

Notes from Profile meetings 4.5.00 and 4.13.00

The following notes are for future reference. The hosts and hostesses for the open house will be the six man/woman team as announced.

Went over potential questions we might be asked at the Open House. Below are some possible Q/A's.

Main points are:

--steer away from saying "we," try to keep your answers personal when the question regards some aspect of our personal life or past.

--Answer with what you feel comfortable. What might be a good answer for one person, another person might feel awkward about.

--Need to be relaxed and cordial, not awkward and nervous. Answers might vary depending on who you're talking to and how much information they require. --One key is to give as little information about our personal way of life and past as necessary, and then steer the conversation back onto "safe" ground. --however, don't do it so you appear to be being evasive or suspicious.

--Answers also depend on who is speaking. A girl might answer questions about our home life by getting into topics such as gardening, cooking, lemon butter, etc. A guy might steer it more into how to keep the coyotes out of the chicken coop, etc.

--There may be "Level A" answers, and then "Level B" answers. Level A being simple short answers, which should satisfy most people. Level B would get into a little more detail.

--No need for us to feel pressured about divulging any personal information we don't feel comfortable with. Our personal life is really none of their business, but we do want to be a cordial and "open wind" as possible.

Questions:

- 1) How many live here:
 - a. (Level A) About a dozen
 - b. About a dozen, some short term volunteers
 - c. (Level B) Four families and some single volunteers

- 2) How do you support yourselves
 - a. If talking about the organization: FCF is supported by various means, such as donations, weddings and events, marketing and broadcasting children's video series, etc..
 - b. If talking about yourself each of us could have our own answers. Ie: Grant and Larry can say they are salaried. Bill could say he was an independent contractor for ... years, and how he's volunteering his services to Family Care for while. Others of us could say we're volunteers... (TBD)

- 3) What do we do here:
 - a. We do administrative work for 161 projects in 49 countries, facilitate the funding of the projects, help them with research and questions regarding the Foundation, research grants, keep up their web site, create brochures and newsletters, etc. That's a LOT! We also offer spiritual retreat for furloughing missionaries. We have training programs for people from the mission field who want to learn accounting, secretarial skills, etc. We've had a number of people who have gone from our office and are now on needy mission fields with added skills.

- 4) Are you doing anything locally:

- a. We are in the process of setting up a Food Bank program, and would like to distribute food to needy local families. This should be coming through within a month or so. We will also be delivering clothing and supplies to needy Mexican people.
- 5) Why don't you go to church: (Again this question should probably have individual answers – don't say "we" unless you're talking about your husband and wife team.)
- a. I'm not a big church goer.
 - b. My husband and I read and pray during the week. We often attend the Bible Studies at Bruce and Toni's. Then Sunday is our day for family and other activities. We've been to a few of the church functions.
 - c. There is nothing saying that we all even need to be Christians to be working with Family Care Foundation, much less of one "denomination."
- 6) How did you all get together (Individualized answers. Avoid, we've all been missionaries for 25 years.... And have been in all these different countries):
- a. Larry could say, "I met Grant years ago when we worked on a radio program together
 - b. June could say, "Larry and I met when working with Sunny Side Up on video projects for children.
 - c. Dawnie could say, "I met Larry on a fund-raising trip to Georgia and was invited to come and be a secretary at FCF."
 - d. Bill and Laurie could say we had a project in the San Francisco area, and heard about the need for a handyman, so volunteered to come and help.
- 7) How do you get volunteers?
- a. We run a spiritual retreat and a lot of people come through from mission fields, and some want to try some time working in our office.
 - b. We have a web site that is viewed worldwide. People have heard about our work and written in to see how they can help (ie: Eduardo who has helped with the web site.)
 - c. Word of mouth
 - d. Sometimes people just write in to see if we have a job opening.
- 8) Do we all eat together?
- a. Sometimes we do, sometimes we don't
- 9) Who cooks?
- a. Different ones
 - b. I cook dinner once a week and the other girls take turns.
 - c. My husband and I get some of our meals on our own, and others are cooked by someone in the office.
- 10) How do we live (sleep)?
- a. (Level A) Each has his/her own suite or apartment.
 - b. (Level B) So convenient that it used to be a bed and breakfast it works well to have a central office, but everyone has their own personal suite.