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Goals are dreams with a deadline.

Christmas in Madagascar

By Pedro

Tract blitzing: We have 17 people in our Home: 5 adults, 1 YA, 1 senior teen and 10 children. I was a bit worried about how we would be able to distribute 50,000 Christmas tracts in ten days or less, since we hadn't been able to print them earlier. We wanted to give the Lord the best gifts this Christmas—all the Word we could get out in the form of tracts; we didn't want to fail Him.

Finally He didn't fail us, making things easy for us when He told us that we could ask all of our close friends and sheep to help with tract distribution. The tracts are now practically all gone, thanks to everybody's participation and desire to make others happy! We ended up giving out 34,000 Christmas tracts in just one week, plus 32,000 other tracts earlier, at the beginning of December—a total of 66,000 tracts during this special period. We're hoping to give out the rest just before Christmas day!

Meeting key people: We are ministering to a very sweet man, E., a university teacher, who is on fire for the Lord. He loves us and practically devours all the Word we give him. He's also helping us

translate some tracts and posters in Malagasy. He's introduced us to the director of a Christian broadcasting radio station. DV we'll begin to broadcast weekly programs, with Bible classes and songs in English and French. E. also introduced us to an important police officer and magistrate of justice. This man, H., has asked if we would like to help 3,000 prisoners' families with our spiritual and practical assistance!

Performing/feeding the poor: Another ministry we've invested in during this Christmas is performing with our children and clown show in several schools, an orphanage, two shows in a famous commercial gallery, and one at our Home, inviting neighbors, our guardian and his family, and also some poor families from town to eat a special Christmas meal with us (Luke 14:23). The Lord miraculously provided all the costumes, food and open doors to reach the poor and the rich as well, as they all need His love and comfort. We were able to win almost 1,000 souls through all these shows!

The Lord gave us the inspiration to use the wonderful Christmas message on the Christmas *Treasure Attic* video, the story of the first Christmas and also the two skits acted out by Uncle Jim and Peepers, for our shows. It's a terrific tool!



Pedro, the clown



The children performing at an orphanage: Pailine, Leilani, Miguel, Lisa, Gina and Helena



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headlines

Correction in GN 870

By Mama

Dear Family,

I love you and pray that this year's Feast was a very happy, inspiring, feeding time for you all, and that you enjoyed the new Letters the Lord gave us.

After we had completed and sent off the Feast Letters, which was quite a rush and a push for all of us who worked on them, we noticed there was a small mistake, a slip of the tongue, in one Letter. It's not a big mistake, but is nevertheless a mistake, and I felt bad about it.

When we asked the Lord how it could have slipped by, He said, "I allow such mistakes at times to keep you humble as well as desperate for My help. It renews your dependence on Me, increases your prayerfulness in going over My Words, and reminds the Family that you too are human and capable of making mistakes, just as they are. Yet I keep you back from serious mistakes that would affect the meaning of My Words, and only allow little slips of the mind and of the tongue sometimes, as I did with your Father David."

I'm sorry we missed this mistake, and I'd like to ask you to fix it in your GNs, if you wouldn't mind. The mistake is in GN 870, "Intimate Details of My Life," on page 8. In paragraph 57 it says, "And when the time is right, the armies of Heaven will come down and fight for you, as they avenge all your enemies and those who fight against My righteous Kingdom!"

It should instead say, "And when the time is right, the armies of Heaven will come down and fight for you, as they avenge **you on** all your enemies and those who fight against My righteous Kingdom!" So after the word "avenge," could you please write in the words "you on"? Thanks!

I'm sorry if the original wording confused any of you. We missed this little slip of the lip in the prophecy, the omission of these two words, because in reading it quickly we understood the right meaning even though it had the wrong wording.

Thanks so much for your understanding, and your cooperation in fixing it!

In My arms

Bombay DF Home: Marie (of Michael SL) peacefully went to be with the Lord on November 27. Marie had breast cancer for the past two years, and she was a wonderful sample of staying positive and fighting all throughout her sickness. She was one of the main teachers of the children in our Home and continued teaching them right up to five weeks before she passed on. Even after she was unable to get up and teach them, she was always asking if they were okay and keeping up with their school. She was definitely a doer of the verse, "Greater love hath no man than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends."

The bells are ringing and the angels in Heaven are rejoicing. For I have taken My sweet Marie Home. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for this is a great day—a day of liberation, a day of salvation, a day of great joy and celebration. Be not sad, but be glad with exceeding joy, for we celebrate with great pomp and splendor the arrival of a new one up in Heaven. She has passed on to her eternal reward. The bells are ringing in the halls of Heaven. Sweet Marie is smiling, she's happy, she's meeting all the dear ones There. Oh, what a day this is! Oh, what a beautiful day.

JESUS SPEAKING

(Five different people in our Home, at different times and not having knowledge of the other getting the same vision, got: I had a vision of Marie dressed in a flowing white gown, with a crown on her head, studded with stars—a beautiful, long, flowing, white gown. She was radiating with light and very beautiful, fellowshiping with the angels around her, smiling. She was very beautiful, very radiant, smiling and very happy.)

special offerings

Dear Family,

We love you dearly and are so thankful for you! We want to extend our thanks for your tithes from November, which are greatly appreciated and so needed! Thank you also for the real treasures, which are the souls you win and the Words you sow in the hearts of those you meet!

Below is a list of those of you who sent in special offerings to WS above your tithe for the month of November. We are so very thankful for these offerings and they are helping in a big way to keep the overall work going. In fact, we couldn't produce the pubs and services we do, without them. Much love and thanks, and our prayers to you for a fruitful New Year!

Love always,
Your WS Office

Matthew/Marie, India area
Steven/Faith, Indonesia
Bombay Cottage, India
Ivan/Lib/Dan/Sha, India area
David/Miracle, India area
Thai Open Home, Bangkok
Nathan/Leah/Julia, Burma
Nic/Tender, Philippines
Africa Home #1504
Francesco/Sara/Marco, EURCRO
Michael, EURCRO
Matthew Saved/Gina, EURCRO
Miguel/Victoria, EURCRO
Paul/Faith, EURCRO
Stephen/Joy, EURCRO
Michael, EURCRO
Emmanuel Fearless, EURCRO
Becky Sloep, EURCRO
Crystal Faithful, EURCRO
Juan/Maria, EURCRO
Julia, EURCRO

Ruth Fighter, EURCRO
Francis Davidson, EURCRO
Emmanuel/Estrella, EURCRO
Victor, EURCRO
Michael, EURCRO
Traugott, EURCRO
Davide/Joan/Kristen, EURCRO
Martin/Ella/Laura, EURCRO
Joao David, EURCRO
Byron/Mercy/Daisy, EURCRO
Micha/Christiana, EURCRO
Mark/John/Maria/Kayl, EURCRO
Job/Ruth/Daniel/Esth, EURCRO
Andrew/Mary/Phillip, EURCRO
Crystal Faithful, EURCRO
Shemaiah Servant, USA
Byron/Michelle, USA
VS Home, Mexico
Seth/Lily Free, USA
Joshua/Consuelo, CA
Stephen/Rejoice, Mexico

James/Christina, USA
Tim/Rejoice/Dove, USA
Christmas, Japan #400
Dominique, Japan
Steven/Mercy, Japan
Mike/Faith, China
Andy/Joy, Japan
Matthew/Claire, China
Andrew/Mercy, China
Clay/Victory, China
Peter/Crystal, China
Philip/Jewel, China
Paul/Ruthie, China
Jay/David, Japan
JSC, Japan
Ptr/Cir/Fra/Prl, Japan
David/James, Japan
Tim/Comfort, So.
CLP/PPC, Taiwan
Francisco/Joanna, SA
Marco Vinicio, SA
Naum, SA

Once Upon a Time ...

By Jaz, WS

I had the very interesting experience today of becoming the victim of reverse psychology. First let me backtrack a little. Quite a while ago I came across a book called "Annie Stories." The principle the author was talking about was simple enough, although somehow it took her a whole book to explain the intricacies of it. I never did much more than skim through the chapter titles and some of the text, but the premise was interesting, and it stuck with me. (Note: For a summary and key portions of this book, see *Raise 'Em Right*, pg.327.)

The idea is that when there's a problem or difficulty, one way of helping your child to cope with it is by telling her a little story with her as the main protagonist. Without knowing all the scientific or technical details or background, I've found it to work very well for me, and I use it often.— Especially at those before-bed fussy times when Kimby gets overtaken by a

sudden uncontrollable urge to do anything but go to bed. There are those times in my day when all forms of reasoning, correction and discipline fail, and when I know that no matter what I do, Kimby is so tired and irrational it will only aggravate her further. Either that or I just want to try something different.

And so I say, "Let me tell you a story." And she's all excited about this, of course. So off I go. "Once upon a time there was a little girl named ..." And she says, "Kimby!" I continue, "And she lived with her mommy and daddy and baby sister. One night it was time to go to bed, and little Kimby really didn't want to. She was feeling sad and she was crying. But then her mommy said to her, 'Kimby, you don't need to cry. Jesus can help you to be happy and to have sweet dreams.' And Kimby said, 'Really?' And her mommy said, 'Yes, shall we ask Jesus now?' ..." And on we go—ending of course with the desired wrap-up: "And after that

Kimby was so happy to curl up in her bed, and she closed her eyes and went right to sleep."

The situation and examples are adapted each time according to whatever lesson I'm trying to drive home, but I've found this principle to work very well in helping her to "take" to certain things that she has less than a fondness for doing. Unbeknownst to me, however, all the times that I was using this skilful tactic on her were not going unnoticed, as my experience of today clearly illustrates.

It was Parent Day, and I had settled dear little two-and-a-half-year-old Kimby down for a nap that she was obviously not going to take, but I figured at least she would get some rest and lying-down time. All was well for a while, but then all of a sudden she burst out into loud tears. I went over to her and asked her what was wrong, comforted her, and then lay down next to her for a while. She then said to me, "Shall I tell you a story?" I said, "Okay." So she began, "Once upon a time there

was a little girl named Kimby, and she was crying in her bed. Then her mommy came and said, 'It's okay, you don't need to cry.' And then Kimby said, 'Okay, Mommy,' and she was happy again."

I congratulated her on the nice story, and then she looked up at me and said, "Shall I tell you another story?" Sure, I thought, why not? She was apparently on a roll. Off we went again: "Once upon a time there was a little girl named Kimby, and she was crying in her bed. Then her mommy came in to see her. Then Kimby said to her mommy, 'Can I get up now and go play with my toys?'" At this point she looked up at me hopefully.

I laughed quietly to myself. "So what did her mommy say?" I asked. She looked up at me with a half-sheepish, half-expectant look on her face. "I don't know," she said.

What could I say? Child psychology, apparently, works just as well on those of us who have hit puberty and beyond. Naptime was effectively over. ●

Kaity Pandita, 6th child, born to **Sunshine and Sammy** on July 19.—Mexico
Derek Alan, 3rd child born to **Nina and Mike** on August 30th.—USA
Keife Anthon, born to **Brisa and Peter** on September 12.—Brazil
Chad, 2nd child, born to **Joni and Vas** on October 19.—Mexico
Simon-Pierre, born to **Joy and Stephen** on October 21.—France
Darren Victor, born to **Marie and Oli** on October 25.—Uganda
Tomas, born to **Esperanza and Lucas** on October 26.—Chile
Ken, 5th child, born to **Rose and Joseph**, born on October 26.—Japan
Catherine Anne, 5th child born to **Vessel and Gideon** on November 1.—USA
Ashley Bryanna, 2nd child, born to **Alisa and Josh** on November 4.—Japan
Aitana, born to **Carolina and Daniel** on November 6.—Portugal
Gabriel Happy, born to **Mary and Matthew** on November 15.—Hungary
Natali, born to **Linda and Josiah** on November 19.—Mexico
Baby boy, born to **Natalie and Jason** on November 21.—Slovenia
Tony, born to **Joy and Abner** on November 21.—Russia
Kesia Susanne, born to **Malika and Douglas** on November 27.—Tanzania
Cristopher Antony, 2nd child, born to **Tabitha and Pedro Emanuel** on December 10.—Brazil

tidbits

New CM disciples ...
November '99

Freddy (24, Peruvian)
joined in Peru.

Heber (22, Peruvian)
joined in Peru.

Vitaly (24, Ukrainian)
joined in Ukraine.

Rebecca (23, Kazakh)
joined in Kazakhstan.

backtracking

◆ Emily Luevano was born to Meekness and Miguel (in Brazil) on March 13, not March 12. (*Grapevine #71*)

◆ Rylan Montel, 1st child, was born to Maria and Francis on September 15.—Slovakia. (*Grapevine #77*)

◆ In *Grapevine #79* we announced the birth of Reesa Shannon, 2nd child, to Joy and Michael. It should have read, Reesa Shannon, 1st child, born to Mina and Michael. Sorry about that!

Attention writers!

By WS

Thank you, dear Family, for your prayers for the *Activated* program. It's beginning to catch on as you witnesses offer the magazine to those you witness to and lead to the Lord. The Lord has said that this program will be a tremendous blessing to many and we expect to see it grow by leaps and bounds this year as more of you get *Activated*.

The *Activated!* magazines are the primary medium for feeding our subscribers, so please keep their production in your prayers. As you know, *Activated!* is a subscription magazine, which means the *Activated!* production team needs to produce a new mag every month. In order to do so they are in need of plenty of material to make each magazine interesting and feeding. To make these mags what they need to be we need *your* help from wherever you are!

If you have the burden and some experience with writing, then we invite you to contribute to the *Activated* magazine, and **if your work is published we'll send you a cash gift!**

Interested? If so, read on.

If you have an unusual personal testimony of how you came to know the Lord and/or the Family, and if you'll ask the Lord to help you convey it in an interesting and well presented format, we'd love to publish it.

We're also looking for personal testimonies of healing, overcoming life's obstacles, dealing with trouble and adversity, supernatural protection, and other miracles, written with the GP in mind.

Or, if you have a talent for expressing yourself in an interesting or appealing way, then we also welcome general interest articles to keep the magazines lively and varied. Such articles could include: experiences as a missionary in a far-flung field (a regular column with these type of articles might be nice), true-life humorous stories with positive morals, general articles concerning children and their care, Bible studies that are geared toward a wide audience, etc., etc.

Pointers to bear in mind when writing your article:

- Please include your full name in the article (or a pen name if you prefer not to use your legal name).
- Since the *Activated* magazine is designed for a GP readership, please avoid using Family lingo (i.e., "tapenessing", "selah", "sheep", etc.).
- Please bear in mind that we try to keep the articles in the *Activated* magazine to a maximum of two pages (about 800 words) or three pages (about 1,200 words). Even a one-page article (about 400 words) would be fine. Any articles received will be edited to the proper length so you don't have to worry about getting it just right.

- Please refer to the checklist at the end of FSM 299 ("Help Wanted: Family Journalists"), for pointers on writing publishable articles. We'd suggest you review the whole FSM if you can as it has lots of helpful tips.
- Please include enough details, filling in all the gaps so as to make the article as full and interesting as possible. As much as possible, please include names and places and other facts. The more time you take filling out your article with interesting and attention-grabbing details, the more chance there is that we'll be able to use it. It's better to make the article on the long side, with plenty of details, and we can then edit it down to the appropriate length, rather than making it too short and leaving interesting facts out.

ARTICLES WANTED

Unusual personal testimony
Healing
Overcoming life's obstacles
Dealing with trouble and adversity
Supernatural protection
Other miracles
Experiences as a missionary
True-life humorous stories
Articles concerning children and their care
Bible studies geared to all

We can't promise to publish all the articles we receive, and to maintain a variety for our readership, we won't print those similar in nature. **But if your article is published in an *Activated* magazine, WS will send you a gift of \$30.**

If your article is not used in *Activated*, there's a good chance that it could be used in another Family publication, and although we cannot offer a cash gift for these, we believe the Family will benefit from your contributions.

Please send any articles via e-mail to: articles@activated.org, or via your CRO Office to "WS: Activated team".

We're looking forward to receiving your articles. If they are selected for publication, we pray the gift will be a blessing to you and your Home, as well as provide an avenue to use your talents to help reach the world with His message! If the Lord is leading you to help, then we pray He'll bless and anoint your efforts and make your article effective and feeding to the *Activated* readership. We love you!

PS to graphic artists: Do you have artistic talent and experience with painting programs (i.e. Photoshop or Painter) or 3D modeling programs (i.e. Lightwave or 3D Studio Max)? Do you have the time and burden to contribute to create graphics and/or photographic artwork of the same quality as the graphics used in the *Activated* magazine? If so, we'd be interested in seeing samples of your work. Please contact the *Activated* team at production@activated.org. There will always be a need for graphics for the *Activated* magazine, so you may be able to help!

Even though it might be considered a “hard saying” and makes us think, “Yikes, what’s going to happen now?” the truth is that this Shakeup thrills our hearts. The first thing I thought when I was reading it was, “Thank You Jesus! Why did we have to wait so long for a solution like this?” I believe this is a great blessing, this being “dealt with as with sons” and being disciplined so that we don’t arrive at a state in which there is no way to correct us and the Family is destroyed as a result. As we know, it’s more dangerous to have an enemy on the inside than ten on the outside. And by allowing so much compromise in the spirit and the physical, we were destroying the foundations of our faith, the objectives and beliefs that gave birth to this Family. So S2K, you are welcome!

—ADULT WOMAN, PARAGUAY

The Shakeup 2000 is just what we needed. There is a saying in Spanish that says “*A grandes males, grandes remedios*” (for great diseases, powerful medicine is needed) and that is very true.

I was getting discouraged, seeing that the main reason I joined the Family was kind of disappearing. In our country, System families are very conservative and keep certain principles and rules of respect toward elders and the authority of the parents. Of course, that is not always the rule, but mainly common sense. Sometimes it’s very sad to see Family kids behaving even worse than System kids. I think this revolution is going to shape us up and help us to be better missionaries and samples of Christianity.

—ADULT MAN, PERU

The Shakeup 2000 is really good! I’m overjoyed at what the Lord is doing now and how He is purging the Family. It is needed. Since I joined the Family I’ve had a passionate desire to serve the Lord and reach the lost but in the process I would bump into people who would do nothing but float around trying to find their “happiness” or mock Family doctrines and our basic beliefs regarding

the Law of Love, Loving Jesus and so on. It was hard for me to deal with these people and try to find the balance between judging them and being understanding of their problems. These mailings lay it out clearly how to deal with them. I’m really glad that only the most dedicated and sold-out should deserve to be CM.

—YA GUY, UKRAINE

These GNs are very liberating, but they haven’t liberated me without shaking me up. I have had to look at areas in my life which were not up to Charter standards; notably, my disobedience in not keeping the Charter prescribed alcohol limitations. I have come before my Home for prayer for this, as several had noticed my infraction against the Charter guidelines.

I am fully determined to live what these two Letters entail. I was especially touched by the beautiful vision of the CRO/VS Musketeers. I certainly do not count myself of their caliber, but do know that the type of commitment that these dear Musketeers exhibit is the only kind of commitment that allows me to enjoy the full peace and happiness that Jesus would pour upon me.

—FGA ADULT, SLOVAKIA

The Shakeup 2000 has given me a wonderful feeling of security, knowing that our shepherds will not stand anymore for sub-standard discipleship. It’s gonna help us as a church to get rid of all our weights and fly to higher heights of service than ever before.

—MALE, NIGERIA

I got such a shakeup from the S2K GN, which pulled me up to my feet. Reading this GN was like standing on the edge of an abyss where there is no way back; I had to make a definite decision without wavering, and I know that the only way is a step of faith—forward.

There are such beautiful promises in the GN for the ones who make the right decision, who choose God’s best and decide to serve Him 100%. Looking back at my 23 years of life I see clearly that I haven’t been that

happy or peaceful; I haven’t laughed that sincerely or that much, I haven’t felt that much love and understanding as since I’ve come to the Lord and have been living under His wings. For the sake of all these blessings, I want to live in the Lord—giving my one life and receiving 1,000 instead.

—FEMALE, KAZAKHSTAN

The Shakeup 2000 has made me evaluate myself. Am I really living the Charter? Do I really want to pay the price and make the sacrifice of being CM? I really like the way the choice is being presented to us. We are not forced at all. It speaks clearly that the Lord wants quality and not numbers. As far as I am concerned, this world hasn’t offered me anything better since I met the Lord 15 years ago. In a way I have no choice. Thank you Dad, Mama and Peter for not compromising, and for being very straightforward.

—FGA MALE, MAURITIUS

The S2K is such a liberation to me! The post-Charter era for me was a time of confusion. With all the different standards and many people, I feel, using their liberty as an occasion for the flesh, I felt topsy-turvy and thrown for a loop.

Different standards that we would try to set for our kids as “CM” were thrown into question because other “CM” kids were hanging out at malls, eating junk food, being disrespectful, cursing, watching TV, and all kinds of ungodly computer games and movies. I was always hit with, “Oh Mom, we are the ONLY Home like that! You are just so old-fashioned and out of it!” Frankly, I was really confused and didn’t know what to think anymore or in what direction things were going. All I could do was hang on and do the best we could to follow the Lord’s leading.

But these S2K letters tie it all together—the dedication and self discipline standard that we had before, along with the freedom and liberty to live according to our faith. I think this purging and shaking of the tree is going to bring forth lots of fruit and I am really excited about it.

—FEMALE, USA

legal and media

UKRAINE

LECTURE AT THE KIEV MOGILA ACADEMY – Job and Esther: We were invited to give a lecture on The Family at one of the most prestigious Universities in Ukraine. There were 25 students attending, all of whom spoke English. We spoke on the history of the Family, our basic beliefs, activities, etc. More than half the students listened with interest, but when we started talking about our sex beliefs and the controversies about the Family, we had everyone's full attention. We gave our personal testimonies and a clear salvation message. After the lecture the professor, who does not understand English, said, "I don't know what you were talking about, but they certainly were

interested and were responding more than during the lectures of the other religious groups!"

HUNGARY

VISIT FROM RELIGIOUS SOCIOLOGIST AND STUDENTS FOR STUDY – John, Ruby and Faithy: On November 4th, 15 students of sociology and their professor, from a Budapest university, came for a visit to study our way of life and beliefs. John, Faithy, Patience and Peter from our Home talked with them for about two hours, answering the students' questions. In the beginning, they were a bit indifferent, but they left our meeting inspired and impressed. They asked about how we differ from

other church groups, so we talked about our Endtime vision, eternal salvation and no need for water baptism. We also touched on the subject of the former practice of Flirty Fishing, and sex in the Family, which led into talking about persecution. We shared with them testimonies of supply and how we operate financially. They also had questions about our Family structure, leadership, the rules in the Charter and what happens with the second-generation teens. They were really interested in our way of life. In the end, they wanted to see the children, so we brought them down and sang a song together. One of the girls may write her diploma paper on the subject of the Family.

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1999 MEDIA COVERAGE

DENMARK

Michael, Joan, Andrew, Celina and Sharon: Joan was interviewed (in Danish) on Copenhagen University Radio (audience: 15,000) on November 24 by Charlotte Sørensen, who she had met on her way home from clowning. We gave her the *Famine for Love* CD and she played "One Day at a Time" as part of the interview. We gave the salvation message and talked about our life and past 27 years of work.

SOUTH AFRICA

Anthony, Talitha, Sam and Angela: A Christian Website posts our follow-up sheet "The Fax of Life" on their front page as the day's reading. They have so far published 15 faxes, each of which is a full *Daily Might* page with an added intro. They have approximately 14 thousand log-on's per week, and our material is on it about four times a week.

John, Marianne, Jamie and Sharon: On October 26, Radio Kingfisher (audience: 80,000) held a favorable interview with Jamie and Sharon on a weekly half-hour missions station.

BOSNIA

Andrew, Miracle and Larissa: On Nov. 20th, RTK TV Kosovo (audience: 50,000) gave a special report on the UNICEF program to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the convention on the "Rights of the Child." The report showed clips of our performance and clown routine. It was very favorable! This was in Pristina, Kosovo, but the channel broadcasts by satellite in Albania and elsewhere.

HUNGARY

Gabe, Flower and Ruthie: *Maraton* (circulation: 40,000) printed a favorable article in Hungarian about our home

schooling on November 17.

KENYA

Paul, Olivia and Michael: The children performed at a music festival in Nairobi, Kenya, for 1,000 people on November 17, and were interviewed on a nationwide radio program, *Metro FM* (audience: 1 million) where they sang and talked about our CTP work here in Kenya.

ROMANIA

Tino, Mary, Shane and Niki: *Terra Sat* (audience: 20,000) aired a favorable interview with Tino. Tino gave an explanation about our local CTP projects with the orphanages that we visit. This show was broadcast three times in Craiova.

UKRAINE

Job, Ruth, Daniel and Esther: *Den (The Day, in Ukrainian; circulation: 25,000)* printed two articles on November 20 in which The Family was mentioned. One of them mentioned us in a negative light (along with some other NRMs).

A booklet from the National Committee of Religious Affairs is being distributed (so far circulation is about 500), entitled "Material on Christian Inter-confessional Meetings. Luke 6:36." The subject matter is mostly religious organizations and humanitarian aid, and includes the laws on religious organizations. One article talks about the ineffectiveness of some of the traditional religions (in the sphere of humanitarian help), but mentions that the Family is helping the needy and helping in the prisons' rehabilitation programs, etc., and that others should follow our example.

BOTSWANA

Precious, Juan and Letizia: We saw an

interview with two clowns in Taiwan on CNN on October 18. They said that the clowns were from The Family and doing Christian missionary work there, along with a super positive interview.

ROMANIA

Levi, Sara and Esther: Lily Field returned to Romania with 170m of hose for the City Hall of Arad. *Pro TV Arad* did an interview with Lily, reaching 100,000. *Observer*, a local newspaper wrote a few positive lines about us in an otherwise negative article about the humanitarian foundations that promised to help and "nothing happened."

Josiah, Joy, Confidence and Joy B.: We did two performances on the International Day of the Elderly. One of them was broadcast on local TV (audience: 300,000).

POLAND

Steven, Grace, Matthew and Gloria: TV1 and TV2 news broadcasts, *Radio Szczecin* and the newspaper *Glos Szczecinski* gave favorable coverage about our charity work. On TV we were shown throughout the day as part of a nationwide charity event raising support for the needy in our area (audience: 10 million).

USA

Marc and Claire: We received a request for an interview with a *Voice of America* reporter, regarding how the Family views Y2K, our apocalyptic beliefs and whether we believe the world will end with Y2K, etc. It was a good opportunity to witness, and we were really able to get the message out about receiving Jesus as the most important preparation for the Endtime, as well as the role of Christians in the Endtime. This reporter came to us via the *Countdown to Armageddon* site. Besides being aired to several million people, the interview will be posted on the *Voice of America* Web site!

brotherhood

From the Homes in Southwest

France: We had a very nice weekend area fellowship in the beautiful Pyrenees mountains! All the local FM/CM Homes were there. Most everybody arrived on Friday. Saturday was a free day for all to meet and chat together. In the afternoon, Cephas took the older children sledding in the snow, while the smaller children went to the park. After dinner, we had a big inspiration in the main room, followed by communion. Then there was a video for the younger ones while the JETTs on up had a dance night.

On Sunday morning, the teens took care of the children so that all the adults could meet together for a prayer meeting, to listen to the Lord about our children and teens. All of us adults are very concerned about them and the influences of Western society on them, so it couldn't have been more timely and encouraging! Afterwards, we poured out our hearts and shared the lessons we are learning about our children and teens. We felt melted together in unity and brokenness. It was so inspiring. Then we had prayer for everyone's personal requests. We left in the afternoon, happy and refreshed! TTL! •

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The Web ministry is continuing to blossom. *Countdown to Armageddon* has continued to receive many distinct visits, which is undoubtedly the result of the beginning of the year 2000. Stats are as follows:

Countdown to Armageddon

Distinct Visits: 46,023
Hits: 879,463

JAPAN—November 1999

[HTTP://WWW.FAMILY.GR.JP](http://www.family.gr.jp)

Stats:

We got 16,984 visits: A tremendous increase due to the Christmas season! (Last month was 4,962.) 3,833MB (3.8GB) downloaded: The highest ever!

Christmas additions:

"What is Christmas?" (Christmas Q&A with salvation message)

Two new wallpapers (November calendars with Christmas card pictures)

Christmas Screensaver (Christmas card pictures)! It was downloaded 852 times! It's really inspiring that many people see our Christmas card pix everyday for a screensaver and wallpapers!

If you are interested in downloading the Christmas Screensaver (770KB), here is the URL:

Jeremy Spencer

Distinct Visits: 18,230
Downloaded: 20,419 megabytes
Hits: 95,847

Thai Site

Distinct Visits: 11,006
Downloaded: 5,501 megabytes
Hits: 187,473

<http://www.family.gr.jp/christmas/screensaver/saver/screen1.exe>

Christmas Songs MP3 Download: eight songs from Christmas CDs. In three weeks they were downloaded 695 times!

Christmas Coloring Pages: Black and white version of the Christmas card pictures for coloring.

Christmas Desktop Theme: downloaded 309 times in two weeks!

E-mail responses

We receive many requests for the link to our Christmas site. Two Internet magazines introduced our site and two more will do so in December. Here are some e-mail responses we received:

- I saw your Homepage. I'd like to help you. Where should I send stuff for humanitarian aid?
- Hello. My name is Ayumi and I am a 10th grader at Daimon High School. In our information science class, we were assigned to make a personal Homepage with information of a book in our school library. We also make a link to related Homepages. I chose a book titled "The Day 'Silent Night' Was Born". Could I please have a link to your site?
- Your Homepage is so cute that I got totally turned on. So beautiful. My three children were also sitting in front of the screen engrossed.
- I read "Christmas Gift to You" [tract]. I was disgusted with myself today, but this [tract] really helped me.
- Your Homepage made me want to tell my children how wonderful Christmas really is.
- I've been wanting to know the history of real Christmas. I was so happy when I found just what I was looking for. I have a small English school. I can now teach true history of Christmas to my students. Thank you! •

JUST FOR FUN!



Here's a peek into what the North America NPC has been doing lately... all those bags and boxes of mail—those were your Feast mailings! Whatta team!

Christmas News!

By Abe and Mercy, Taiwan

For the last three Christmas seasons, we have been putting on programs in orphanages and homes for the handicapped. The Lord showed us to do the same this year. When we arrived at our first orphanage, to our surprise six newspaper reporters were waiting for us! It turned out that the orphanage had sent out a press release about our program.



Happy Rock 'n' Roll time as some of the orphans dance with our kids

Our show was a big hit and the reporters were taking pictures like crazy and asking us tons of questions about our children and our work. We didn't think much of it, but the next day, all six major daily newspapers carried articles about us. Several had large pictures of the kids singing and dancing with the orphans and handicapped children; all wrote favorably about our work, lifestyle and beliefs. The total circulation of all papers exceeded one million.

Over the next few days and weeks, we received many phone calls from people who wanted to help our work and open their doors for us to get out the Christmas message. One man who read the articles sent us a beautiful full leather living room sofa set—a real answer to prayer, as our old one was falling apart. A local church we had been in contact with was so moved that the pastor came with a group of his elders to present us with a large donation. Even during get-out people often recog-

nize us and call over, "Oh, there is the family with the nine children!"

Another phone call came from the city government. After seeing us in the newspaper, they wanted us to be the main performers for their special ceremony to light up the tallest Christmas tree in Taiwan. Besides us, they only invited one other group.

We prepared a special popular Chinese song for the event sung by Esther (16), which is a prayer asking for God's blessings, though it does not come across religiously. Before the song, Elisabeth (12) gave a short speech in Chinese, expressing our heartfelt prayers and best wishes for the people of Taiwan in the coming year, especially in light of the devastating earthquake barely three months ago. The event was broadcast live on prime time TV, and the mayor of the city presented us with a plaque of appreciation.

This whole chain of events was a big encouragement to us. For the past three years, we have been doing CTP ministries quietly and without seeking any recognition; we just did it for souls and because we knew that's what the Lord wanted us to do. Then suddenly the Lord turned on the bright lights and sent lots of media attention our way. Thank the Lord that we know from the Word that these things usually don't last very long, and that we need to make the most out of it to get out His message!

By David and Space Camp Home, Japan

Children's shows: During the Christmas season, we visited three institutions and old folks' homes with all the kids. The shows were simple and far from perfect, but the people were happy. All together more than 60 souls were saved during our visits.

Wedding salvations: With the arrival of Christmas, James and I have been witnessing about salvation to almost all the couples that are betrothed in our wedding ceremonies. As a result, more than 32 souls have been saved, including staff members at the wedding places.

Influencing others' lives: I received the following reaction from a Korean fellow whom I met during his one-year study visit in Japan last year. Although he didn't receive the Lord with me or make a commitment to becoming a Christian, he returned to Korea and got married to a Christian lady and started going to her church. He wrote me, "Dear David, my friend, I've started going to church recently. My wife is a Christian and she guided me to her church. However, I think I was originally influenced by you, through our conversation during my stay in Japan last year. Thank you." A little love can change people's life and attitudes.

The power of a tract: While out on business, shopping or during a lunch

Mercy and the children cheering up a handicapped boy





The handicapped children enjoying the show

break between my wedding ministry, I am generally in the habit of giving a tract or poster to the people I interact with—waiters, shop workers, etc. During one of my visits to a certain restaurant, the manager came up to me with a big smile and said, “Thank you so much for the little booklet you gave me last time! [Referring to the *Key of Happiness*—a local pub.] It changed my life and I’ve been looking forward to meeting you again!” Upon hearing his reaction, I asked him to receive Jesus into his heart. He did gladly amongst the other customers and staff members. Right after that he gave me an expensive bottle of Italian wine as a Christmas present.

Africa’s hour: Since we started ministering to many African students in our city, plus giving them tools and materials to take back to their countries to share with their friends and relatives, we have been receiving lots of inspiring reactions from other Africans who write and ask us for spiritual guidance and counsel for their lives. They respectfully refer to us as Pastor Dave and Pastor James, and humbly ask for our spiritual

support. It is indeed Africa’s hour and we feel so privileged to help reach the African sheep from the faraway country of Japan.

Our stats: As a Home, over the Christmas season we distributed 26,214 posters, 704 videos, 2,000 CDs/

audio tapes, and led 562 souls to the Lord! We also had 142 visitors in our Home, mainly African students.

By the Islamabad Home, Pakistan

Performances: Our children were a tremendous testimony during our Christmas singing programs. Their performances touched many hearts and brought tears to some, especially the song “Holy Night,” where the kids all stand holding their flashlights while on the video projector in the back Celine Dion is singing along.

At the end of our Christmas program, our children went around with little baskets and gave friendship bands (which they had made themselves) to each of our friends and their children. We had a discussion with the kids

beforehand if we should try to sell them to make a little pocket money, but we all decided to trust the Lord and give out the bands for free. Their faith was rewarded when one of our guests after the show said that he was so impressed with the kids that he wanted to give a gift of \$100—not for tools or for the work but for the kids, ha! So the Lord rewarded the kids’ simple faith.

Our yearly house party: We held our two-day yearly Christmas function at our house and it went very well. Each day over 100 visitors attended. After seeing our kids perform, one man mentioned that their show was the best he’d ever seen at any party here in Islamabad—after attending many functions for over 30 years! The second day we gave out lots of tools. We showed some of our TAs on a huge screen while the guests were waiting for the show to begin



Christmas came early for these two little Chinese orphans, as they open the presents our children prepared for them

and one African gentlemen got up and went immediately to the display table to get four videos right away because, he said, “my kids need those videos!” We are booked for more shows and we will sing for two evenings at the best hotel in town. We have so many engagements that we can’t even do them all!

SACRO Office hits the streets!

(written December 12:) The Lord worked it out for all the members of the SACRO office to hit the streets this Christmas season in an inspired effort to get out a new tool: the Christmas CD/card—a beautiful local package consisting of Christmas cards with a Christmas music CD included! Only two weeks into the Christmas witnessing, we’ve already distributed 500 CD/cards one-on-one!

We know of many Homes that outshine our stats by far, but we’re inspired to be doing our part this Christmas to get out and spread some joy, and are looking forward to lots more witnessing in the coming weeks. We love you!

This picture of Elena (5) singing a Taiwanese folk song joined by handicapped children and the accompanying article were published in one of Taiwan’s most popular dailies.



CHRISTMAS ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE LORD!

(Jesus speaking:) I came into the world to show mercy and forgiveness and sacrificial love. It's the spirit of sacrificial love and compassion that heals the broken heart and changes the hardened heart. There are so many broken-hearted, desperate, longing hearts, hearts that have been damaged and hurt by life's difficulties, by injustice and pain. The Family's willingness to go out with My message of love at Christmas has saved so many hearts from a life of discouragement and hopelessness.

The Family has brought a bright ray of hope, of real love, to those in need. You have no way of knowing all that is behind a life, what problems and pain people have endured, but because you're faithful to witness, to bring them My love, I'm able to use you to touch the hearts of many and give them a new start, new hope, a new love.

It takes dedication, sacrifice and real love for you to get up every morning and go out into the highways and byways and invite them to come into My love. I understand the sacrifices that the Family makes, the hardness that you endure in order to give them a touch of My love, but you have no idea what miracles I'm able to perform because of your sacrificial love and giving. If it weren't for your willingness to go out and give My sheep My Words, I couldn't do the miracles for them that I do.

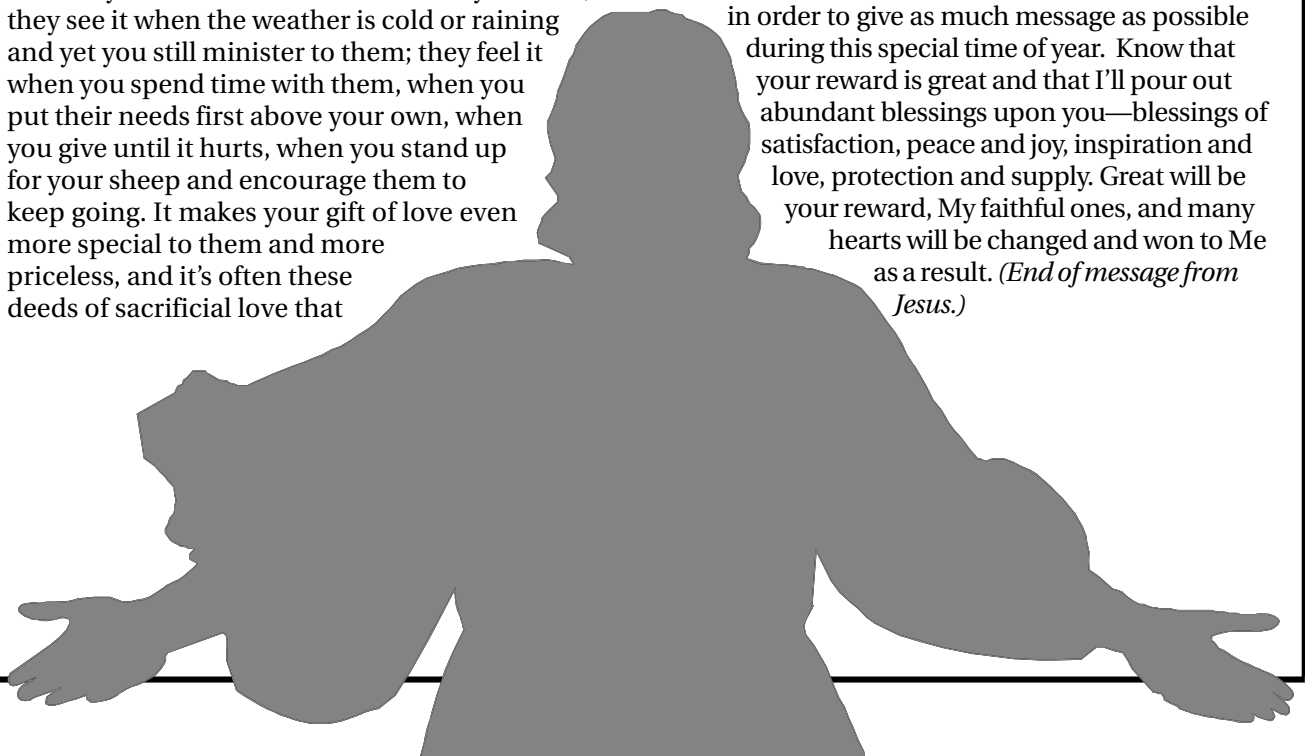
People have seen your sacrifice; they have felt it.—They see it reflected in the love on your face, they see it when the weather is cold or raining and yet you still minister to them; they feel it when you spend time with them, when you put their needs first above your own, when you give until it hurts, when you stand up for your sheep and encourage them to keep going. It makes your gift of love even more special to them and more priceless, and it's often these deeds of sacrificial love that

win the hardest of hearts, the most broken and lost hearts, the loneliest hearts.

You might not feel that you did anything very spectacular to win souls, but the daily sacrifices you have made, your faithfulness to witness, and especially the sacrifice of dedicating more time to witness at Christmas, are very great and blessed by Me. People have really felt your love for them; they have sensed the spirit of love even if they didn't understand it right away, and it has taken root in their hearts and will change many.

You don't have to win the heart of a criminal to be a hero in My eyes, because every heart is precious to Me and worthy of winning. Each one who hungers for My love is very precious to Me and one of My brides that I wish to be united with. Some people will change very quickly once they receive My love, and you'll be able to see the changes and be rewarded for your labors of love. But even if you don't see the changes right away, know that every seed of love and sacrifice that you plant is precious and will bear fruit.

Thank you, My faithful ones, for your much giving, your years of loving the lost and giving of yourselves to see them reached. I'm proud of each one of you who faithfully went out this Christmas bearing precious seeds, scattering the seeds everywhere, and pouring out My message of love to all who would receive it. It has delighted My heart to see how you gave your all and sacrificed so much in order to give as much message as possible during this special time of year. Know that your reward is great and that I'll pour out abundant blessings upon you—blessings of satisfaction, peace and joy, inspiration and love, protection and supply. Great will be your reward, My faithful ones, and many hearts will be changed and won to Me as a result. *(End of message from Jesus.)*



happenings

[The Lord's medical insurance policy]

Hilltop Home, Istanbul, Turkey: Just recently one of our seven-year-olds woke up with a funny expression on her face. At first Mommy Lily thought she was just making faces and asked her to stop doing that. But it wasn't long before we realized that half of her mouth and one of her eyes could not move at all—half of her face was paralyzed. We prayed and monitored it throughout the day and later on the Lord encouraged us to go for a medical check-up.

We have performed a few times in one of the better foreign hospitals here in Istanbul, so we called the head of the hospital for his opinion. He suggested we bring her in for a checkup.

Upon arriving at the emergency room, we were treated as VIPs and taken care of immediately. Our daughter was checked by three specialists, and had to take a series of X-rays. It turned out that she had a cold in her middle ear that affected her facial nerve, and thus the partial paralysis. She is much better now. The initial visit and the three follow-up visits were all taken care of by the hospital and their kind staff, and we ourselves were just so thankful for the Lord's Medical Insurance Policy! PTL and TTL for His healing!

[Fundraiser working for us]

Peter, Esther, Maria, Kazakhstan: One day we got an e-mail from Mr. C., who is a flight attendant for British Air. He also regularly has articles published in their magazine for workers. While staying in a hotel near us, he found our newsletter and was very inspired to help us. Soon we were able to meet him on one of his trips to Almaty. We took time to explain what we do and give a small witness.

This month when we met him again he brought five bags of clothes and a donation. Not only that, but he also wrote two articles about our work in the cabin crew magazine for British Airways, "Contact," (reaching 25,000), with a plea to help us. The two-page article "Two Angels of Almaty," complete with pictures of our work, is coming out this month. GBH! He helps us on his own initiative and always encourages us to have faith and ask big. We found out that he was a professional fundraiser before and cooperated with UNICEF as well. You never know how the Lord will supply your needs!

[Into the seminar business]

Gabe, Flower and Csaba, Hungary: A sweet journalist lady we know became a friend of the Family at the time of the French and

Argentine persecutions. She wrote an article at the time about our home schooling, which elicited a good response. She then moved to our town, and had the idea to write again about our home schooling, to see if we could somehow fundraise through giving schooling seminars. After her article was printed, we got more than 30 phone calls from people asking for more info.

This month we began giving seminars to these people, mainly using Glenn Doman's and Montessori methods. One of the mommies started making word cards for her two-year-old right after the first seminar, and a week later when we met for the second session, her daughter could already read 20 words! The other parents got so on fire, and we are now making arrangements between all of us on how we can help each other make materials. They are asking their friends who have print shops to help with printing, etc.

We are selling our videos as well, and are able to witness about our lifestyle and the Family overall. We felt from one of the prophecies that we received about this ministry that the Lord is preparing us, as in case of persecution we will already have a bunch of sold-out people who will stand by us for our kids. We will continue with the seminars, as more and more people continue to phone us for counsel.

[A jingle, a singer, a soul, a ticket ...]

Maria Swiss, Mideast: You might know the feeling, if you're in a small Home on the field where every penny that comes in gets "swallowed" immediately into the budgeting envelopes. You kind of cringe at the thought of presenting the Home with your need to raise extra funds for a ticket. Well, such was my position last April, and the Lord not only put it in my heart, pointing out several good reasons for that trip, but confirmed in prophecy that He would supply in His Own way.

A business friend of ours asked me to write a commercial jingle if possible in Arabic, for his insurance company. I had sung him a song written for the people here once which he really liked, but though I told him I wasn't really a songwriter—especially not of that type—he insisted. The Lord miraculously got it started and Mike Piano agreed to make a dynamic 30-second musictrack, GBH! Then this friend didn't like the Arabic words and decided to re-write them himself. He's is a poet but not a musician, and I sat on my bed in total desperation, when the Lord and no doubt some local spirit helper punched through with a perfect combination of lines fitting into the music!

Victory was near, but after listening to the trial recording, our customer changed his

mind, saying that a native Arabic singer should sing it instead of a foreigner. Back to the Lord we went, in prophecy and great desperation. To make a long story short, the Lord miraculously led us to Noel, a sheep who was eager to help. She even had a friend in a studio that helped do a very good recording and we both sang it together.

This girl almost died not long ago, as she took some dangerous medicine to try to get pregnant. She was down to 37 kg., and in the hospital. Since then she got saved and is hungry for the Word. She wants help for a radio program she's doing and we're supplying her with some good material, especially for Christmas. She keeps saying it's a miracle how we met and she wants to work with us; we really could use her help too.

Now, for the end of the story: a brother in the Home with a LOT of faith for finances drew up a nice bill for the jingle, and a YA guy and myself traveled two hours away to go and present our product!

The chairman, our friend, was in a very bad mood and almost getting up to leave because his colleague and co-signer for all company financial matters had just suffered a stroke and was lying in bed at home. He sent us downstairs to another office for the chief accountant to check the bill. He said he was okay with it, but he didn't think *they* would be. We were wondering why the Lord had allowed things to happen this way.

Having received only vague answers, we went off to a little café to ask the Lord's advice for what to do, as we didn't feel like leaving without a specific YES. The Lord said we should show understanding and sympathy, and offer to go visit the sick man at his home with our friend, which we did. We brought him some flowers, a card and some comforting quote sheets, which he really appreciated. Both he and his family were happy to see us. We even sang a couple of popular local songs together with our friend, forgetting all about the business of the day.

After a while our friend excused himself, saying he was tired and wanted to go home—and added that we should not worry, that there was no problem at all about the payment for the jingle and that he would take care of it, saying that he liked it very much!

So the Lord supplied way above the ticket money I needed! My daughter's baby was cute—and the trip was a wonderful answer to many prayers as I was also able to make reconciliation with some ex-members. And for the "and more..." part of the story ... it's only the beginning of another one, as the Lord also got His money's worth and threw in some extra—using the trip to lead me into the arms of a very wonderful, dedicated, understanding, gentle, sweet mate that I have prayed and waited for. TTL!

MAMA'S MAILBOX

To Mama and Peter from Dust
— January 1, 2000

My dear queen and king,

God bless you and Happy New Year! Last night, New Year's Eve, was beautiful! The whole Feast was beautiful, so very feeding and full of new and wonderful treasures from our precious Husband and Maker, Jesus! I love you dearly, Mama and Peter!

Let me start this letter by telling you that I'm still here, and that by the grace of God, I'm yours and the Lord's forever. Whether I sit at your round table as a privileged knight, or whether I till the land as a simple peasant, it doesn't matter. I'm still your loyal subject either way. You are my queen and my king and I love you. I'm here to serve you in whatever capacity you and the Lord see fit. Praise and glory to our lovely Jesus, our Husband and Lord!

In fact, now that I've been at it for just a little while, I've found contentment and fulfillment in just being a missionary and Home member, doing what I can to be a help and blessing. There's always lots to do and I've found fun and challenge in taking care of babies, cooking, cleaning, driving and doing pick-ups, not to mention the thrill of witnessing to these dear people, although I do wish my Spanish were more fluent so that I could communicate better. I'm going to have to work on it and study a bit. I love Mexico! I pray that part of the new anointing which the Lord has promised for this new era of greater works will include a better command of Spanish for me.

I think I'm finally coming to a place where I'm learning to look at success and failure the same. Maybe I'm even finally learning to become a man as the saying goes. But you don't know how I've battled with this and how difficult it has been to accept failure and to face my mistakes. I don't even want to tell you of how I have tried to justify myself, and have grappled with every detail of my demotion and have kicked against this correction. It's all been so very hard to cope with. And of course, it has crushed my pride. I can only

hope that I'm left with some small grain of humility.

No matter how hard I tried to find a way for it to be otherwise, I kept coming to the realization that **God is right and I was wrong**. Pretty smart, huh? Well, it has been quite a fight just to arrive at this simple truth. I've had to battle through a lot of pride, self-righteousness and self-justification, not to mention the condemnation and terrible sense of failure. And of course, it's much easier to figure that it's not exactly God, but it's everyone *else* who must be wrong. Lately, though, it has been more difficult to deal with failure and lack of hope, than with my pride, which is pretty ridiculous by comparison. But in any case, when I finally came to this realization (that I was wrong and that God is right), I had no choice but to yield. Thank God!

Lately it seems that everywhere I turn and every Letter that I read, I'm seeing the value of precious humility. Even in the latest message from Jesus, "Intimate Details of My Life!", it brought tears to my eyes to see that even He was tempted with pride and had to fight it off in order to follow the "humility plan". It was so touching to see that even Jesus was tempted with pride. Of course He didn't succumb to the temptation like I did, but nevertheless, it's encouraging to see that He was even tempted along those lines.

I remember too, Peter, those times before meetings when you would ask for prayer against pride. Don't think I didn't notice or take it to heart. I only wish I had been more conscientious to follow your example and fight against my pride and to pray against it often. I let it overcome me, when I should have fought against it with everything in me.

I believe I'm beginning to see the importance of humility. It's not just a nice word to describe meek people, but it's essential to walking with Jesus and being good to others. I think humility even causes a person to see and understand things as they really are, with clarity, and not through the distorted prism of pride. Well, it's a very big subject and I don't feel it's my place to elaborate much on humility since it has been a missing element in my life for quite some time. At least now I'm recognizing the beauty of humility and its precious

value. I would like to be humble.

The other morning I prayed and received this prophecy about humility and a couple of other things:

(Prayer:) I love You, Jesus. Good morning. Thank You so much for that beautiful meeting last night, that Loving Jesus time and that message with the intimate details of Your life. Thank You for sharing those things with us. Now it's the third day of the Feast and I just wanted to say good morning to You and tell You that I love You, and ask You if there is anything You'd like to tell me for the day or even for the rest of my life for that matter. Anything You want to say, dear Jesus, please speak to me. You're my Lover, and I love You. Thank You for this time to listen.

(Jesus speaking:) Even though this is a time of hardness in many ways, and I'm calling you to endure hardness as a good soldier, laying aside for the time being the desires of your heart, can you also see how I am blessing you? I'm not only breaking you, but I'm also remaking you. I'm teaching you to draw close to Me. I'm teaching you humility and the scales are falling from your eyes. I am causing this to happen. You're seeing the value of precious humility, you're seeing how important and how precious it is, and how that humility is irrevocably linked to love and other gifts and aspects of My Spirit such as joy, wisdom, peace and true righteousness.

You're also seeing how pride is the way of death and destruction, a road not to be taken. You're seeing how pride is such a hindrance, how it hinders love and humility, how it distorts wisdom and hinders your relations with Me and with others. These are valuable and precious lessons that I'm showing you and that I'm causing you to grasp and learn.

Take hold of these and do not let them go. Let them not depart from your life, but rather keep these things in your heart, these precious lessons of humility and love and wisdom. For as you keep them, they will keep you.—They will keep you from the way of pride, from the pride of life, the pride of man that has so hurt and damaged you in recent times. You have been sorely burned by

your own pride. Satan tempted you with the pride of life, and you fell for the temptation and sinned the sin of pride time and again.

Now you've come to hate it, even with a perfect hatred. You've learned to love humility. For you see her great value. You love her because she has brought peace to your soul. She has brought much love into your life. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Boy, we've really gone through the mill lately. But I'd like you to know that, thanks to your prayers and Jesus, I am at peace, at least for now. I'd also like you to know that by God's grace, I will never ever give up! I had lost hope, but even with all hope gone, I didn't see how I could quit. For one thing, I have no where to go, you have the Words of eternal life.

I'm doing so much better now. I know it's your love and prayers, Mama and Peter, and the prayers of our wonderful Family that are bringing me through, and most of all the love of our Husband, so strong and true to deliver and keep me. Boy, I'll tell you, the Devil has been after me, and has tried to sift and destroy me. But Jesus has kept me.

You've been so very kind in your unconditional and continued love for me. I love you all the more now and want to do my very best for you, just being a little guy in this precious little Home in Mexico.

Thanks again for everything. I'm so very thankful. And again, dear Mama, I'm not quitting, nor ever giving up. By the grace of God, I have not yet begun to fight! Thank you again for the beautiful Feast package and thank You, Jesus, for Your new anointing. I believe in that anointing, and I'm full of hope for what God will do with me and all of our little team here to be witnesses in these Last Days. You, Mama and Peter, are the ones who are such beautiful fighters. You put up with so much and yet you keep going, so loving, encouraging and true. How could I ever let you down? All praise and glory to our Lover and Husband, our dear Jesus! Thank you so very much for all of your love, support and prayers. I desperately need them and you!

Love forever,
Your Dust

Update on *Praisin' U* and *Feed My Lambs* booklets

From the TEAM Foundation

Dear Family,

Hi! WLY! By now, we hope that **most Homes have received the notice that our first products are ready to order.** Yes, the series of *Praisin' U* booklets and *Feed My Lambs* booklets, in full color, and very professional-looking, are now available! Since our notice and flyer was sent out to Homes in North America and Europe around the end of October, we've already received orders from numerous Homes in the USA, Canada and Mexico, as well as from a number of Homes in Eastern Europe, Africa and the Pacific. Here's a list of where orders have come from:

Africa:

Kenya, Uganda, Equatorial Guinea

Pacific:

Taiwan, Philippines, Australia

Eastern Europe:

Russia, Hungary

The ASCRO area has also obtained 300 sets of booklets to distribute to the Homes within its area ... but we still have many more in stock! So keep those orders coming!

Orders can be processed and sent out to you very quickly if ordered by credit card. But if that's not an option

for you, go ahead and order via the options explained in our notice about ordering that you received with our color flier. We're happy to receive your request and will mail you your booklets as soon as possible. (Please note that we will be able to send you your order once we have received both your order *and* payment. If you send either your order or payment or both to us via your TRF, please understand that it could take up to three months till you actually receive the booklets. Thanks!)

Your family and children will love these products, and you will find them very useful in teaching the Word and prayer in your Home. Next up, we hope to begin rolling the presses to produce the **Baby Quote Poster** series, and following that a new and revised color version of the **Baby Remembrance Book**, in which you can capture all those "firsts" in your baby's life. We wish to thank all you dear ones who had a hand in making this product possible! A big thanks from all the TEAM at the FPC Home.

God bless you also as you continue your big job of ministering to others in your part of the world, while at the same time teaching and training your children in His Word. Keep fighting!

Love you lots,
Phil for *TEAM Foundation*

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GREEN MILE, THE (1999)

Tom Hanks, Michael Duncan, David Morse
Intense drama set in 1935 about a veteran death row prison guard who finds more than he bargained for in a new arrival—a seven-foot tall inmate. Based on a novel by Stephen King. Beware of an unpleasant electric chair scene and some implied disturbing violence. Not for sensitive viewers.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, A (1999) Kevin Kline, Michelle Pfeiffer, Stanley Tucci, Calista Flockhart

Film version of Shakespeare's famous play, a romantic comedy about a tangled group of lovers and the strange events that befall them during a night in an enchanted forest. Set in the early 1900s, with dialogue from the original play. The portrayal of the spirits and the fairy kingdom is not accurate, but this is a small part of an otherwise light and entertaining movie.

Movies Rated for OCs

IRON GIANT, THE (1999)

Animated, voices of Jennifer Aniston and Harry Connick, Jr.

Sci-fi cartoon set in 1957 about a giant robot that falls from the sky and lands in a small American town. Lots of sweet lessons and points for discussion, but some bad attitudes by the main boy should be discussed with children.

Movies Rated for YCs and Up

TIMMY'S GIFT

Animated

Half-hour "Precious Moments" animation about a very young angel who flies to Earth with the mission of following the star and delivering a golden crown as a gift to baby Jesus.

Non-Recommended Movies

END OF DAYS (Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne; 1999)

SLEEPY HOLLOW (Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci; 1999)

TALENTED MR. RIPLEY, THE (Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow; 1999)

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The Green Mile

(Dad speaking:) This is a very serious, thought-provoking movie. It's not one to enter into lightly. It's very spiritual, very deep, and there's a strong message in there. It glorifies the Lord! It glorifies healing! It glorifies miracles and the working of God. Praise the Lord that despite all that the Enemy does to pull the wool over the world's eyes, nevertheless, the Gospel is preached.

This is a good movie, yet I don't know that it would be to everyone's liking. It has that intense, heavy quality that not everybody enjoys or appreciates. There have been other movies rated like this, which are meaty and heavy, and those sensitive souls who are easily disturbed or affected by movies might want to skip them.

There are a few little parts in there that are scripturally off, but I think you'll see those right away. It's nothing evil or insidious, just tiresome little man bumbling along his way through life, trying to understand God's workings and paint them on his own canvas in the way that he sees them. I think you'll be able to tell right away which things are not quite the way things really are, and I won't get into too many details here so as to not give away too much of the plot.

But I think the majority of folks will find this one a faith-booster, and a heavy, deep movie that will leave you with a lot to think about and discuss. There are many deep issues addressed here, and it's fascinating to see the impact that one person can have on others. Greater things than these shall ye do, folks! These things are real, so you'd better believe them! Look forward to many such signs and wonderful, miraculous and unexplainable events such as these in your very own future. Praise the Lord! If nothing else, let this movie increase your faith for Endtime signs and wonders. Amen? I love you! *(End of message from Dad.)*

A Midsummer Night's Dream

(Jesus speaking:) This movie is pretty light and fluffy—a love story and comedy. There isn't anything in here that would be detrimental to the people who watch it. It's total fantasy and not a true representation of how nymphs and fairies operate in the spirit world, but if people have an interest and curiosity and wish to become familiar with this particular Shakespearean play, then it's fine.

There is not a lot of substance or lessons, but there is a sweet message of love overcoming all obstacles put in its path, and a generally happy and positive spirit and message. Those who enjoy watching Shakespeare's plays will find this pleasant and enjoyable. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

The Iron Giant

(Dad speaking:) This is a pretty wholesome movie overall. It's a bit of a paradox in a way, because it's hard to put a blanket rating on it, one straight comment that will fit across the board. It's a movie that in many ways is very wholesome, with a sweet message of love and self-sacrifice, of understanding and not judging others by your own prejudices. There are a whole lot of good lessons. But on the other side there are bad attitudes, which are not addressed as being wrong. They don't make up a great deal of the movie, but they are like little snakes in the grass.

So I would say a lot would depend on the situations and the people who would watch it. I would hate to say that the movie isn't watchable, because as I said, it's not only very entertaining but there's a lot of good in there. It's a fun, action-packed, lesson-filled movie. But the onus would be on the parents and teachers to make sure they're actively watching the movie with their kids [as well as asking the Lord if it's good to show to your particular children]—not just sitting back and rocking along, letting them soak in the small influences that the Enemy always tries to sneak in there.

That's true of any movie, really. You're not going to find a System movie that's 100% pure and wholesome, with no evil and muck that can be picked up on. If you go for a walk in the mud, you always stop and wash off your shoes before you go walk on the nice, clean carpet, don't you? So, once you go wading through the Enemy's muck—no matter how nice and appealing it might look or seem on the surface—you always need to have a good scrub-down afterwards. Have a good word of prayer, and pray and ask the Lord if there's anything in what you just saw that should be addressed, or discussed. Ask the kids to find the bad attitudes in the movie: What things did the little boy do that were naughty or wrong in some way? Discuss these with the kids, and then you'll find that you can make good mileage out of even these little negative things that could otherwise stick and cause problems.

I don't think that kids should watch this one on their own, and they shouldn't be watching it over and over again. I also don't think that small children should see it, because it could frighten them. They wouldn't understand what was happening and it wouldn't be good for them to see. But if you have responsible OCs who are Spirit-filled and can discern between right and wrong, and you have a good, prayerful shepherd watching it with them, then I think it will be a fun and enjoyable, entertaining experience for them. *(End of message from Dad.)*

Timmy's Gift

(Jesus speaking:) This is a very cute movie for the little kids. They should watch it with an overseer though, at least for the first time. As there may be some sensitive ones who will get a little scared at parts. But besides that it has very good lessons and is quite entertaining for the young ones. *(End of message from Jesus.)* ●

[We are all stars!]

The Bottom of My Heart, Asia: Sometimes in our area, people talk about how a group of singers or performers are so good, or that the equipment they have is so professional. It begins when that Home comments on how good they are, how professional they always want to be, how important it is to have good a sound system, etc.

Then it comes Christmas time and all of the Homes are performing and singing. Comments like the above make some people feel inferior if they can't make a "great singing team" like the one in the other Home. The truth is just the opposite—the Lord can anoint anybody! Especially now that families with their children are moving to new fields, they need to be encouraged that they can have a "perfect singing team" if they just sing and shine for Jesus. Let's be careful with our comments on what "big singing teams" we want to make ourselves into. Let's remember that the Lord can use anybody who is yielded and willing. Happy singing, everybody!

[My sign]

Kristie, India: Okay, I'll admit it: I'm one of the worst when it comes to faith. I believe in it [prophecy], but I have such a hard time accepting what I get as from the Lord or just my own mind. I'd been asking the Lord for a sign. Like a real clear one. I got in prophecy that I wouldn't see it that night or the next, but one night soon.

Just last night I was looking over *Grapevine* (#75) and I read Jaz's testimony on praying about quiet time with her baby. I thought it was real neat and it sort of boosted my faith. It was the adults' W&R so I was sleeping with two little guys (ages 2 and 3) so their mom could have a decent night's sleep. Another girl and I usually trade off with one of them, but this night I would have them both.

These boys are absolutely adorable but, like everyone, they have their peculiar little problems. One wakes up at 6:00 every morning. And the other (because of cold weather) wets his bed at least once every

night. So as I was getting in bed, thinking of my precious and much dreaded hours to come, I prayed a little prayer for them. I've been going through some major stuff lately; my sister just left and I've been discouraged about some things. I guess reading Jaz's testimony helped me a bit, 'cause I had faith in what I was praying for. I prayed that they would both sleep the night through without wetting their covers, and sleep in in the morning.—A human impossibility, some would say.

I went to sleep right away so I sort of forgot my prayer. Would you imagine? They both slept perfectly, without wetting the bed. One slept till a little past 8:30 and the other woke up near 9:00. I was thinking how great it was when I suddenly remembered my prayer!

Talk about getting the chills. God, it was so amazing! Here I am doubting, and He mercifully gives me a sign to help me have real faith. I know we shouldn't need to depend on signs, but He gave me one, and I am forever grateful.

Our Y2K miracle

By Joseph, Iris, Francesco and John, Curitiba, Brazil

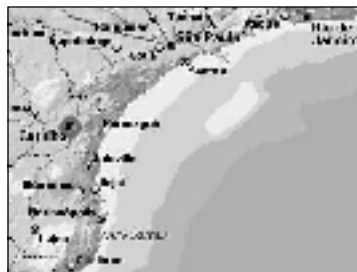
Our city in southern Brazil has three CM Homes that normally depend on and invest in ministries other than provisioning. We have some regular contacts and provision services, repairs, etc., but that's about it. With Y2K approaching, we all counseled and prayed desperately that the Lord would supply for us.

We knocked on several doors, including that of a large supermarket chain that had opened a huge central warehouse near our Home. Leah and Atlanta (adult/YA) managed, after many phone calls, to make an appointment with the Administration Manager. He seemed rather open and we turned in as much of the requested documentation as we could.

After a long wait (over two months) he finally said that the company's lawyer had said our documentation was incomplete and our group could sue them if any problems with the food occurred. Leah assured the manager that it would be against all that we stand for as a missionary group to sue someone after they have

helped us with a donation. She then prayed with him to receive the Lord with her over the phone.

We then prayed and committed it to the Lord, as we had been desperately praying for this since our first contact with this company. A few days later, the phone rang, asking us to bring a truck around for a pickup. It took two days and five seven-meter flatbed trucks to move and store the 18 tons of food that they donated!



The Lord even sent some special items like toys, new dishes, decorations, etc., that our Home hadn't had funds to buy in a long time, which we had to store in three different Homes as they took up so much space! TYJ! We were able to help stock 13 Homes in our and the neighboring state, as well as several local charities, and the company keeps calling. Now they are giving vanloads on a weekly and sometimes daily basis (wow!). A real "Y2K miracle"!

We were right in the middle of the Christmas push and very busy when this enormous job of sorting and distributing the food began, but the Lord told us in prophecy that He was giving us a special mission at this time to distribute this food as the Homes really needed it. He continues to pour in His blessings as we pour it out to others, and has helped our Christmas push to go well too!

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
SOUL SHINERS FOR NOVEMBER '99		
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	3,000	6,000
Madras Deaf Home, India	871	3,484
David/Maria Rosa, Brazil	450	900
Willing, India	410	3,686
Josue/Maria/Salomon/Belen, Mexico	352	2,818
Daniel/Crystal/Steven/Claire, India	351	1,405
Esteban/Amor, Mexico	350	1,050
Ruel/Perla, USA	250	750
Francisco/Joana/Juan/Estrella, Colombia	250	1,000
Teresa/Jimmy, Japan	240	480
POSTER SHINERS FOR NOVEMBER '99		
Barz/Sara/Joao, Portugal	4,010	28,070
Peter/Crystal/Mary, USA	2,327	9,309
Ezequiel/Maria, Mexico	2,108	4,216
Tyndale/Marta, Brazil	2,008	6,025
Steven/Mercy, Japan	1,506	3,012
Abner/Esther/Claire/Sharmini, South Africa	1,250	5,000
Michael/Maria, Japan	1,091	3,273
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	1,070	2,140
Elizabeth/Carol/Marie, Uganda	1,040	14,565
Christmas, Japan	905	905
TAPE SHINERS FOR NOVEMBER '99		
John/Priscilla/Ester, Brazil	937	3,751
Tiago/Clair/Crystal/Esdras, Brazil	562	5,060
Clara/Melody, Brazil	361	1,085
Samuel/Sara, Mexico	355	710
Marcos/Abby, Brazil	274	548
Francisco/Joanna, Brazil	230	690
Josue/Abigail/Caleb, Costa Rica	206	1,030
David/Madalena/Paula, Brazil	204	612
Andres/Liza/Timothy, Brazil	170	854
Samuel/Clara, Spain	170	341
VIDEO SHINERS FOR NOVEMBER '99		
Ben/Meekness, Botswana	125	250
David/Esperanza/Santiago, Peru	46	140
Felipe/Victoria, Colombia	45	90
Juan/Amor, Chile	37	150
David Searcher/Pandita First Love, Japan	30	120
Jesse/Maria Clara, Brazil	28	142
Marcos/Abby, Brazil	25	51
Mark/Maria/Nick/Hepsi, Ghana	23	188
Francisco/Paloma/Millie/Pablo, Chile	23	115
Mateus/Karenina, Brazil	21	42

Shine on! — November '99

help wanted

Greetings from the coooold but beautiful far eastern Russia! There are only two Homes in this whole half of Russia! We are involved with shows at prisons, army bases, orphanages etc., and a lot of follow-up and feeding the sheep. We will be teaming up with three more wonderful and on-fire disciples, but as we are a small Home (of six voting members, and a three-year-old) we'll need your help to keep this army going, especially with winter (that could get down to -35)! Please send your donations, big or small, to **Khabarovsk Home, Russia**, and we promise to send you a personal thank-you and newsletter! WLY!

Hi my name is **Michael (16, Irish/Nigerian, of Joan Irish)**. I'm presently living in South Africa. I've had a burden for quite some time to go and reach deeper into Africa but I am in a desperate need of funds, for my fare and home support. Is there any way you could help, big or small? I would really appreciate it. God bless you! Much love and prayers, Michael. Please contact me through the African ABM or via e-mail: tfvsi@infotech.co.za.

Personals

Marianne (of Jonathan and Sarah) is looking for **Joyanna, Jamie and Tirzah (of Mary Mom)**. E-mail: pdt@bronze.ocn.ne.jp. Thanks.

Angela is trying to contact **David and Sharon (FGAs)**. I lived with you in Jacksonville, FL back in 1997. Please contact me ASAP. My e-mail is: gelachat@yahoo.com.

Lost son trying to regain contact with **Zach and Lydia Lightman**. Please contact Johannes Bjorvand at e-mail: swatyou@aol.com. Or call 407-342-4112 (Cell) or 407-445-7235.

Flor would like to contact **Diego (of Gabriel and Pat)**. Met your sister (Mariana) in Brasilia. We lived together in Recife (in 1989). E-mail: Dflower@iname.com. Add: Rua Lopes Quintas 237, C-01 Jardim Botanico, Rio de Janeiro - RJ - Brasil. c/o Debora Catugy.

Rosy B. (of James and Liberty)! Hey! Where are you? Write me (Peter) soon! E-mail: anything104@yahoo.com or beach@akdenizk.net.tr. Add: Peter Hansen, Box 2, P.I.M. 07275, Antalya, Turkey.

Narcisa (of Simon) would like to get in contact with **Abe and Libby** who are presently in Lahore ASAP. We aren't sure if you are getting our letters. Please get in touch again. E-mail: simon.t.turner@tesco.net.

Christian, I lost your new address. Could you please send it again?—Atlanta. E-mail: phoenix@cw22.sul.com.br.

David H. and Crystal, where are you? Please contact Atlanta at e-mail: phoenix@bbs2.sul.com.br.

Austrian Jonathan, please contact your son Jordan Knight at e-mail: beach@akdenizk.net.tr.

Hi, **JP and Carol, Joy Lightman, Melody (of Piper), Jessica Fiel and Nat and Lara. I (Serena)** recently moved and seemed to have lost contact with you. Please write me at e-mail: serkissme@yahoo.com.

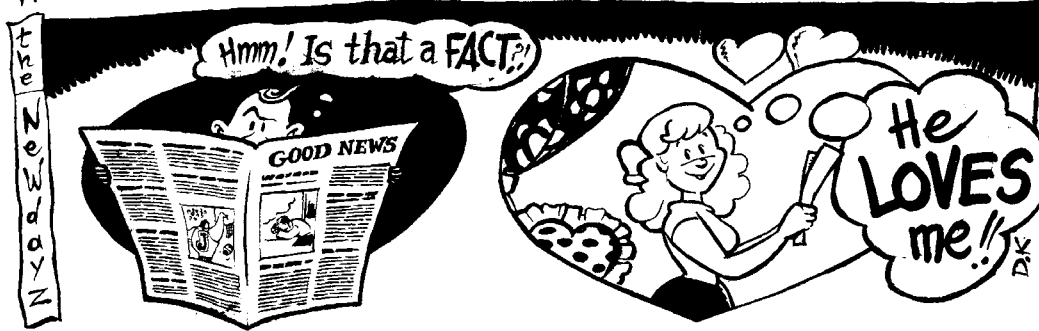
David Courier, please write to Pavel (Russian). Your message through your friends did not reach me. E-mail: rodina@internet.sk.

Gloria (Russian), please stay in touch with Pavel (Russian), wherever you are. E-mail: rodina@internet.sk.

Claire (of Cephas and Jonathan) and Mary who were in Ukraine, please contact Daniela (German, formerly of Philip). E-mail: ManuMu57@hotmail.com.

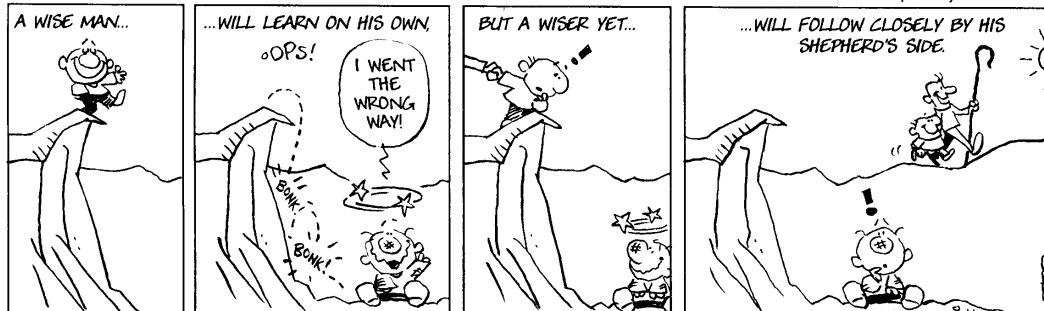
Christina B. (Vladivostok?) PLEASE write Jesse SGA at e-mail: chocolate@matavnet.hu.

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