make a major change in her life.

I offered to pray for her, and she immediately invited us in, and we spent an hour sharing many things from the Word with her. She looked on us as messengers from God to help steer her in the right direction, and she felt her faith was strengthened. She was truly grateful and enlightened by our visit, and especially by our prayers that she would find God's will.

It was so wonderful to find a needy soul longing for His fresh waters.

### **The wedding experience**

#### **Jasmine (of Arthur), China:**

Recently two of our closest sheep got married. They first met each other at a Christmas party we hosted. Before they met, we were giving them Bible classes separately, as we had met them at different times. After they met, we started to give them Bible classes together as they were on the same level spiritually. We're very happy for them, because we know they can both be an

encouragement and strength to each other.

The Lord showed us to organize a special little wedding ceremony for them, and they were very happy with the idea. However, none of us had any experience with conducting a wedding ceremony, except for Arthur who had performed one several years ago. But the Lord came through with ideas on how to decorate the house, exactly how to conduct the wedding and everything.

We invited some other sheep as well as their friends, so that they, too, could experience a Christian wedding. It was a big testimony to each one who attended, as we tried to make it as meaningful as possible. Everyone enjoyed it, and a few commented that they want their weddings to be as meaningful and fun as this one. The newlyweds were very touched by the wedding. They are now asking for continual prayer and shepherding in their lives as a couple.

# forum

## **Winning lost souls—Are we doing it?**

*By Gideon, India*

I re-read the prophecies from the "Getting Rewired" booklet, which Mama sent to the Homes in India back in 2000. In some of the messages, Dad frequently refers to the "millions of souls" being won in India and says, "Remember, soul won = *Activated*." I don't know what it's like in every Family Home, but from my experience over the last two years, many Homes are winning few souls. I know we used to win a lot of souls 15–20 years ago. Dad's already said so much about soul-winning over the years that we are really without excuse.

In order to win a million souls a year in India, each Home would need to win 70 souls every single day. However, some Homes and individuals don't win even one soul a day on average. I know I certainly don't. In fact, I was quite convicted when I realized that I've only won one soul personally over the past year! Incredibly enough, that person subscribed and is still being followed up on by my former Home in Delhi. Just think what I could have achieved if I'd been faithful to win many more souls last year. So, how many souls have I failed?

## **Aren't we all the same Family?**

*By an FGA male, SEA*

I went through a tough period in 2003 and was wounded in battle, as I like to put it. We had been on a tough mission field five years, doing all we could to serve the Lord and flood this land with the words of David.

During that time I began to get hit with anxiety attacks, which soon became a frequent occurrence. As the situation didn't get any better, even though I desperately prayed against it, I became quite depressed. My wife and Home did their best to help me; they prayed for my deliverance, rebuked every demon in the book, yet still the depression lingered. I desperately hung on to the keys, memorizing them continually in order to stay afloat. I felt like Jesus must have felt in the wilderness when He was tested by Satan.

After a year of battling with depression, the Letters "Death to Depression" (ML #3464) came out, which I held on to. It began to dawn on me that this was not a victory I could win in my own strength—only the Lord could do it. I started memorizing keys on trusting in the Lord, and reading more Word on letting go and letting God. I told the Lord to take care of His property and that I would serve Him no matter what. I would continue witnessing, whether I was healed or not. Slowly but surely, the battles lessened as I gained my victory day by day.

It took another six months before I won a complete victory, but I sure learned a lot about fighting the Enemy and his demons. After this year-and-a-half-long battle for the victory, I asked my RSs if I could be FM, as I felt that this would take some of the pressure off and give me time to "catch my breath."

My wife and I became FM, and through it we experienced something that we never knew about. Although we've been serving the Lord in the Family for nearly 30 years and have many good friends in many countries, once we were FM, some FD brethren, even some we had known and worked with for years, started treating us like failures and avoiding us.

We didn't understand why, because we were the same people as a month ago. But their perception of us changed radically when we changed status. It was such a surprise and letdown to us, as we always felt that the FMers were still Family members, which they are. But some people didn't seem to think so.

The surprise went even further when we went on outreach, as we were still serving the Lord full time. We witnessed every day, morning and afternoon, lived by faith, homeschooled our child, followed the *Charter*, etc. But suddenly we did not have a "right" to any witnessing areas and some FDers treated us like we didn't exist. If they went on a road trip to a town, and we had no idea and would go to the same place, we would receive less than pleasant phone calls from them about it, because they felt we had no rights to it.

The Word talks a lot about not looking down on other categories of membership as "bad" places of service, only for "those who have flunked, or for losers." One quote in "Getting Stronger" says: "It is when people get hung up on labels and levels, and who is higher than whom and they look down on others, and feel they are more 'elite than thou' that they get caught up in a system, and they forget the simple love of Christ which is supposed to constrain us" (ML #3515:112).

I'm thrilled with the MM category, and I hope that we will truly live up to the requirements in the Word to make this level what it is meant to be. The new vision for the Family is to bring in new people to become a more united Family at all levels, so it is going to take every one at each level to bring this to pass. And only if the Family is working together in unity will the sheep see our love, unity, and light and be happy to join, whether as AM, FM, MM, or FD.

I am very happy for this projected change in the Family, and I hope we will all be able to work together, no matter what level or category we belong to, so we can again be one Family living in love and serving the Lord together in whatever capacity the Lord has asked of us.

## Getting Stronger —Parts 1 and 2

(MLs #3515 and 3518;  
GNs 1103 and 1109)

**Nathanael, USA:** It's wonderful to see the Family continue to change and progress toward doing a better job for the Lord. I really appreciated the parts in the GN titled "Two Ways to Look at Missionary Membership," and "Empowering or Demeaning." I started reading those parts, feeling a bit skeptical that the issue could be addressed and solved in a few pages. But I was pleasantly surprised, as each question, doubt, or discouragement I had along those lines was taken care of so well. Now I don't have any questions left on the matter.

**Sunny Servant, Taiwan:** What really impressed me about the "Getting Stronger" series is that Mama and Peter truly want to see the Family make it. Otherwise, why would they initiate the whole new CS program in order to help us Family members be what we're supposed to be? I pray I will do my part to help the Lord fulfill His promises to us as a Family. It won't be easy, as it will require a lot of humility, desperation, and calling on the keys, but I pray that He will help us all to make it and come out of the year of strengthening much stronger and better than ever.

**Josué, Brazil:** When reading "Getting Stronger, Parts 1 and 2," I felt as if the Lord was giving so much love back to the VSs for all their years of hard work. I confess that I was addicted to asking them for help. I was always calling and trying to communicate with them, so that they could help me solve my problems. Lord help me! Every one of the VSs who helped me always did it with so much love. They always had a lot of concern to hear me out and pray for me, and in order to do this, they spent time they didn't really have, many times putting aside their own needs to care for me.

Now I look back and think, *Wow, most of my problems could have been resolved between me and the Lord! I could have learned to hear from the Lord much more, so that He could shepherd me through those simple things that weren't the end of the world or a seven-headed monster that I'd*

*frequently thought they were.* Thank You, Jesus, for this new shepherding program. I believe it will help us all to grow and mature, both as Homes and as individuals.

I think the new shepherding program is the key to learning the lessons that I need to learn, win the battles, and overcome my weak areas that hinder my service for the Lord. One day I want to present myself to my beloved Jesus and hear Him say, "Come, dear son, good and faithful servant, into the joy of thy Lord!" That's right, I would like to arrive in Heaven with a big smile knowing that He was happy that I didn't fail Him.

## Home Review Criteria GNs (GNs 1104–1108)

**Vessel Potter, Mexico:** I remember when the *Love Charter* first came out, before I even opened it, I thought, *Oh, no! I will never be able to live up to all of that! I'm just not going to make it!* As it turned out, there were much fewer rules and regulations than before, and it actually set us free to do a better job for the Lord, just like Dad had said it would. Now I thank God for the Charter, as our lives have not been the same since.

Well, you would think I would have learned from that experience, and would have been prepared when the Criteria GNs began to come out. But once again, I saw them and thought, *Am I going to make it?! Can I live up to all of this?!* Then as I began to read and study them I realized that, like the Charter, it's simply a summary of what our lives should be about already—living the discipleship lifestyle.

The Lord in His wisdom has seen fit to put it all down on paper, making it so much easier for us to be able to gauge ourselves as to how we are doing, a

sort of "Family life thermometer." Thank the Lord, our Home is doing pretty well in the overall temperature. But in those areas that we need to improve in, it will be what unites our new winning team into the players that He needs us to be to continue to win this part of the world for His Kingdom! God bless all of our brethren who have been working so faithfully on the restructuring of our precious Family.

## World Currents!—No.102, The Asian Tsunami (ML #3528, GN 1122)

**FGA male, ME:** After reading through the tsunami GN, I watched a weather channel reporting the incredible rain and storms in the U.S. which caused mudslides, floods, sink holes, etc. The head meteorologist on this TV channel was interviewed and said that all the possible "scientific reasons" for such flooding were actually not the real cause of this weather system. He went on with a lot of scientific jargon and explained how the *El Niño* current was not to blame, and this was not to blame, nor that to blame, and suggested it might have been water temperatures and currents in the Indian Ocean, etc., obviously desperately trying to explain the reasons for the major havoc (such as tornadoes) caused by so much rain.

I would not have even taken note of his long description of such events, except that I had just read the tsunami GN the same day. It was obvious that this very well-educated man of science was struggling on national TV to not say, "To be honest, we really do not understand the reasons for this weather." It struck me as such a confirmation that some weather has spiritual causes as well. Thank You, Jesus, for the faithfulness of His Word unto the children of David!

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# activated news

## Better than rice and beans

BY A HOME IN BELÉM, BRAZIL

We have a dear subscriber in Breves, an isolated city on Marajó Island which is only accessible by a ten-hour boat trip or by airplane. It is so isolated that we only visit there twice a year. Nazaré has been a subscriber for three years. When she first subscribed and received the *Activated*, she exclaimed, "I love the magazine so much! Reading this is better than a good plate of rice and beans!"

She invited us to stay in her house and treated us like kings. She told us we would always have a room in her house. She also encouraged two of her friends, local merchants, to subscribe as well. She told us that they eagerly await their new magazine every month.

## GP books hook

BY GABRIELA AND VICTOR, VENEZUELA

Victor sold *De Jesus con Cariño (From Jesus with Love)* to the manager of a bank. A few days later this lady called our Home telling us of the wonders this book has done in her life. We went to visit her and she expressed that this book has been such a blessing for some of her friends, and that even when she lent it out, her friends didn't want to give it back! She already put in an order for more books to be given to her secretaries on Secretary Day. She also showed the book to a Catholic priest who told her that it is a nice book, but it doesn't talk about the Virgin Mary. She answered, "Don't worry, Father, we only need Jesus!"

We have another Activated friend who is crazy about *My King and I*. He is reading it little by little for fear he will finish it too soon. Recently, his brother was on his way to Spain due to

many problems he was having in Venezuela, so as an encouragement he gave his brother his only copy of *My King and I*. Some time later his brother called testifying how this book has saved his life and also recommended that his sister should have a copy too. Thank God for the treasures He has given us. The Word that we have is unique and is changing people's lives!

## "I want to be like you"

BY CHRIS (SGA), PHILIPPINES

For quite a few months, we've been teaching the *12 Foundation Stones* at our Activated youth meeting. At the beginning of the year we had a candlelight prayer meeting with our attendees, the majority of whom are activated. For one lady, it was her first Bible study with us, and her goal for this year was "to become more like you in the Family; to witness more to other people; to give the Lord more to other people like I'm being fed by you." God bless her, as she put feet to her commitment and has already sold *Activated* subscriptions to those she works with.

## Someone will read it

BY JOYFUL (OF AARON), INDIA

One secretary we met had been receiving the *Activated* through her boss who had subscribed, but knowing that she was a Christian, decided to give her the magazines. The boss was due for renewing his subscription, but said he wasn't interested. However, the secretary told us that she would like to subscribe to it, as whenever she didn't receive the magazines she greatly missed them. She marks the quotes that speak to her and then passes them on to others. She had also been having some arthritic pain and after we prayed for her, she testified that the pain has lessened considerably!

## in My arms...

(Written by Martin and Marie:) Our precious Lily (of Andrew) passed on this morning—February 23, 2005—after battling with leukemia. It was very peaceful and the kids had gone in minutes before to see her, and right afterwards she stopped breathing.

We were praying with the kids this morning and someone had a vision of Lily, and said she looked very happy, and the Lord said that Lily is assigned to help reach China, praise God! She'll surely be needed!

(Jesus:) Your Lily is free from the weights of affliction and freed to love and serve Me as never before. And not only Me, but you, My loves, for her desire is that she may be of help to each of her children, her loved ones, those who were close to her, and to the Family. She desires to be of assistance, and so I delight to give her that which she desires. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. This, her joy, has been fulfilled, and I have brought her Home to Me, that she may experience the joy of her Lord forevermore.

My beloved dear ones, wipe the tears that fall from your eyes and look up, for your mother, your mate, your dear love, is at peace and happy. She desires that you be happy as well. Though she is absent in body, she is present in spirit. ... She is just a prayer away! Such are the wonders of Heaven! All the love and attention that she desires to give each of you is possible, for in Heaven all things are possible! If I have given you the keys of the Kingdom, telling you that all things are possible, how much more so in Heaven? So fret not, but rejoice. She desires that you rejoice with her and for her, for she is free at last. (End of excerpts.)

## Meeting Ted

BY TENDER, PHILIPPINES

When Ted first met us, he was really trying to figure us out, and though he didn't know that much about us, he said, "I don't know what you are, but I know you're Christians and I love your mag!" He enjoys reading and studying the *Activated* mags and has been so interested in them that he calls us frequently to make sure he is getting it all clear and understanding exactly what Dad and the Letters are talking about. He is now coming over regularly for our weekly Activated classes and loves

the Endtime classes, as he had so many things mixed up due to the pre-Tribulation Rapture doctrine in the churches he has attended here.

## Two in one

BY JOY (OF ANDREW), INDIA

I went to meet Mr. Gladwin about renewing his subscription. He had a friend with him who exclaimed, "I came along because I have been reading Gladwin's magazines. I like them so much that I want to receive my own personal copy every month." So I signed him up, and Mr. Gladwin also renewed his subscription!

# Pray!

**Healing key:** No matter what the affliction, the keys have the power to restore you to full health. You can stand on My promises of healing through the keys.

## Asia

**Hannah** (of Philip): Kidney stones.

## Europe and Africa

**Angel** (of James and Charity): Ulcerative colitis; against pain, diarrhea, weight loss, or relapses.

**Barzillai:** Slipped disk in neck, which caused his right arm to be inoperative.

**Dasha** (of Iliia and Lika): Diathesis (susceptibility to disease).

**Dorcas** (6 mos. pregnant): Diagnosed with gestational diabetes; against any harmful effects on the baby.

## HELP WANTED

Things have been exciting for us over the last few months and change has definitely been in the air. With all that's happening in the Family, the Lord has led us to considerably expand our team in order to provide more services to the field from our Home. We're all very inspired and excited by the changes, new personnel, and ministries.

There is a desperate need at present for us to move to a bigger house, as we're literally filled to overflowing. However, here in India the landlords all ask for a fixed deposit of 10–12 months rent.

Although we do have some funds set aside for this move, and we will get some money back from our current deposit, we realize that we are going to need an additional US\$7,000 just for *immediate* expenses to pay the deposit and all that our move will entail.

We are asking everyone we know for help, but since most of our time is taken up with the services we provide for the field, our base of contacts and supporters is minimal. The Lord also showed us to let our needs be known to you our, dear Family. We know that nothing is impossible through the power of the keys He's given us, and that where God guides He always provides.

Thank you for considering our request and for keeping our housing situation in your prayers as well. We feel honored to be working alongside you as we reap the final harvest together.

If you do feel led to help, you can send your gift via the TRF clearly marked: "IA77 Activated India Home move." Thanks so much!

—The India Activated Home

**Heidi** (of David): Large cyst near bladder; complete healing, no side effects, no need for an operation.

**Josh S.:** Healing from epilepsy.

**Joy H.** (of Luke): Arthritis; against pain in her joints.

**Justin:** Leukemia. Undergoing his last year of chemotherapy.

**Kris Adam** (baby, of Tamas and Emi): Healing for his left arm and shoulder as some nerves are not functioning properly in his left shoulder and muscles are not developing as they should.

**Lily:** Scoliosis in neck and back.

**Michael** (of Ana Maria): Muscular dysfunction in colon causing constant pain, bloating, weakness, and sleep loss. Lower back problem.

**Nadia** (of Steven): Tumor in thyroid.

**Naomi Trusting:** Kidney stones in both kidneys.

**Paul** (of Joy): Prolapsed disc in back and painful sciatica in leg.

**Pavel** (8, of Ivan and Virginia): Swelling of mucous membranes inside the nose causing difficulty breathing and chronic cough.

**Praise** (of Philip): Endometriosis; against pain in abdomen, fatigue and cervical erosion.

## North America

**Elena** (of Sam and Becky): Born with liver problems and has continued to have them; against liver infection and continued strength and health.

**Renee:** Broken kneecap.

## Pacific

**Gloria** (of Sam): PG; against placenta previa.

**Marina:** Breast cancer; swollen lymph nodes; clogged lymphatic system; for improved blood circulation; healing of lungs; strengthening of heart; liver cleansing and proper functioning; healing of indigestion and gas buildup.

**Owen** (23 mos., of Mercy): Asthmatic bronchitis attack which caused his lungs to not work properly. His lungs are weak; healing from bronchitis.

## South America

**Mari** (19, of Brian): PG; for a natural delivery, without any complications, that it can be easy and very peaceful. For good nutrition, health, the baby's growth, the remainder of her pregnancy, and the supply of all their needs.

To make a long story short, I have come to a little dilemma, and the Lord showed me to let go of my pride and write you about it.

I've been living in Uganda for the last two years. Working with the RadioActive Home has been a thrilling, non-stop adventure. My Home here is quite the perfect Family Home (for me), and I really love it, including all the crazy people I live with. We do radio shows, dance shows, clown shows, outreach ministries, trips up North to exotic, forgotten tribes, etc. Serving the Lord here has been awesome.

But the Lord has recently led me in a different direction—totally contrary to my natural thinking. He's indicated (and confirmed it through many other sources and prophecies) that it's now His will for me to return to Southeast Asia, and particularly to help my personal family who just rejoined a couple of months ago. They are starting a work in a Home there, and have with them eight kids under the age of 15. They are a bit tight personnel-wise and have been struggling physically and financially.

It's been almost six years since I last worked with them, and in light of all Family members striving to find winning teams, the Lord has pulled the comfortable rug from under me and asked me to move on.

I'm writing you a plea for financial help for the travel cost of flying from Africa. As you may know, money doesn't exactly fall from the sky out here, so I need some help.

I know that there are many good, plausible, valid causes that your mission gifts could otherwise go to, but in case you have leftovers, please think of my plight—and I

will be so, so thankful. You can send any gifts addressed to me via the TRF. My Home number is UG1539.

This letter would not be complete without an added *thank-you* to everyone who helped to get me to Africa in 2002. Your generosity and support went further than you realize, and I found a wonderful, thrilling, unforgettable place of service for the Lord during this time because of you.

—Nyx

We are in the Middle East, and one of our current FED board projects is to help the Homes in our national area to upgrade their CLE books. In praying about how we could buy these books, we thought of asking you, our dear Family, for your help for this project.

We need a total of US\$1,000 to be able to buy these books. Over the last few years, we have been able to update about 50% of our CLE masters, but the rest are still in dire need of being replaced.

Approximately 30 students will benefit from these books, as we also use them to help service the Homes in our national area. The Homes here will also be giving towards this project with what they can, but due to the continuing political and economic problems, fundraising is not all that easy. Thanks so much for considering our request and for your prayers, encouragement, and support. Hopefully, together with any help you can give, we would like to be able to purchase these books in the summer. Please send contributions via your TRF designated to: the "ME FED—CLE books."

—The ME FED board

## Homeschooling Seminars

BY LILY HAPPY, INDIA

Since I left Pakistan I've had a great desire to conduct seminars on teaching children. The Family in Karachi (Pakistan) has done this for many years and they've put together beautiful seminars on different topics about teaching, such as:

1. Teaching young children encyclopedic knowledge.
2. Early teaching techniques.
3. Controlling the classroom.
4. What makes your teen tick?
5. Teaching math in a fun way.
6. Story-telling (for toddlers and kindergarteners).
7. Teaching writing.

These are all presented very professionally, using basically all Family material from CCHBs to MO Letters to *Treasure Attic* videos. During one of our childcare meetings we reread "The Face of the Family," in regards to our children's education and it really dawned on me that if we want to build in this area of Family education we should start promoting our material to System schools.

Although homeschooling is a new concept in Karachi, it's accepted, and many of the schools there have participated at one time or another in one of the Family's seminars, and they really value and appreciate all the input. One school even asked us to set up their records, and others are asking us to run their schools. Ha!

I personally feel that if we go on the attack and promote what the Family has to offer in this area, we will not only become known for our excellent educational materials and methods, but I believe it will also increase our children's self esteem and give them one more reason to be proud of their Family upbringing.

Here in India people consider correspondence courses and homeschooling as an option for those who cannot afford better. Of course, we know this is not true. The Family has the best in educational materials; it takes just a little research and study through the pubs that have been published over the years. Promoting our educational materials and methods could even be a proactive step against persecution. Of course this also has to go hand in hand with making sure that our own children do receive that training, as they will be the proof of it.

I think it would be great if we could work on putting together some seminars on different topics, gathering this information from others who have done similar seminars in schools already. We would probably generate a large amount of material, which other Homes could use if they too are interested in this vision.

## Sparks Are Flying

BY JOHNNY AND HANNAH SERVANT, ARGENTINA

In Argentina, there has always been a great need to reach the spiritually famished younger generation. Slowly but surely, the Lord is helping us to find the key to their hearts. We recently had a mind-blowing experience with personal witnessing. On Spring Celebration (a national holiday), we decided to make the most of it for all the students, and went to look for "seekers" at a very well-known youth hangout—a park. This took a lot of faith for us, as the weather teasingly threatened to rain at any moment. But we decided to go for it anyway, not really sure if anyone would be outside on such a day, but nevertheless praying for a miracle.

When we arrived at the park, we were shocked to see the amount of young people who were there. We jumped out of the van, prayed, quickly divided the teams and off we went. We were a group of 20 young people from the ages of 16 to 40 who had united forces for this special raid. It was incredible to deeply witness to a variety of different people. You could feel their desperate search and great need for something real.

After a good seven hours of heavy-duty personal witnessing, we returned home tired, but inspired, but it wasn't over yet! That night we received five replies via e-mail from people we'd witnessed to at the park, who were

eager to know more about this one true Solution to their, and the world's problems. We replied with an invitation to meet up with us at a certain park in front of a major university where we go every Friday afternoon to personal witness.

We weren't sure if they would show up, but sure enough ten people came! They were so thirsty for the truths we had to give, and drank up everything we told them! This has inspired us, and we know it's only the beginning of something never seen or heard of before in this land! We pray we will do all we can to really be a part of this grand finale!

We put together a tract of MO compilations—a real radical message exposing the System, complete with a picture from *The Matrix* as an illustration. We've been passing these out right and left, and have received super reactions via e-mail. This is a real miracle for Argentina. Sometimes we'd invite four or five sheep over for a Bible class and only one person would show up—one person for 20 Family members, ha!

It was very exciting to see everyone personally witnessing to these precious souls. We've been pushing the stone for such a long time and it looks like it's finally starting to roll! Lord willing, this is the breakthrough we've been praying for.

## Teach Others to Teach Others

BY REBECCA (OF ABNER), TAIWAN

We have some very inspiring potential people on the line, who keep us stirred up in the Home. Bringing them closer to the Lord is definitely a team effort. It started with John, a 22-year-old who used to be Abner's English student a couple of years ago. He came to visit with his twin brother, and declared that he didn't believe in anything except himself and what he could see. His brother was in total agreement. The next time John visited, he came alone. He speaks very good English, so one of the teen girls was able to give him a deeper witness, and he got saved. Since that time he has come to visit us several times a week, and more recently, almost every afternoon.

On one of his visits, he was particularly inspired and exclaimed that the Lord had done a miracle for him. He has always wanted to help us financially in some way, but being a college student he didn't have much even for himself. So he prayed and told the Lord that if

He would supply the money then he would use it to help us. The very same day the Lord helped him win a prize in the lottery, a couple of thousand NT (New Taiwan) dollars! He was so inspired and kept saying, "Now I really believe in prayer! I really believe in prayer!"

Since we have a needs list on our bulletin board that our friends can help with if they like, he studied it for a while and finally said, "Come to my house tomorrow, I am buying you a bicycle. You also mentioned you needed silverware for the kitchen. What exactly do you want and how many?" He bought us both the bicycle and the silverware and whenever we thank him for it he says, "It was only Jesus supplying your needs."

John continues to go personal witnessing with us every Friday afternoon, where we pass out tracts and talk with those we meet, and has started to ask how he can become a missionary as well.

## grapes of thankfulness

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our appeal to raise our airfares to go to Sri Lanka to help with the rebuilding process. We received so many messages of encouragement from folks we had known long ago, support through prayer and gifts of love.

We want to thank each and every one of you, especially the **LB02 Home; Jonathan and Glory (USA); Stephen and Heaven (NZ462); Oasis Home (YU006); Hour Glass Home; The Pillars Home; Peter and Kristia (TH803); Jacques, Angela, Anthony, and**

**Tabitha (AF1505); FP482; David, Joany, Michelle, and Phillip, Joseph (Guam); Praise (Japan), and HCS live-outs.**

We were moved to tears as we read messages from many of you, as we know it's a big sacrifice to help others in your already busy lives and ministries. We're in touch with the Family in Sri Lanka, and so far we've been able to get our children's new passports and have done a lot of research into airfares for our ticketing. Thank you ever so much once again!

—PETER, SAMARIA, AMANDA, TERESA, AND RICKY, AUSTRALIA

## Natural remedies to stomach cancer?

BY MAGDA POLISH, MIDDLE EAST

I wanted to ask, dear Family, if you know of any natural remedies for advanced stomach cancer, as I just found out that my mom was diagnosed with it.

If you have tips and counsel regarding advanced stomach cancer, a diet or anything that could help my mom during this sickness, I would really appreciate your input.

You can write me at [jamg\\_adams@yahoo.com](mailto:jamg_adams@yahoo.com), or via the Middle East ABM. Thank you.

## Shine On—February 2005

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total	TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
<b>SOUL SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>			<b>POSTER SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>		
Josue/Maria Fiel, Mexico	1,814	9,070	Steven/Tabitha, Japan	1,950	3,900
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	1,000	3,000	Tommy/Serena, SEA	1,115	4,460
Claire/David/Tirzah, Guatemala	269	3,500	David/Gabriel/Susana, Mexico	1,085	16,270
Faith/Juan, Guatemala	268	805	Christian/Dana/Maria/Michael, Japan	860	9,458
Charity/Happy, India	210	840	Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	833	2,500
Charity/Micah/Peace, Thailand	207	826	Charity/Happy, India	597	2,386
Melanie/Pawel, Brazil	201	401	Dulce/Matthew, Brazil	567	1,700
Terry/Vanja, Bosnia	160	320	Abi/Dan, USA	500	1,500
Michael, Brazil	150	300	Faith/Jonathon, Australia	489	977
Daniel/Faithy/Jewel/Mark/Premika, India	137	1,647	Claire/David/Mark, USA	434	4,338
<b>TRACT SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>			<b>TAPE/CD SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>		
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	5,000	35,000	Isaac/Ruth, SEA	140	700
Melanie/Pawel, Brazil	4,716	9,431	Pedro/Maria, Colombia	100	200
Steven/Tabitha, Japan	3,900	7,800	Frank/Joe/Promise/Richard, USA	94	842
Alcides/Heber/Stephen, Peru	3,780	18,900	Dawn/Peter, USA	93	465
Dulce/Matthew, Brazil	2,333	7,000	Faithy/Lalo/Robyn/Ruth, Mexico	93	557
Abel/Ester/Tim, USA	1,875	7,500	John/Marc/Meekness/Theophany, ME	84	675
Hope Morningstar, USA	1,750	3,500	Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	71	500
Angela/Anthony/Talitha, South Africa	1,431	11,450	Abe/Mercy, Taiwan	67	201
Ben/Simon/Sunshine/Tina, Uganda	1,263	11,370	Amor/Angeles/Joao/John, Portugal	65	523
Eric/Ester, USA	1,000	6,000	David/Gabriel/Susana, Mexico	65	980
<b>ACTIVATED DISTRIBUTION SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>			<b>BOOK SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>		
Analuz/Daniel/Maria, Brazil	447	4,474	Joao/Clara, Brazil	2,268	6,803
Gabriel/Luna, Chile	429	858	Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	2,000	14,000
Rose/Shine/Timothy, USA	314	3,140	Charity/Happy, India	314	1,256
Isaac/Ruth, SEA	219	1,095	Philip/Meekness, Namibia	257	514
Dawn/Peter, USA	213	1,064	Richard/Victoria, Brazil	160	320
Ester/Fiorella/Juan/Suzana, Brazil	180	1,800	Alfredo/Isabel/Ivan/Raquel, Brazil	140	702
Claire/Gina/Marc, USA	174	2,268	Felipe/Marcos/Paulo/Vitória, Brazil	138	1,104
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	171	1,200	Andy/Luchi/Phoebe/Sharon, Mexico	130	1,300
Amauri, Brazil	134	669	Jan/Maria/Paul, Nigeria	124	865
James/Josiah/Joy, USA	134	534	Faithy/Lalo/Robyn/Ruth, Mexico	110	657
<b>ACTIVATED SUBSCRIPTION SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>			<b>VIDEO SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2005</b>		
Elias/Miguel/Peter/Sara, Guatemala	58	58	Gabe/Honey/Michael, Japan	31	188
Andrew/Ang/Deepa/Hosanna/Steve, India	52	52	Isaac/Ruth, SEA	30	150
Jan/Maria/Paul, Nigeria	42	42	Dove/Masha/Philip/Sveta, Russia	28	226
Daniel/Faithy/Vera, Brazil	41	41	David/Mary/Paloma/Sunny, Taiwan	24	120
Byron/Chris/Marie/Tender, Philippines	34	34	Agnes/Alex/Ama/Andrew/Clair/Philip, Mexico	22	418
Aaron/Crystal/Daniel/Joy/Joyful, India	31	31	Emanuel/Rebeca, Mexico	20	39
Andrew/Philip/Rejoice/Ruth, India	26	26	Esperanza Fiel, USA	18	35
Charishma/Claire/Joy/Vincent, India	25	25	John/Daniel/Joy, Brazil	17	85
Abigail/Carina/John/Jonathan/Samuel, India	24	24	Jason/Michelle, Taiwan	17	34
Daniel/Faithy/Jewel/Mark/Premika, India	23	23	Pavel/Marisha, Russia	14	28

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## PERSONALS

I would like to get in contact with **Venezuelan Ruth** (SGA, about 29), who used to be called Sonrisa. Her parents are American. I last heard she was in Brazil. I am Vicky from Ecuador. Please contact me at [vallehom@uio.satnet.net](mailto:vallehom@uio.satnet.net). Thank you so much!

## FORMER FRIENDS

### —seeking contact

Thanks to the Google search engine I managed to find your website and your e-mail address. I believe in Jesus and His prophets, Father David Brandt Berg and Maria. I'm an Indonesian Chinese. I love the Family very much. I knew some Family members when they were in Jakarta, Indonesia, but I lost contact with the Family members in 1982. I wish I could meet them again.

I knew sisters **Jerusha** (French), **Lydia** (American), **Nadia** (German), **Trust** (Australian), **Aurore** (French), **Esther** (American), **Elisabeth** (Indonesia), and a few others. I knew brothers **Peter** (American), **Thomas** (American), **Aaron** (French), **Simeon** (Australian), **Joseph and David** (both Indonesian). Also I'm interested in contacting a few couples I knew: one couple **Peter** (Grant W., from Tennessee) and **Lydia** (Christine, from Oklahoma); another couple **Thomas** (William M., from Sacramento, California) and **Angel** (Chinese, from Bandung, Indonesia) with their son, **Gabriel**. **Barak and Jerusha** (Christine, from Lyons, France) with their son, **Emmanuel**. And **Aaron** (French) and **Esther** (Minnesota, fluent in French) and their three kids **Philippe** (1), **Gabriel** (2), and **Jean/John** (3). Aaron and Esther knew me as **Elijah** (we had lived together in Bandung, Indonesia for some time). Are they still in the Family? I would cherish meeting them again or knowing more about them.

My name is **Suman**, but the Family members knew me by **Solomon, Elijah, and Suman**. I'm from Jakarta and live in Jakarta, Indonesia. Please inform me as to how I can contact them. Thank you very much.

Please contact me at: [suman\\_tirta@yahoo.com](mailto:suman_tirta@yahoo.com).

### QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION STATS BY DESK

Activated Desk	December	January	February
Brazil	185	122	174
Chile	10	13	8
Colombia	79	25	34
EE and Russia	105	106	97
Europe/Africa	165	148	198
India	677	243	316
Italy	22	84	34
Japan	115	29	66
Mexico/C.A.	411	97	154
N. America	15	21	79
Philippines	73	127	76
Taiwan	81	32	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>1,278</b>