Look for *Los Chavitos’* upcoming albums!

*By Gideon and Meekness, Greece*

When we made the trip to Athens last year to perform at the tent cities, we had no idea how far the repercussions would reach. We were just going to offer a little hope and encouragement through our music to the earthquake victims who had suffered so much. But as a result of that one little show which was aired on the national evening news, the Lord is now catapulting us into new and exciting territory.

The owners of one of the largest recording companies here in Greece were very impressed with “Los Chavitos” (our kids’ band) when they saw us on TV. We were invited to record a demo at their studio. After listening to the demo, the owners of this record company were flipped and decided that they want to promote “Los Chavitos” all over Greece and even in other European countries!

After checking in Upstairs and getting encouragement from the Lord that this was indeed His open door, we proceeded to check into the details. The Lord provided a sweet lawyer friend, P., who has been helping us with some of our documents, and getting the kids’ Greek legal papers in order. After telling him about the promotional offer we received, Meekness gingerly asked him, “Do you think you might have some time to take a look at the contract which this company sent for us to consider signing?” P. enthusiastically responded, “Why isn’t that contract on my desk already!? It’s the most important business I have to attend to right now!”

He ended up spending hours with his whole team researching all the fine points, and then wrote out a new contract, which was more in our favor. Then he offered to go with us all the way to Athens to talk face-to-face with the company and negotiate the changes! It was such a miracle how he was so willing to help, and to give so much of his time for free! He ended up driving 500 kms. with us to Athens, and on the way we were able to witness deeply to him and answer many questions about our beliefs, including the Law of Love, etc. He was very open and receptive to everything we shared with him.

When we got to Athens, P. was a tremendous help in negotiating the final details, and the music company ended up accepting every change in the contract that we made. So the big news from our corner this year is that we just finished signing a three-year contract with one of the largest record companies here in Greece, and we will be recording three albums over this period! This company will promote us on television and through many other advertising venues. It appears to be a tremendous opportunity for using our music ministry to reach millions with a message! It should also bring in extra support, which is always a need for our large family. We now have eight children, ages 11, 10, 9, 6, 5, 3, 2, and 9 months.

We appreciate your prayers for this project as it’s something totally new for us. We want to be able to witness through this and use it as a means to reach people with the Lord’s love. Specifically pray that we’ll be led by the Lord through prophecy in every step we take, every song we write, every song we record, every interview we do, etc.

---

Did you perchance…

*ever ride in a British double-decker bus? How about sometime in the ’70s? Were you ever in a double-decker bus that went careening under a low bridge and had its roof peeled off?*

If your answer to all three questions is yes, we are thrilled! —That you were there, that miraculously no one was hurt, and that now you can write in to the *Grapevine* with a full account of what happened on that scary day. Thank you in advance for sharing all the juicy details with us, including who was there, where you were going, what happened in the moments before and after the accident, any close brushes those riding in the top level of the bus might have had, and so on!

---

Members Only Password  
[www.familymembers.com](http://www.familymembers.com)

August UserID: august  
August Password: 1260days
Event

Conéctate meetings with the Monterrey Homes

By Phoebe, for Conéctate, Mexico. At one City Council in Monterrey, one Home member mentioned that it would be great if our Conéctate Desk could hold a meeting with the local Homes, to reinforce the vision and field any questions that the brethren might still have regarding the program. Our little team confirmed it with the Lord, Who had already been nudging us in this direction; a few weeks later, in early March, we held our first meeting.

Representatives from each Home attended—a total of 5 CM and 2 FM Homes. We started off with prayer and hearing from the Lord, and then went on to mainly answering questions and clarifying how the program works. It was very precious to see how much our dear missionary brethren wanted to learn about Conéctate, and incorporate it more into their daily outreach.

On their own initiative and armed with all the explanations they had received, they committed themselves to push subscriptions and the Conéctate tools for the next 3-4 weeks, and then reconvene to share testimonies, lessons, suggestions, etc. It was a thrill to see everyone really wanting to go for it.

We still had the computer that we were offering as a local shiner prize to the Homes in the area for the most subscriptions, but no Home in the area had brought in sufficient subscriptions to be the winners yet—this was an extra incentive!

Throughout the next few weeks, we remained in contact with each Home about how things were going. It was quite exciting, as we were regularly receiving both new subscriptions and addresses for free mailings. Brethren would drive all the way to our Home to deliver the subscriptions and share testimonies. Over the next 6 or 7 weeks, the local brethren brought in close to 50 new subscriptions!

In mid-April we held our second meeting, and it was exciting to hear what the Lord had done. The Homes were so inspired to meet again that they asked us to hold regular meetings to keep envisioned and boost each other’s determination.

Two of the Homes shared that after our first meeting they asked the Lord what they could personally do about it. He showed them to call all their existing contacts. They confessed that at first they were a bit shy about doing so, as their contacts are already helping them and they were not sure about asking them to pay for their spiritual feeding. But as they stepped out by faith, obeying what the Lord had showed them, all of their contacts subscribed—without exception—and even gave them referrals for other people to subscribe!

The shiner Home, Sammy and Rosita, got 24 new subscriptions in those six weeks, compared to the three they had gotten since the beginning of the program, and they won the computer which had been donated by David and Claire in Houston. It turned out that their own old 486 computer had just given up the ghost for good. A tip Sammy shared with us was that when asking his contacts to subscribe, he let them know that he was trying to win the computer prize…and they all helped him, ha!

Footage needed for video Grapevine: The video Grapevine team hasn’t received footage from every area of the world, which is why on the first one or two video Grapevines, your area might not be represented. You can fix that! Roll those cameras and get that footage—and send it in!—To Thailand, that is. Thanks!
Dear Mama and Peter,

It's been three days since Glory went to be with the Lord (on May 29th). I'm rejoicing because although all the suffering she went through over the last three years is finally over, Hallelujah! She truly had a martyr's death—Dad talked about this in an old Letter, that people who die of cancer die as martyrs, and I can personally confirm that it's true.

I prayed and asked the Lord to give me the same grace He gave you, Mama, when Dad left for Heaven, and Jesus answered me. When the nurse came into the room (about two minutes after Glory died), she asked me why I was smiling. I told her that I was so happy that Glory was no longer suffering and that she was very well now.

The next day we held a wake (funeral) in the city cemetery and 52 people attended—brethren and friends of the Family, and even the medical director of the hospital who had operated on Glory. In the past three years we passed out over 5,000 posters to patients, doctors and staff at the hospital, as well as other lit and Activated mags. We have over 10 Activated subscribers who are fruit of this ministry.

I asked that at the funeral there not be a lot of crying, but rather happiness and rejoicing, and the Lord gave me the grace to be a sample of that. People told how Glory had touched their lives and their families' lives with her affection, testimony and smile. One friend told how Glory had saved her life by helping her overcome depression and dependency on pills, restoring her physical, mental and spiritual health.

After sharing testimonies, we read the GP Daily Might for the day (May 29th) which talks about dying and dying grace. Today, June 1st, I went to the hospital to deliver the letter I wrote to all the doctors, nurses, cleaning staff, etc. and even to some patients and their families. The miracles have already begun, as we won four souls today! PTL!

—JEREMIAS (OF GLORY), BRAZIL

Dearest U. Jeremias,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the months and years that you took care of my mom. Every day and every night you were always beside her and I'm sure that the Lord has a big blessing for you up in Heaven! It really shows that you loved her a lot. (You were a very good husband to her and a really good father to me!) We could just try to forget the times that we didn't understand each other and just think on the good times! I remember those fun faith trips we did together to Santa Rosa, Foz do Iguacu, Santa Catarina, Parana. It was lots of fun!!!

I'm crying right now as I write you this letter, but I can feel my mom right beside me and I think she is so happy now, she can walk, run, eat, FLY, and I can just see her smiling and having fun.

What you told me on the phone today was really true, it is much better for my mom to go be with the Lord in Heaven than to stay suffering here on Earth. It's really hard for me to picture myself not having a mother, but she was suffering so much that I am actually happy that she went to be with the Lord. I really love my mom and miss her a lot, but I think you feel the same way I do—I can feel her beside me comforting me! And she's always going to come visit us—maybe give us some nice prophecies!!!

—YOUR SON, JOHANNES

(Glory speaking:)

Jesus gave me the victory! I didn't want to go because I thought that I would miss you too much—but I don't, because I'm still with you! I don't miss you because I know that we will soon be together. How can I miss you when you know that you're on your way to where I am? And like Jesus, I am where you are.

Thank you for your love and care for me. Please don't worry about me and don't dwell on the pain that I went through because although I remember that I had it, I don't remember what it felt like! It's over and I am finally healed, so please be healed too. Don't think about it, please. You gave your lives for me so much! You were like Jesus for me. Keep on being Jesus for others until we are one again as never before.

help wanted

A national family with 13 children (plus one on the way) needs financial help. We are involved in many fruitful outreach ministries. Please send your gifts to Paul and Lily, IA51, India. Thank you!

Libby (17) is on her way to the Middle East, but is behind the scenes at the ASCRO Office and can't conventionally fundraise for her airfare. Any donations would be immensely appreciated. Thank you sooooo much!

June 15
Give a Little ...

BY JAZ

I’ve come to realize that I’m not the parent I wish I was. Many times, I’m not even the parent I could be. And while that is a discouraging thought, I just have to face the fact that as an imperfect person—and quite likely a fair bit more imperfect than a lot of people—I can only do so much. But if that little bit that I can do is bathed in prayer and guided by Jesus’ still small voice in prophecy, then at least I will know that I’m doing what I can do. And then I’m really being every bit the parent I can be.

The before-bedtime is one of those things that has needed a little attention lately. I am the type of person that does not take easily to doing the same thing over and over again—maybe that’s why I was happy that Kimby never seemed to settle into one solid bedtime routine. But as far back as I can remember, I’ve noticed the importance of taking quality time with her before she goes to bed. She whispers to me after I finish quoting her nightly chapter that I quote to her. Whatever our pre-bed activities are, I find that they’ve been seeming to take me a little longer each night—but when I think about it, isn’t that the time I’ll look back on someday? I won’t remember if I took an extra half-hour at my computer, or edited another two or three pages of text—but when I see the extra sparkle in my little three-year-old’s eyes as she remembers the evening’s horse riding session (that was tonight) and anticipates tomorrow when we will teach our horses (Kimby’s horse is named “Ghinnny”) to do tricks; when she whispers to me after I finish quoting the night’s chapter, “Mommy, you forgot to take your riding boots off!” … then I know I have chosen that better part, and all the computers in the world could never take that away from me.

happy and with no problems. When I’m rushing through it and hurrying back off to my own projects, there are no end of tears and laments.

It can be easy to do the letter-of-the-law minimum in the care of kids, especially when I’ve put in a full day already and am looking forward to a little peace and quiet, but in prayer recently, the Lord has been encouraging me to take more time with Kimby at nights, and use it not only as the valuable input time that it is, but also as a fun time of bonding as well.

Last night, in a spurt of Heavenly (I hope!) inspiration, I asked Kimby if she wanted to go on a roller coaster with me. She thought it was a great idea, so—looking with momentum and flying from side to side as we cleared the corners. At last the ride was over, and we made our way to the bedroom, our legs wobbling appropriately as they should be after such a harrowing ride.

Then it was into bed—without a peep from the peanut gallery, I might add—for her nightly chapter that I quote to her. Whatever our pre-bed activities are, I find that they’ve been seeming to take me a little longer each night—but when I think about it, isn’t that the time I’ll look back on someday? I won’t remember if I took an extra half-hour at my computer, or edited another two or three pages of text—but when I see the extra sparkle in my little three-year-old’s eyes as she remembers the evening’s horse riding session (that was tonight) and anticipates tomorrow when we will teach our horses (Kimby’s horse is named “Ghinnny”) to do tricks; when she whispers to me after I finish quoting the night’s chapter, “Mommy, you forgot to take your riding boots off!” … then I know I have chosen that better part, and all the computers in the world could never take that away from me.

WEB NEWS

ASCRO – May, 2000

Countdown to Armageddon:
48,090 distinct visits
724,375 hits
18 gigabytes downloaded

Jeremy Spencer:
17,066 distinct visits
81,226 hits
19 gigabytes downloaded

Thai Family Site:
10,596 distinct visits
172,262 hits
10 gigabytes downloaded

We’re working on trying to rework some of the graphics and pages on these sites, which we pray will result in an increased interest in our Family material.

June 15

EVE cover shots: Attention, photographers everywhere: Eve has need of you! We need photos!—In particular, good quality close-ups that can be used for the cover. We can also use photos to go on the inside, for the various sections such as romance, pregnancy, health and so on. So don’t be shy—send in your great shots today! We love you and need you! (See Grapevine #74 for photo instructions.)
MC Camp in Chennai, India

By Matt and Marie, FGAs; James (20), Stephy (19), Becky (16), Peter (16) and Jessica (14): The Lord gave us the idea to take advantage of the Indian summer holidays to organize an MC camp for the children in our city. All the Homes heard from the Lord about it, then had a planning meeting where we read what the Lord gave us. It was neat to see how it all fit so nicely together. Every Home helped with something, so it was a team effort.

Although the main purpose was to give our MCs a special time to get close to Jesus, have fun enjoying His creation and fellowship together, it ended up being a lot of fun for all of us—FGAs, young people and kids alike. Our young people taught most of the classes, carried all the inspiration, did most of the skits and led most of the activities with the kids.

One of the most inspiring things about it all was that every single class, skit, activity, all the organization and everything was received in prophecy, including the keynote and going-away message! It made it so easy and took a lot of the work out of the Lord for us. He had given us the whole plan, including the keynote and going-away skit, activity, all the organization and planning for the children in our city. All the donations, especially the place and food, all donated by a sweet Muslim man.

We rented two bungalows at a beach resort, which has a beautiful swimming pool. We kept things as simple as possible, and the Lord anointed it and everything flowed wonderfully. He said He wanted this time to be an opportunity for His children to touch Him personally and experience some of the thrills of the spirit and make a connection with Him, and He did just that.

The themes we covered were: prophecy, the new weapons (tied in with Endtime review), and personal witnessing. It was beautiful to see the kids jump in with both feet in hearing from the Lord, even those who were not so confident or experienced in it. It became the “in” thing and they were all getting prophecies and spending time with Jesus and asking Him about everything. We had a praise deacon, a prayer deacon and an “Ask Me Everything” deacon among the kids, and they all put their heart into carrying out their responsibilities.

One morning we got up to watch the sunrise over the Gulf of Bengal. It was a gorgeous masterpiece the Lord painted that day, seemingly just for us, and we had a wonderful and special time with Jesus right on the beach that early morning.

One evening, after some gypsy dancing, we lay on some blankets to watch the full moon and took a spirit trip. All the kids entered in and partook in a simple way of the thrills of the spirit.

During daily quiet time, we took 10 minutes to have prayer vigil with them (we made a simple list from the “Children’s Prayer Vigil Promises” which we pasted in their prophecy book, so they can keep it up at home). We also played Memory/Review board games and they all took time to hear from Jesus and talk to Him, as well as read some follow-up MLKs or HTKs we had selected that went along with the morning class. First thing in the morning and last thing at night, they would also spend some time hearing from Jesus and we’d read something from “Best Friends” and the “Praisin’ U” books.

The Lord did a beautiful thing on the day we had a personal witnessing class. As a follow-up application in the afternoon, we had done some skits where the kids participated and “witnessed” to some Hindus, Muslims, atheists and church Christians (all played by us). Then we went swimming in the pool, and lo and behold, some other people were also in the pool! It was perfect. During the skits, one of us had teamed up with two of the kids to help them in their witnessing. So we did the same and Becky (8) ended up praying with a 10-year-old Hindu boy and a Muslim-Egyptian student. She did very well and remembered to use the tips we had brought out in the skits. She was so excited! Then the Hindu boy started witnessing to his friend!

The MCs were such a sweet bunch to take care of and it was pure pleasure pouring into them!

Word Seminar for the Deaf

By Hyderabad Deaf Home, India: We just concluded a two-day Word Seminar for 60 deaf catacombers from seven cities in South Central India. The Lord did a miracle by touching the heart of the parent of one of our Deaf F’Mer’s, who donated the place and food for the entire seminar!

The theme of the seminar was new weapons and the Endtime. We had classes on “Ask Me Everything,” “Elite Troops” and Endtime classes. The vision was to teach all these bellwethers in a new way in this new day. Everyone was inspired, and the catacombers went on the attack right away and started putting these classes into practice.

The seminar was a great success. We decided to have monthly meetings of the bellwethers from these cities to fine tune witnessing, follow up, relations with parents, etc.

Has anyone seen Kidland #10 yet?—Tips for teaching dyslexic kids! Simple kid-friendly recipes for fun kitchen projects! Tips and testimonies on infant colic! Guidelines on vitamins supplements for children and a list of power foods! Check in today!

letter to the editor

Re: Grapes of Thankfulness fillers

It turns me on to read how much the Lord is doing through us all as we obey and live the Law of Love in the things we do for each other! Reading the “grapes of thankfulness” is always an inspiring time! Keep up the good work! Love you all!

—LOVE, DAVID AND MIRACLE, INDIA

June 15
Trip to an Arab country
By Endureth CRO and Emmy VS

We recently took a trip to a neighboring country that we’ve visited a few times before. We were invited as guests of the country for a series of festivals. Our hosts took wonderful care of us, giving us the royal treatment in every way—transport, accommodations and meals. The dear people of this land, although they have so little, give so much.

This time we traveled to different parts of the country as opposed to other trips, where we had only stayed in the capital. It was so inspiring because absolutely everyone we met on our travels had seen our team perform on TV many times and were thrilled to finally meet us.

In this new city we visited, we didn’t have many mail members except for a few who had come to the main festival in the summer. One mail member heard through a friend that Heart to Heart was performing in the city. So he said, “Hey, I know these people, they write me.” He came to our show with our letter in his hand. It was precious how much he valued this. It’s heartbreaking to meet such precious people who value every bit of encouragement through us. Now we’ve been receiving letters from places we haven’t been, so the Word is definitely going around.

Here’s a letter we got from somebody after we arrived home:

“Maybe you don’t know me but I know you and your group, as I saw you at the theater and the hospital. I cannot forget you even though I met you just for a few hours. You made such an impression on my soul. For this reason even if you will not reply, I will keep writing.”

The Lord opened the doors wide for us and we performed many times during these festivals, participated in CTPs, performed several times on nationwide TV, and best of all, ministered to the needy and precious people of this field. We passed out 6,000 pieces of lit and another 3,000 copies of a prophecy that was received specifically for the people of this country, as well as several hundred copies of a tape titled “Somebody Cares” (recorded in Arabic) with a special song dedicated to the people of this country.

It was two weeks of practically non-stop pouring out—performing, witnessing, doing interviews for newspapers and television, following up on old friends and meeting new ones. And as Arab tradition would have it, most days ended in the wee hours of the following morning, going to bed around 4:00 A.M. and then as Arab tradition wouldn’t have it, we were back up at around 8:00 A.M. to go out on CTP! Although the people were very happy and thankful to receive all that we had to bring in the way of CTP gifts and items, they were just as appreciative, receptive and hungry—if not more—to receive the Word, the spirit and the truth. That made all our sacrifices seem miniscule by comparison.

To give you some examples of the precious people and their wonderful hearts, one evening after a show a lady from the audience was commenting how the songs went straight to her heart. She was so fascinated by the spirit and the message, she kept asking one of our singers, “How did you do it? I could feel exactly what you were feeling while you were singing. I could feel your emotions and your thoughts. You reached straight into my heart and felt all that I was going through.”

During our stay there, we had a reporter accompanying us at all times covering our every move. He seemed to be of a quiet nature, but towards the end of the trip his reaction to us was: “I just realized that you’re more than just a musical group. You’re like ‘angels of mercy’ that reach out and help people.” (It was neat how he used this term as the Lord also used it in prophecy.) He said, “You’re like Florence Nightingale. After seeing the love you’ve given to the children and how you drew them out, how you put a smile on their faces, how you connected with them—it’s beyond words. You truly gave from the heart and made them feel that there’s someone that cares, like your song says. It’s not just words you’re singing or saying, but you’re actually doing it. You should see how I’ve been trying to tell my colleagues about you at work. You’re hard to describe.”

Another top friend we visited shared his heart with us about what he’s been going through. We offered to pray for him and he willingly accepted. This friend is Muslim but is married to a Christian and has received all our classes in Arabic. We prayed for his health and strength and connection with his wife, as well as for the bond between us in the Lord’s love. When we were done, he was crying. He told us that prayer made him feel even more a part of us, that he belonged with us spiritually and thanked us profusely for the prayer.

The Lord keeps opening doors and bringing some amazing golden opportunities our way, where we can use music to touch the hearts and lives of so many. As we found on this last trip, it reaches much further than we could ever imagine through the mass media—TV and the newspapers. We’re now gearing up for summer, where we’re sure lots more exciting things will be happening, TY!

The Children on Channel 7
By Silas, Thailand

Every Thursday at 4:30, a very popular children’s variety program, Thi Ni Mi Phuen (Here We Have Friends), is aired on Channel 7. This program has a viewership of over 20 million and is aimed at teaching kids good morals in
a fun and lively way.

We met one of the producers of this television show during a Songkran (Thai New Year) program the children did. He was very friendly and immediately invited the children to appear on this TV program.

While the kids were in the dressing room preparing for the program, they met a number of popular Thai actors and actresses who were very impressed with the children's ability to speak Thai, as well as their knowledge of Thai culture. A picture of the children in traditional costume appeared in the Bangkok Post—the most widely read newspaper in all of Thailand—advertising the program.

(LNF: We later found out that a picture of the children was also printed in several other Thai-language newspapers. Many of our friends who saw the show, as well as people we have met out witnessing, were super impressed with the children's “becoming one.”)

Music videos and CDs
By ASCRO

Jonas and the singing team were able to film 10 songs for 10 different music videos that are soon to be aired on TV channels nationwide. These music videos reflect a fusion of classical Thai and more modern lukthoong singing and costumes. Some professional Thai dancers collaborated with our Family performers on the dancing which gave the beautiful performances an authentic flavor.

It was mentioned recently that one of the main concepts for our performing music like this, which will be evidenced in both the music videos as well as any TV or live performances, is our being “cultural ambassadors.” That is, that through our recording and performing this type of music, our young people will be able to be ambassadors of sorts to other young people in Thailand when it comes to the beautiful and rich Thai culture and heritage.

These music videos were produced in an effort to help promote a lukthoong as well as moh lam (lukthoong songs in the local dialect of the Northeast) album featuring Jonas, which will be released in Thailand during the month of June. Lord willing, this will be followed by an album that is currently in the making featuring Christy, which is meant to be released in July.

Both recordings are classical Thai lukthoong-style music, though Christy's album will even include a song in Khmer (Cambodian), as well as several Chinese-flavored lukthoong songs, giving it a much wider appeal.

There will be a large press conference on June 14th to launch Jonas’ album (entitled “Pom Cher Jonas” or “My Name is Jonas”). Please keep this in your prayers.

tidbits
new CM laborers ...

Isaac (26, British) rejoined in March.—Hungary
Michelle (18, Russian) joined in March.—Russia
Rachel (21, Ukrainian) joined in March.—Ukraine
Robert HappyHeart (19, Romanian) joined in April.—Romania
Ruth Faithful (24, Russian) joined in April.—Russia
Sharon of Rose (30, Russian) joined in April.—Russia
Valerie (20, Russian) joined in April.—Russia
[A testament to prophecy]

John and Mercy Delight, Indonesia: Recently our king and dear friend called and explained that he had a very big problem! He had to meet with 103 people who had invested in a future business venture he had started, that now had to be canceled. He had given them the vision to be part of his dream to create the biggest computer center in the city, but due to unexpected circumstances the project had to be postponed and their deposit money returned. “You need to help me,” he said. “Please come to my office at lunch time.” He was desperate.

The problem was that having to stop this project as well as not being able to explain the real reason (which was a very genuine and major one) could cause these businessmen to lose confidence in V., and possibly even destroy his reputation and business.

This was not a situation we desired to get involved in. TTL for prophecy! We cried out to Him to lead us and to help us know what to do and if we should get involved. Sweet Jesus confirmed that He did want us to be a blessing to our friend in need. With His stamp of approval we went ahead.

In prayer the Lord brought to mind a couple of appropriate stories from the Good Thots. We explained the concept to our friend and he got the idea right away. Step by step the Lord showed us what to do. We wrote the outline of a speech in which our friend would apologize and share the Good Thots principle, and He even showed us the emotion with which it should be presented.

However V. still insisted on us opening the meeting with a few words to break the ice and add credibility to his presentation!

Again we prayed, and the Lord gave us a story from the Good Thots to share and told us to explain briefly telling how we first met V. on the phone. We had called him with a major need and he helped just on our word, without ever having met us.

This all came together in one afternoon. That evening at the fancy dinner banquet which he had arranged to create the biggest computer center in the city, but due to unexpected circumstances the project had to be postponed and their deposit money returned. “You need to help me,” he said. “Please come to my office at lunch time.” He was desperate.

The problem was that having to stop this project as well as not being able to explain the real reason (which was a very genuine and major one) could cause these businessmen to lose confidence in V., and possibly even destroy his reputation and business.

This was not a situation we desired to get involved in. TTL for prophecy! We cried out to Him to lead us and to help us know what to do and if we should get involved. Sweet Jesus confirmed that He did want us to be a blessing to our friend in need. With His stamp of approval we went ahead.

In prayer the Lord brought to mind a couple of appropriate stories from the Good Thots. We explained the concept to our friend and he got the idea right away. Step by step the Lord showed us what to do. We wrote the outline of a speech in which our friend would apologize and share the Good Thots principle, and He even showed us the emotion with which it should be presented.

However V. still insisted on us opening the meeting with a few words to break the ice and add credibility to his presentation!

Again we prayed, and the Lord gave us a story from the Good Thots to share and told us to explain briefly telling how we first met V. on the phone. We had called him with a major need and he helped just on our word, without ever having met us.

This all came together in one afternoon. That evening at the fancy dinner banquet which he had arranged to soften the blow, V. virtually followed our speech (which he translated into his language) word for word, and concept for concept. The Lord totally anointed both our presentations and the group of young businessmen not only received the shocking news with real understanding but even sympathy. All spent an extra hour coming up with creative suggestions and rallying together to attempt to solve the problem.

Needless to say, V. was thrilled and relieved, as this had been one of the most difficult things he had ever had to do. The Lord got all the glory, too, as V. knows that everything was received in prayer and we were trusting the Lord.

The next day the Lord put the icing on the cake. When we called to say hello, V. said that he wanted to give us a $700 donation for our help! We then remembered what we had been reading for devotions during the preceding days: “The Era of Action, Part 1!” What a thrilling fulfillment!

[Reaching forgotten sheep]

Brian, for the Islamabad Home, Pakistan: While on get-out at the playground with our MC/OC group, we met a group of 15 Christian refugees from Iran. We were quite moved by the things they have been through. We gave them some posters and although only one of the girls spoke English, she translated the prayer and all of them received Jesus.

We later visited their small apartment block where another five families live and we were able to give them a Bible class as they followed along with their Persian Bibles. We also got some in Farsi to feed them.

There are about 300 families from this community in our city and most of them are trying to get visas for other countries (they are stateless). One interesting fact is that as well as speaking Farsi, they also speak a very old Assyrian dialect that the Babylonians spoke. Below is a sweet letter we received from one of the girls:

Dear Family,

I was so glad to receive your address last week. A man at the park gave it to me but I forgot his name.

I'm 28 years old and I'm an Iranian Christian. I'm a refugee and jobless. I'm teaching Assyrian dialect that the Babylonians spoke. Below is a sweet letter we received from one of the girls:

Dear Family,

I was so glad to receive your address last week. A man at the park gave it to me but I forgot his name.

I'm 28 years old and I'm an Iranian Christian. I'm a refugee and jobless. I'm teaching

Some of our children can't go to school and they don't have anything to do, so they come depressed.

Please pray for us. We are just like the Israeli people; we had to leave our house and our life to go for a new life in a Christian country. At this time only Jesus and God's love and mercy can save us.

Please can you send some information and some Words that will help us? Thank you very much. With best wishes and the kindest regards.

Yours sincerely, Annett

[Writing the Art4God artist]

Side By Side Home, Japan: After seeing Steve Sawyer's article in END #29 (he drew the pictures of Jesus as a boxer and laughing), our OC and JETT class wanted to get in touch with him in order to send him the prophecy from Jesus at the end of the article. With help from Daddy Joseph we got his telephone number and called him up. He was quite amazed at how far the AP article went, as it was released in January. He was encouraged to hear the prophecy and wanted us to send him a copy of it. He wanted to stay in touch and gave us his web site www.art4god.com and asked for our email address.

He wanted to send us some of his bookmarks, so the class wanted to send him something and decided to print out some of the scrollathons of Jesus and send them to him. We are waiting for his response. We checked our email before we sent this in and he already had responded thanking us for the call and asking for more information about our group.

(Later) I sent him the comments that Jesus said about his work and also a lot of the pictures of Jesus in the Scrollathon. Here's his response:

Dear Joseph and family,

I received the packet and enjoyed it very much. How very thoughtful of you to call and follow through with the article and precious drawings by the different children. I have read a bit about your group and it seems very dedicated and based on a great deal of research. Since I do not have any one attachment with a particular denomination, I really enjoy learning about the many ways Christians find to worship and live.

I will be sending you some bookmarks as a gift. Blessings to you,

Steve
**Peter’s Health**

On May 29th, Peter began experiencing severe heart pains, similar to those he had five years ago. This time, his heart would cramp for a few seconds and then release, only to cramp again within about a minute. This lasted for four hours. It was extremely painful and exhausting. All of our WS units were holding vigils and desperately claiming his healing in prayer. Thank the Lord, He answered and stopped the pain.

This heart attack has left him very weakened, and for a week afterwards he was not able to do anything that required any amount of exertion without feeling chest pains. He’s been slowly regaining his strength, and on the overall is doing much better now, though he still needs to go very slow and not exert himself in any way.

Thank you for your regular prayers for Peter and me, which we know helped to sustain him during this time, even though you didn’t know the particulars of this severe attack of the Enemy.

Please continue to uphold Peter in your prayers. He desperately needs to regain his full strength, and your prayer power will help to work this miracle. He’s doing his part to not overdo in any way, but complete and total healing has to come from the Lord.

Though this attack was very serious and painful, the Lord reassured us that He had His hand on Peter’s heart, and that glorious victories and beautiful fruit would come out of this testing and squeezing. Here’s what the Lord said about Peter’s heart attack when we prayed about it:

(Jesus speaking:) Take heart, My love, you are in My care. It is only a time of desperation, it is only the valley before the mountain, it is only Me taking you to the depths of desperation that will give you wings to soar to new heights. It is only a tempest of trouble before the triumph and the testimony, the desert before the garden that is coming, the heat before the fountain of life.

Your heart is fine and it is healthy. What you are feeling is My hand upon your heart, holding it and directing it, helping others to pray for you, getting them desperate so you can have their added strength for the job that is ahead. Their prayers and your desperation are what is needed to supply all the wisdom and anointing and strength for the job ahead.

Your last heart attack on the eve of your new ministry and anointing for the leadership of the Family, of becoming one with your queen and accepting the crown, prepared your heart for the challenges you were to encounter by making you desperate. It positioned and molded your heart into the place and shape it had to be so that you could carry out your calling. I am doing this again—breaking your heart, shaping and remolding it again for the next important phase of your ministry in leading the Family.

These heart attacks will only occur before something important when your heart and spirit must be prepared, shaped, molded. For the preparation of the heart of man is in My hands; it is preparation for your future and the future of the Family and your anointing. You will find greater strength in Me after you recover. You will have clearer vision and goals, greater anointing, more grace to carry the crown, renewed vigor, joy, and the uplook will be brighter.

All of this is the answer to your accumulated prayers over the months, the answer to your feelings and your heart cry, the pain in your spiritual heart, to want to be more for Me, do more for Me, be more like Me and be more what you feel you should be. I am answering all these prayers and deep desires of your heart. Do not feel sad about the past and all that you think you should’ve done better in, or all you think you should’ve done and didn’t. You are everything I want you to be. You have done everything I have asked, and more.

It is not a work of the flesh. You can’t do or be anything. All that you need to do will be in answer to your prayers, and I am working in your heart now and answering your pleas. Just rest a bit with Me, listen to My Word, lie in the meadow, let Me prepare your heart for all that is coming. (End of message from Jesus.)

**Visit to India Activated Desk**

In late May, Francis spent a week at the Indian Activated Desk in Bangalore. Together with Cephas and the India VSs, they discussed ways to further promote Activated in India and encourage more Home participation in getting out the magazines and feeding the sheep. They also discussed the possibilities of marketing our tools on a larger scale in India (such as selling to businesses in bulk, or through distributors), as well as adapting some of our tools to be geared more specifically for India.

India is such a vast and potential field, and so much more can be done to get out our tools there to the masses, as well as more follow-up through the Activated program. With one billion people, and the largest middle class in the world—mostly English-speaking—the sky is the limit!

Also discussed were ways to make the Activated program more relatable to Indians, particularly those without a Christian background. Work has already begun—thanks to Ruth and Simon in Delhi, and others—on several Activated magazines specifically geared to India that would precede the regular issue #1. The purpose of these magazines would be to start off with the cookies on a slightly lower shelf and introduce non-Christians to the Lord before sending them Activated magazine issues #1-12 which deal with many Christian issues. Please keep the work on this in your prayers.
**Ratings**

**Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up**

**PUSHING TIN (1999)**
John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett, Angelina Jolie

Character study centering around the lives of two hot-shot air-traffic controllers, the tensions of their work, and their personal lives and relationships.

**WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE? (1999)**
Halle Berry, Larenz Tate

Loosely based on the life of Frankie Lyman, one of the early stars of rock and roll. When Frankie dies, three different women, each declaring herself his wife, try to claim the rights to millions of dollars from his past royalties. Starts off in a humorous vein, and turns into a revealing look at the entertainment industry and the life of a “star.”

**Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up**

Edward Norton, Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman

Comedy about two childhood friends, one who grows up to be a priest and the other a rabbi. Their lives become complicated when a female friend from grade school returns to their hometown and looks them up.

Sandra Bullock, Viggo Mortensen, Steve Buscemi

After a drunk-driving charge, a female newspaper reporter is assigned to spend some time at a rehabilitation center and has to face the reality of her booze and pill addiction.

**Reviews**

**Pushing Tin**

_Jesus:_ This movie clearly brings out the pitfalls of pride and aggressive competition, along with comparing and jealousy, and where they lead. You’ll also find some worthwhile lessons on honesty and good communications in relationships. There are some things that the main characters in this movie do—stunts they pull, risks they take, attitudes they convey, or the way they treat others—which are not wise, Godly or loving. Choose the good and eschew that which is foolish and unsound.

On the overall, it’s an interesting look into this lifestyle and occupation which many are not familiar with. It certainly makes you pity the poor people who are stuck with those kinds of situations and jobs, and should make you very thankful for the peaceful, loving environments of your Family Homes and lifestyle, as well as for the freedom of spirit and flesh that I have given you.

**Why Do Fools Fall In Love?**

_Jesus:_ These tragic testimonies are good, as they help you to have renewed appreciation for the Family, as opposed to the harsh realities of how the System treats its young stars much of the time.

This movie is a good lesson on how fickle fame in the System is, and also how greed in the music industry can destroy careers and lives. It’s a picture of the godless System of man based on ruthless principles of mammon rather than the love of the Lord.

People should go into this movie with good prayer, knowing that overall it’s a sad exposé of the System, although it contains some fun music and entertainment as well.

**Keeping the Faith**

_Dad:_ This is a funny, sweet, touching story. It really shows you how desperate people out there are to find love. All people, no matter what they do or what their positions are, still need love. It has good lessons on forgiveness and understanding, and also about the importance of honesty.

**28 Days**

_Jesus:_ This is a serious movie about a girl with a serious substance addiction. But the producers have sprinkled a little humor throughout, which makes the message of the movie more readily accepted by the viewers.

It’s a dramatic testimony, about someone whose life was headed nowhere. It’s not your typical “down and out” movie, though, because it’s got some lighthearted, funny scenes as well.

It should break your heart for those in the System who have no hope or support, so turn to drugs and alcohol. They don’t have Me, therefore they have no stability—emotionally, physically, or spiritually. This isn’t just a made-up story. It’s very true to life. There are real people out there in the world who go through this kind of hell on earth—and worse! But no one is beyond help, and no one is too far gone for Me to reach down and turn his or her life around.

There’s a homosexual character in the movie, but his sin is not being glorified, and My children need not be stumped by it. He is more the joke of the movie, something to laugh about, and is not being promoted or exalted. My children should be wise enough to eschew this in their viewing, in order to be able to benefit from the overall message portrayed.

**Studio News**

**By Jas**

Would you like to hear some background on the Always CD project? Some of you may have participated in a survey that went out to many homes well over two years ago. Folks were asked to vote not only on their favorite songs from the DTD tapes, but also on what style of music they would like to distribute to the GP. 65% preferred a tape of “love songs” in a slow, contemporary style. Next was 45% wanting Techno/Dance, 32% Alternative, 29% Latin, 24% Rock, 23% Country. Other styles further down in “popularity” (remember this is not necessarily what you personally liked, but what you wanted to distribute to the GP) were R&B, Hip Hop, Rap, Reggae, Jazz, and last and least, Folk.

Many expressed the desire to have tapes or CDs more in one general musical style, instead of a mixture of styles. And some also mentioned they would like a tape with more of a “face,” with more personality, or like a band, instead of just a potpourri of singers thrown in together.

With these parameters in mind, we launched into a series of prayer-and-prophecy meetings to come up with a final list of songs. And not only that, but how should we produce this “album,” who should work on the music, and perhaps, most importantly, who should be our singers—the “band,” if you will.

The Lord showed us to go with a small team of singers. This was somewhat difficult to do, since we are used to employing the talents of all of our many good singers. We finally decided to go with the team of brothers Jeff and Chris, and Cesco, and his sister Angelique (who is married to Jeff).

Taking the survey into account, we finally whittled down the list of about 200 DTD songs to 12 songs. Since one of our objectives was to reproduce these songs in a contemporary style, we had to take into account whether we had the faith to take a song and musically translate it into a 90s (or “2000”) style. A few of the 12 songs seemed to call for additional lyrical or musical portions, so new verses or bridges were composed for these.

We can’t emphasize how much this was a team effort. Because of modern recording techniques, it is quite possible for a producer to be a one-man show these days. But the Lord had showed us from the beginning to really unite on this project, and that this “album” would bring more unity amongst our studio team than we had previously experienced. This was very much fulfilled, as we spent countless hours in each other’s studios, listening, counseling, suggesting, re-working tempo’s, lyrics, different musical parts, you name it, and even became better friends through it.

In particular, it was a wonderful melding together of the first and second generations, both of the producers themselves, and due to the fact that the Lord had showed us to use all second-generation singers for the lead vocals. Also from the second generation we had Mike Drummer playing live drums on a few of the songs. Makoto (SGA) and Philip (FGA) both contributed their unique guitar talents, often covering different parts on the same song. Thanks also to Jeff along with Chris and dad Thad, for producing the song “God Knows” in their studio at the Gateway Home.

We hope you’ll enjoy hearing these renewed Family hit songs which have stood the test of time. Thanks to all on the Home fronts of the various producers, singers, and musicians, who made it possible for them to give of their time and talents to this new CD!
[Bad e-mails]

CRO, EURCRO: From my experiences “bad e-mail” is not only coming from young people. I’ve had to write a few letters of corrections to some FGAs as well for using foul language, getting really upset in their messages, calling others names—totally unChristian, much less Family like.

[Sleazy junk in free e-mail accounts]

From a concerned mother: I know next to nothing about e-mail, except that my teen daughter got a free account some months ago (when she was in another Home), and that she uses it a lot to communicate with other teens and friends.

Boy, was I ever in for a surprise when the other day I accompanied our Home businessman to town for his errands, including him checking his free account for business messages. He showed me how his incoming e-mail had over 25 messages—every one unsolicited. Some were ads for real estate or shopping deals, etc., but over half of them had subject lines like “Hottest teen sex on the NET!” “Lewd sex in the raw!” “Men who love Men” and more absolutely perverse, awful stuff! This brother showed me how he has to purposely delete them permanently without opening them at all, because if he doesn’t, they return like a regular on his incoming mail!

I felt sick to think that teens and people can be lured into this hellish stuff—which you can open with just one click—just for signing up for a free account with “Caesar’s pound of free (and perverted) flesh!” Maybe other parents would appreciate knowing what a “free” Internet e-mail account actually “costs”! No wonder the Lord has warned us against all that!

[WS computer department:]

Welcome to the Internet. Sad but true. This is what is called SPAM. It is largely hated, and borderline illegal, but also unavoidable. These people obtain e-mail addresses in many ways and then mass mail their trash and there is little that can be done. If you are using a free e-mail account you are more likely to get this, as they know the domain names of these and often only have to guess at the first name, or have the computer generate an e-mail to every possible name. If you use a free account like Hotmail, they have installed software to detect most of this and then they place it in a folder in your account called “bulk” as they detected that it is a bulk mailing. You can then delete the contents of this folder in it’s entirety before you even open it. You also often have a choice when signing up for these free accounts as to whether you want your e-mail name “published” in their listings. If you do, you’ll get more of this type of mail. If you say no, it is far less.

[Confirmation or confiscation?]

Phillip and Dawn, EURCRO (excerpts of a message to the EE Family): Following are excerpts of the report that we received from one of our Homes in the EE, detailing the experience they had and the important lesson they learned in regards to bringing everything before the Lord to get His confirmation before proceeding.

“Recently we had a team go to a neighboring country to do tooling. They had a good day, but someone wasn’t happy with them being there and reported them to the police. They were taken in for questioning and their passports, PR book and all the funds they’d made that day were confiscated. They had to stay over night in a hotel and appear in court the next morning. Needless to say, when we found out about it back Home, we got together for desperate prayer and had a prayer chain going for them until they got back.

“The Lord had some heavy lessons for us to learn, the most important one being that we hadn’t really taken the time to confirm the trip with the Lord. This is something that has become sort of a weakness in our Home, as those of us who always bring up ‘shall we pray about it?’ were feeling sort of out of place at times. Often, during united prayer, only a few people (usually the same ones each time) would say what they got, and if some of us didn’t want to make decisions without praying first, there would be a bit of pressure to ‘just vote.’

“This sobered us up, and helped us realize that the most important thing we can do is pray about everything. The Lord had some instruction for the ones feeling that we were too ‘spiritual,’ and He told us to stop worrying so much about what others thought and just do what we know from the Letters to be right. Lord help us. It took a big shaking up for some of us to get the point. The Lord also wanted us to work some things out in the Home as far as a united standard, which we are working on now.

“Our team came home safely, thank the Lord. The judge was sweeter than the police and even a bit aggravated with the police for making such a big deal out of it. She gave the seed corn for the tools back to them, but she was not able to reimburse everything they had made. Neither did she pay for the hotel and food the boys had to pay for during their extended stay. So all that to say it turned out to be quite an expensive lesson.” (End of excerpts of report from Home.)

Thank the Lord for bringing a victory out of seeming defeat and for protecting these dear brethren! And God bless this Home for honestly sharing this important lesson. We each certainly do want to be “fully insured,” in order to be the most fruitful we can possibly be for Jesus, and the only way for us to do that is to hear from our precious Husband in prophecy at every step. (See GN 870:77-83)
The net result of S2K has been 938 people leaving the CM Family. Out of those 938 people, 241 transferred to FM status. The remaining 697 people left the Family altogether. Since we have 799 CM Homes, that means roughly 1 person left the Family per CM Family Home during S2K.

**Results of S2K**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
<th>WORLD</th>
<th>NACRO</th>
<th>SACRO</th>
<th>EURCRO</th>
<th>ASCRO</th>
<th>PACRO</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New Disciples</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Souls Saved</td>
<td>58,134</td>
<td>7,577</td>
<td>21,097</td>
<td>17,687</td>
<td>6,910</td>
<td>4,863</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Posters Dist.</td>
<td>262,633</td>
<td>55,840</td>
<td>33,326</td>
<td>126,318</td>
<td>14,504</td>
<td>32,645</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tapes Dist.</td>
<td>25,295</td>
<td>4,288</td>
<td>10,083</td>
<td>5,375</td>
<td>2,482</td>
<td>3,067</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Videos Dist.</td>
<td>7,543</td>
<td>931</td>
<td>3,596</td>
<td>1,521</td>
<td>1,076</td>
<td>419</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Dist.</td>
<td>1,000,282</td>
<td>123,289</td>
<td>278,732</td>
<td>364,487</td>
<td>64,845</td>
<td>169,575</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Pieces Dist.</td>
<td>1,296,399</td>
<td>184,348</td>
<td>325,737</td>
<td>497,701</td>
<td>82,907</td>
<td>205,706</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Personal Wit.</td>
<td>459,605</td>
<td>100,248</td>
<td>107,467</td>
<td>167,136</td>
<td>46,429</td>
<td>38,325</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mass Wit.</td>
<td>48,474,017</td>
<td>1,705,650</td>
<td>1,770,929</td>
<td>10,395,887</td>
<td>25,706,283</td>
<td>8,895,268</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Witness</td>
<td>50,230,021</td>
<td>1,990,246</td>
<td>2,204,133</td>
<td>11,060,724</td>
<td>25,835,619</td>
<td>9,139,299</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**April 2000 Stats**

**Personal**

Miracle (formerly Shuli of Daniel Glad Tidings) is looking for Australian Paul and Joy (formerly Abel and Mercy, GASs in Poona around '85). Could you or anyone help with info about Indian Andrew (Anup), who joined in your Home at that time? Please contact me at: petra@higgs.kitaonline.co.uk

Hey, I've been away from the frontlines, behind the scenes. If you remember me, I'd love to get in touch and hear news from you. Reach me via ASCRO. —Esther Sunshine (Danish)

Eva Pulavska (friend) wants to get in touch with Polish Matthew (now in Africa). Please write to: Poland, Eva Pulavska, ul. Dworcowa 57/47, 10-437 Olsztyn.

Polish Maria wants to get in touch with Polish Abi (in China). I get your letters but the ones I send to you come back. Please send the correct address.

Miguel and/or Cherish, please write Jessica at kidzbiz@online.ru

Simon Bulgarian (a.k.a. Jason Donovan) please write your long-lost friend Jessica at kidzbiz@online.ru

Gideon SGA is looking for David Rocky, Nazareno and Alfredo in Brazil (I think). Drop me a line at <family@mail.kar.net> in Kiev, Ukraine.

Daniella (alias: Crystal) looking for Am. Simon and Italian Maria (pioneers to Russia). We were together in Yugoslavia (German Phillip and Crystal). Where are you? And Daniel Gladiodings, David Wings (Australian), ENGLISH MARY, (we were together in Bangladesh). Please contact me at e-mail: bridgeofhope2000@yahoo.com

**KIDBITS**

Katya, 1st child, born to Sveta and Andrei on March 19th. —Russia

Maria Marika, born to Suzie and Andy on March 23rd —Russia

Evun Nichols, 1st child, born to Claire and Darren on March 25th. —USA

Alexis Valentin, born to Dulcinea and Benjamin on March 30th. —South Africa

Shannen, 1st child, born to Noemi Shangrist on April 5th. —Italy

Patrick Braden, born to Benedicte and Francesco on April 12th. —France

Anita, born to Masha and Victor Job on April 14th. —Russia

Baby girl (no name yet), born to Eva and Jan on April 20th. —Russia

Leiana Rose Victory, born to Angela and Daniel on April 23rd. —Romania

Alva, born to Rejco and Caleb on April 26th. —Sweden

Chloe Brooke, born to Faithy and DJ on April 29th. —Thailand

Twins Anthony Rene David and Andre Laurent Jeremy. 11th and 12th children, born to Meekness and Isaac on May 5th. —Reunion Island

The news and views from Family members published in the Grapevine are not intended to reflect WS policy. Suggested reading age for this publication is 14 years and up. Selected portions may be read by or with those younger at parents’ or shepherd’s discretion. The Grapevine, PO Box 4938, Orange, CA 92863 USA e-mail: grape@ibm.net

Copyright © 2000 by The Family