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LETTERS AND REPORTS

New York, New York

Wesley Samuel

Dear Family: It gives me great pleasure to share with you this month the activities in the New York area. It was a great treat for us to have Philip Burley and his sister Rita with us for a weekend. On Saturday night we all got together to sing songs. Each of us gave a small introduction, and Philip shared his testimony with us.

For the 4th of July weekend, the New York and Philadelphia Families and Carroll Ann Dobrotka from Washington joined together for a picnic at Jones Beach. We went to the beach to gain strength for Father; however, it turned out we all (all but me, I was born with mine) got sun burns; George Fernsler looked like he was broiled.

We are witnessing and teaching as usual; for the month of July our goal was for each member to join a group to broaden our outlook and to expand our influence.

One of our newest members, Dennis Cormier, is working at a summer camp in upstate New York and working hard to find children of life for Father. Maria is spending the summer in Washington; we all miss you, Maria. Nanette Semha will be coming back to New York with Maria for school in September.

I am sure you have heard that the New York Family has moved to a new Center, from a three-room apartment to eight rooms. This summer there are four living there, Betsy O'Neill, Barbara Newman, Barbara Mikesell, and Dale Smith. Mary Penn lives two floors down and often steps up for teaching, praying, and give and take.

The Family also has a new Dodge bus for fast witnessing. Each new child we find brings such joy to our hearts, think of the joy it brings to Father! Sisters and brothers, let us rededicate our lives each day to expand the kingdom. Our Father has given us His word, let us carry it on.

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Phoenix, Arizona

Judi Culbertson & Ray Barlow

Dear Family: After hearing we had been chosen to conquer the city of Phoenix, many feelings of determination and gratitude swelled up within us. Also, we looked forward to experiencing more of Father's heart, His frustration, sorrow,

and joy. When Father gives you a mission to accomplish, He also teaches you many things: not only understanding of the Principle but also how desperately Father needs teachers to guide His children into this life of love and truth. We are especially grateful to Jon and Sandy for their love and guidance. They always taught us to love God first. With this foundation, we feel strong to take this message anywhere God might lead us. Truly we are pioneers of a new age and a new life. It's a wonderful feeling to know that the Family is extending its divine roots to another area and that the gates to Father's heart will be open to more people. Realizing the great importance of America's mission in fulfilling God's providence gives us even more determination to capture the hearts of the people here and redirect them to God.

When arriving in Phoenix our feelings were very high in knowing that Father had trusted us in establishing a foundation for the spreading of this Divine Word. Also we understood, to some extent, some of the frustrations and annoyances that some of our early missionaries must have experienced. For example, we spent many days seeking a place that would be appropriate for a Center, but none seemed to qualify and we finally ended up taking the first one we had looked at.

The night prior to our departure from Los Angeles was an event to be cherished. Our brothers and sisters give us their prayers and confidence and said some warm good-byes which we will carry with us for a long time.

On Wednesday, July 3, our journey to the desert began in one of Ernie Stewart's cars, a 1962 Dodge. Our luggage consisted of a chalk-board, 2000 pieces of new age literature, a sign of the unification symbol, and a minimum amount of personal necessities. Some of our brothers and sisters got up to pray with us before we left and to say a few last words. By 6:30 a.m. we were on our way to the Valley of the Sun.

On our way to Phoenix, we exchanged feelings and ideas concerning our work in the Principle and our mission as a whole. We discussed conditions and preparations to make and what would be essential for a strong foundation to begin Father's work. We are reading and studying the Principle in depth because we feel it is necessary to strengthen and broaden our understanding. This, we hope, will make us more useful and valuable to Father and more flexible in witnessing and teaching.

Our first destination upon arrival was the Holy Ground. We found the Holy Ground about 4:00 in the afternoon in Encanto Park. We performed a short, informal ceremony to dedicate the city of Phoenix to Father. Afterward, we felt the spirit of God very powerfully within us. This made us even more

determined, and we could hardly wait to begin witnessing and teaching. We pray only that we will make the necessary conditions so that Father may use us as His instruments to accomplish His purpose.

Now we are here and have rented a two-bedroom apartment near Phoenix College. We have found that many people, especially the young, are being prepared for the Principle. Although the generation gap, drugs, and free love are popular here, for the most part Phoenix appears to be conservative. And the family is still very strong here. The young people are easy to get acquainted with. Maybe it's because they haven't been exposed to the influx of political and religious elements to the extent that young people elsewhere have. This seems to make them more receptive and interested in what we say and less skeptical. So far, Encanto Park and Phoenix College have been the best places for witnessing but we have many places to try.

Phoenix is a segregated town and many people are from the southern states. There is a lot of wealth here all accumulated in one section of town by one type of person. The primary religion here is Protestant, namely Baptist and Methodist.

We've been here about two weeks and have been teaching fairly regularly on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings. If no one comes by 8:00 p.m. we usually go out witnessing. We hope to have very soon some new members to help in witnessing and teaching so that Phoenix may grow very fast and Father's whole kingdom expand. We hope we can make this a successful step in God's dispensation for America.

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Berkeley, California

Helen Ireland

Dear Family: The month of July didn't see many outward changes in the Berkeley Family, although even a month in the Principle makes a lot of difference, inwardly. We all felt more deeply, especially in the new Center the importance of our work, and the great need for each of us to be more unified at heart with Father's love. We began establishing a more basic pattern of Family life, largely following Washington's example, and have been meeting weekly for prayer and study sessions, as well as for Saturday witnessing. With our larger quarters we also started bi-monthly formal worship services. As a Center, I feel we have begun to mature. We've less time to waste, and we see more clearly the need for a heavenly pattern.

The Center is now 14 strong, with many others spending occasional nights here. July saw the birth of four new members—Michael Richardson, Allen Wood, Kay Hughes and Saralinda Alexander. All have started outlining and

teaching the Principle and are contributing richly in Father's work here. Kay will be a senior in high school and Saralinda just graduated and is preparing for college.

Another bright new edition is Gay Frizzell. We had hoped she would be able to spend weekends at the Center, but, better yet, she's been able to move in. Thank you, Austrian Family. Through Gay we feel much closer to you.

Also, Neil Winterbottom visited us on his way from Oregon to Washington, to enliven our Center with English Family songs and stories of Master's stay. Shortly after his departure, Mark left for Washington to participate in the conference there. So our Center has been enriched in many ways by our brothers and sisters all over.

We have much work to do, and long for the day very soon, when we'll be strong enough to send out sturdy, trustworthy pioneers like our Los Angeles and Washington Families. That's our goal.

We join with all our Family in our True Parents' love.

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Las Vegas, Nevada

Jack Korthuis

Dear Family: We will never forget this day in Las Vegas. It is the day man first stepped on the moon. Marion Dougherty, Gladys, and I will not remember this day, however, because of the moon landing, but because together with two young musicians, Kirk Tuttle and John Newell, we experienced our first Family meeting.

We started the day all working together at John's house, cleaning the yard and house. It was a hot day so lots of sweat flowed: Gladys even shed a little blood (she cut herself cleaning). The tears of happiness were present for Father during our meeting. We had dinner together followed by a meeting with prayer, a short session on perfection and the beginning of a 40-day condition for each one to master one fourth of Principle during this period. Our goal is to learn to lecture this wonderful truth, sharing it in its purity with our individual excitement showing through.

So pray and rejoice with us, dear Family, for the spirit of God is moving in a city where Satan has long been king. God's great love is pouring out into

many other hearts here and much teaching and witnessing is being done. Marion is already training our new brothers in witnessing procedures. It's so fantastic to have this news to share. We are glad from the depths of our hearts. We are all sharing in the birth of our heavenly Father's personality change. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity. Hallelujah, Monsay, Hallelujah, Amen! In the name of our powerful Lord and his Bride.

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Denver, Colorado

Gene Bennett

Hi. How are you all? I am fine. I am at work now and didn't have any work so I have been writing letters.

I like my job pretty well. During the summer, very few professors need films or equipment so I am not busy at all. I spend a lot of time reading, and outlining Principle. I can work and earn money and still study Principle. Also, there are quite a few kids around that I can witness to. It seems like Father really wanted me here.

We have been doing quite a bit of witnessing. We usually go to the parks. There always seems to be someone in the parks. We have been having 3 to 5 people to our meetings.

How about the moon flight? We went out to Judy's folks' home to watch it. Man is really expanding throughout the universe as Father has wanted for the past 6,000 years. I just hope and pray we can use the information for the building of Father's kingdom.

I'll close with all my love to you. In our True Parents' name.

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Fort Gordon, Georgia

Hugh Spurgin

Dear Family: One week ago I graduated from basic training. Military Police training is new and at times enjoyable but repetitious. I hope to find judo, military law, and pistol fire interesting.

As is to be expected the first week we've had little time to ourselves, no opportunities to leave the company area, and generally strict discipline by our platoon sergeants.

We were allowed to leave the post this weekend. Much of the time I either talked with friends or read while in the library. Having read a great deal this

weekend, I feel rejuvenated, prepared to undergo another week of military training.

Most difficult is keeping awake during training classes. We arise early (by 4:30 A.M.) and go to bed late (10:00 P.M.). In addition each of us is required periodically to get up during the night for fireguard, orderly room runner, KP, etc. After having been up from 2:00 A.M. to 3:00 A.M. for fireguard, listening to a sergeant teach a class in a monotone is not easy.

I also played baseball today. It was the first time in a long time. For many years sports were my life. Possibly I'll be in Washington before you take down the volleyball net. I hope so.

Well! Time passes. In a few weeks, if not before, I'll have forgotten the agony. See you in September. In our Parents' Name.

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London, England

Dennis and Doris Orme

The month was notable for an increase in visitors. With such a good summer there were more people in the parks and outdoors, and witnessing was easier. Consequently, over 250 people visited the Center, while we probably witnessed to four times that many. The outstanding success of the month was our first training weekend for people who live outside the Center. This taught us as much as it did our visitors. Three members were able to live with us for the complete weekend, others attended part of it. We shall be repeating this once a month.

The second event was to make the Unified Family Monthly available to non-members. This means that we shall be able to expand its circulation. Consequently, articles will be written with the understanding that many people who know little about the Divine Principle will be reading it. The English read a great deal, so we hope to reach many this way.

On July 10th we hired Caxton Hall for a public lecture. With a little advertising and local witnessing, forty people attended. We sang songs and Chris lectured on the Second Advent for an hour. Ron and Elsie Bryan taught the Divine Principle to friends and the following accepted: Brian and Joan Agnew, Stanley Taylor, Bubbles Taylor, Bob Taylor and Valerie Pritchard. George Walters and Leo Aldred heard the conclusion and accepted the Divine Principle.

Bob Duffy left for Canada, and we all thank the Father for Bob's work here. In the last few months Bob opened up in many ways and was able to share with

us many experiences he had with the Father. With Neil Winterbottom in the United States, and Bob in Canada we feel closer to our brothers and sisters across the water. Trudy James, a Canadian lady, returning to Canada has been staying with us and learning about Principle. She has been following Jesus many years and has been an instrument for healing. We wish her success in Canada.

One of the many joys in London is the number of foreign students who are studying. This month we have had people from Ethiopia, Germany, Switzerland, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Jamaica, Barbados, Sierra Leone, U.S.A., France, Finland, and Kenya. We always feel we are an international Family and we are truly blessed to work in such a cosmopolitan city. Thank you, Father. In the Name of our True Parents.

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Los Angeles, California

Margaret Stahon

July 3 through 6 the Family took part in a 72-hour witnessing marathon, inspired and directed by Joseph Sheftic. The marathon started at six o'clock on Thursday and ran continuously until 7:00 p.m. Sunday. We witnessed to four hundred people during these 72 hours. The results are still being tabulated. Many opportunities to work for our heavenly Father have come about because of it.

Earlier in this month Bob and Shirley Spencer and their family from the Denver Center visited us for two days. During this time the Family had an occasion to get to know something of the Denver situation. Shirley seems quite enthusiastic and wants to do much more for our True Parents. We are truly glad to have lived with them for a while.

Luis Vasquez, a young man from Equador arrived in Los Angeles on Sunday, July 27. Luis heard the Principle over a year ago and has been taught the heart of our Father while working alone in the jungles of Equador. He is serious and wants to learn how to work more effectively in teaching the Principle and learning Father's new truth. Monsay! Father's love triumphs.

We had the wonderful experience of receiving Neil Winterbottom on July 25. After singing, lecturing, and talking "incessantly" with the Los Angeles Center for three days, he departed for the Washington, D. C. Center. What can we say about this wonderful young man with the compassionate heart and total dedication to Father?

The Center activities of the Los Angeles Family include discussions of the Principle, before and after our physical activities—volley ball, exercising,

swimming, hiking, and picnicking in Griffith Park. The purpose of this activity is to inspire and stimulate the people with whom we are working to study the Principle deeper and also to express our love and personal concern for these people, spiritually and physically. We hope by this method to draw more people to the Center and to deepen the feeling of joy in our physical life in harmony with our spirit.

Ray Barlow and Judi Culbertson from the Los Angeles Center pioneered the establishment of a new Center in Phoenix, Arizona on July 3. Our goal for this year is to establish new Centers wherever and whenever we can. Ray and Judi are the first to go out. It was both tearful and joyful to see them go. We had a farewell party to express our love and wishes for their success in Phoenix. Pray, then, for their success and good fortune.

We are very joyful to tell you that we have received the membership applications of four people, they are: Nathaniel McNutt, Elaine Deeking, Emma Reed, and Luis Vasquez.

Jon Schuhart participated in a 45-minute interview on radio in Los Angeles. The disc jockey interviewed Jon concerning the philosophy of the Unified Family. The public was invited to call in and ask questions about the philosophy.

At this time we, Father's Family in Los Angeles, wish to join our hearts, our will, and our determination, with our Family throughout the world to bring about victory for our heavenly Father. One day soon His heart will be felt by all people, His will will be done by all people and His joy will have no end. We are praying for the growth and the success of our movement throughout the world as well as the growth and the success and the burning desire of each person whose heart is centered upon the will of our heavenly Father. In the name of our beloved True Parents.

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Amsterdam, Holland

Teddy Verheyen

Our wonderful Family! We join together with all of you to bring the kingdom of heaven on earth soon. In our hearts we are longing to be with all of you. We miss our True Parents and our wonderful Family all over the world. But we are always with you in spirit. We are walking hand in hand in our Father's great truth.

The month of July has been filled with very much action. Every day we are so busy doing the Father's work, there is not much time to sleep. We are still going full force with witnessing, and giving out hand bills. We have given out 36,000

hand bills in the last month. Teddy prints a lot of hand bills just before our Monday and Wednesday night meetings. After the lectures everyone comes to help prepare them to be put in people's mail boxes and to be given out on the street. We stamp each one with the 12 gate sign, before folding. Everyone has a chance to get to know everyone else while this is going on. In working together everyone feels part of the Family.

We are still showering Holland with truth. Every Saturday we go to villages and proclaim the truth to the village people. This month we covered 21 villages. People are beginning to wake up and want to know the truth. We receive letters from many people in the villages after we have been there. When people respond by letter we know they are taking time to read what we put in their homes.

One Saturday we stopped in a small village called Ede (it's pronounced Eden, like the Garden of Eden). There were 11 of us, we were going to have our lunch on a church ground, when 12 small children came and gathered around us. We shared our food with them, then we sang and danced and played games for two hours. The children were about 2 to 4 years old. We felt as if we were in the Garden of Eden. The children were so young and happy, and we left them feeling much richer in spirit. We wish all people could be as the little children and not be afraid to join us and be happy. We could live in the Garden of Eden.

We have two new members this month and two more who are very good. We are praying they will move into the house soon. We want 12 people living in the Center by the end of next month. We are now 8 in the Center.

Everyone is going out every day into the parks to bring people home. The Unified Family is becoming very well known now in Holland and all over the world. The members here meet people every day from other parts of the world who say they have met someone who has told them about the Unified Family in their own nation. The response is becoming more and more positive all the time. As we pour out all our energy to bring the truth to mankind we know the Father will give back to us 100%. We march on knowing the victory will be soon.

As the result of our witnessing in other cities, a very good radio station received one of the hand bills. They asked us to speak about the Unified Family. Teddy will be on the air this week. We are all very happy about this. It is a big step for us and it makes every one want to do even more. New doors are being opened every day.

On July the 11th Peter and his wife visited Holland from Austria and on July 14th Paul and Christel surprised us with a visit from Essen. We all had a wonderful time having give and take and seeing the unification of nations.

The Laren Center had three good people this month. A lady from Canada took the Principle book home with her and will make contact with the American Family. Also a lady from Indonesia got the general information about the Principle and took the first chapter home with her to Indonesia. The Principle is being sent around the world.

We had our monthly meeting in Laren. It is always good to meet and share spiritual and physical work. We grow very much from these meetings.

On July the 25th, 11 of us went to Essen, Germany. We spent 24 full hours with the Essen Family. We were 30 members all together, we watched the movie of the blessings in Essen, reliving each moment we had spent with our True Parents. The next morning we went to the Holy Ground where we sang and prayed. Later we went on the street to witness; it was so good seeing everyone witnessing together hand in hand. The members formed teams, one member from Germany and one from Holland: they all worked so well together. The Dutch people all speak German so there was no problem speaking.

In Utrecht Johan and Elke are working with the students. They have 10 studying with them now. They are working very hard to reach the people in that city.

The Amsterdam Family spent one Saturday in Utrecht. We covered the city, giving out hand bills and talking to many people. The results were small but we felt we had made a condition for the work to go faster there.

In August, 6 of us went to the beach to witness. It was a very hot day and almost all of Holland goes to the beach on a hot day. There were thousands of people sun-bathing. We had about 8 thousand hand bills with us. We made a line from one side of the beach to the other side and began giving out the hand bills. The weather was very hot! Sweat poured off every one as we walked the seven mile beach. People thought we were crazy, but they took the hand bills. When we were at the end of the beach we were all very hot. So everyone went swimming, and we gave thanks to the heavenly Father for working with us when witnessing to the people.

Everyone was happy with the day. We returned to the Center knowing the Father is always with us. We from Holland send our love and thanks to all of you in America and all over the world, in our True Parents' name.

ARTICLES

A Sermon

Don Hamilton

Today we celebrate World Day, a day when conditions were set making it possible to restore all of creation, a day to remind us that everything we own belongs to God and must be returned to Him through use for Him.

Some two months ago I left my home in Oregon, many material things and an old way of life, to come here to grow ever closer to God, and to give. I also left behind a restlessness that had been with me for as long as I can remember, a restlessness caused by not knowing which way to turn. The other day I sat on a hill that overlooked the city streets and I saw people slowly dying inside, and I remembered.

Quite a world that was—saturated with artificial happiness and trimmed in genuine, imitation, gold-plated chrome. Pleasure was its motto. God was a word that could be found only in Webster's Old World Dictionary, or in a pledge that was taken out of our schools.

Well, that world is still there, building towards ruin and leading nowhere. How fortunate we are to stand here in this new world, this embryo of a new age. We are like the new grasses that spring out of the decay.

But why us? Why would God use such rusty, freight-damaged, malfunctioning, instruments as us? How could we, tarnished by too many hallucinations, become partners with God? We know in our hearts full well all our misgivings, all our flaws. Why would God want us?

Despite all we have done, God still called us. And we came. That single act makes the difference: we came.

We are like super-sensitives, people aware that things aren't all candy canes and mud pies—that this world is falling down. And also because we love our fellow man so much that we want to save him from himself and give him back to God.

Sure, we've failed many times, and made many wrong turns down one way streets. But one of our greatest strengths lies in knowledge, the knowledge we have gained from our experiences, good and bad. Who could better help a blind man than one who was blind? Who could better help the lonely than

one who was lonely? So you see, we are worthy for we can use everything for God's advantage! The conditions have been set, now it is up to us to move. Helen Keller once said "Sick or well, blind or seeing, bound or free, we are here for a purpose and however we are situated, we please God better with useful deeds than with many prayers or pious resignation."

We are here not just to learn to pray. The greatest importance lies in our deeds, in doing His will, which is accomplished in many ways. Each of us has specific talents and a combination of qualities which no one else possesses. We must not lose them, for God needs them for His work.

Yes, we should strive for new goals, but at the same time we must not waste God's time in binding ourselves with shoes that don't fit.

No single man could bring all of creation back to God. Yet we must be strong individuals with one very important factor: we must join together in our efforts and above all, help lift each other up when the need arises. In this way, we form the fingers of the spiritual hand which is reaching out to man.

It is for us to plow the fields with God's greatest tool, love, and sow the seeds of God in that rich brown earth known as man. To do this one of the first things we need is self-love, but of a very specific kind. Mark Rosen put it this way "Love is love of self, but only that part of self which recognizes and accepts its source." We cannot love others fully until we have this feeling about ourselves.

Then what about others? How much should we be concerned about them? How much do we love God? Is He worth the time and effort to help those around you? Is He worth the effort needed to change the entire world?

You know that's a mighty big world out there. It is full of such wonderful things as instant zip-open beer cans and ultrasonic guided missiles. How are you going to change all that? There is even one invention that has gone almost unnoticed by man down through the ages. It's a very large computerized machine which uses complacency for fuel and has no moving parts. It has a memory bank beyond description and changes its size and shape with the times. It goes under the name of Satan and has just recently been rediscovered by a man in Korea.

Part of our job, then, is to show this machine, and what it produces, to the world so that it can be dismantled and made ready for the fires of the forge.

It would be much easier for us not to become too involved with the "outsiders." Invite them to come in but with no concern if they don't stay. But this has been the weakness of all religions: their viewpoint has been "Come with us or else!" We cannot become like that nor will we as long as we keep our vision focused on God and realize that every single human being in this world is a part of God, a particle of truth. This includes the blacks, the browns, the reds, and the yellows, and the ugly and the beautiful.

Marshall McLuhan has said that because of our fast-moving times we have had to shift our focus of attention from action to reaction. This world was spinning in reverse until a short time ago. The forward motion has been started, but we must speed it up. The reaction to this action will not be easy to take and the road ahead will be rough. But we know the aggressive and defensive positions have been reversed and in time only one position will exist, love and beauty, God.

So here we are as individuals, and, yet as one, to pool the best we have to do our Father's will. We give Him our life and all we possess, for in the end everything is His.

This Family includes all of mankind, it is the degree of involvement which places them near or far from Father.

And we will be guided and they will be guided and we will teach them of love.

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Whenever one is confronted with an inescapable, unavoidable situation, whenever one has to face a fate that cannot be changed, e.g., an incurable disease, such as an inoperable cancer, just then is one given a last chance to actualize the highest value, to fulfill the deepest meaning, the meaning of suffering. For what matters above all is the attitude we take toward suffering, the attitude in which we take our suffering upon ourselves. Suffering ceases to be suffering in some way at the moment it finds a meaning, such as the meaning of a sacrifice.

—Viktor E. Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning

A Sermon

Kathy Bell

This morning I would like to speak about freedom. In Canada the Royal Bank of Canada puts out a monthly newsletter and the June edition is titled "Let Us Enjoy Our Freedoms." I would like to read a short section from this:

Dr. Albert Schweitzer told the story in African Notebook about a well-to-do woman who visited his hospital accompanied by four slaves. The next day Dr. Schweitzer met her while she was gathering wood, and asked her why she had to carry her own firewood, since she had four slaves. She replied: "Having slaves does not mean that one is well served." So not only are the slaves free, but we are free of having slaves: To depend upon our own efforts is to develop ourselves and to be free.

The one point which I would like to emphasize is "To depend upon our own efforts is to develop ourselves and to be free."

From studying the Divine Principle, we know that "Although man's physical growth is somewhat automatic, he must work to bring his character into perfection, oneness with God's heart. Therefore, in addition to the autonomous power of the Principle, man's voluntary, conscious creative effort is required for his growth, as his own responsible part." We also know that with the fall man lost his freedom and came under Satan's domain. Because of this it is necessary for man to restore his lost freedom.

I would like for a moment to look back and relate an incident from my past. While I was studying at university, I came into contact with many different people as well as becoming acquainted with the idea that we weren't living in a perfect world, as a matter of fact there were many, many things wrong with it. Like most students I talked of these problems and thought that something should be done about them. Also, like most students it was always someone else who should remedy these problems, the government, the older generation, the other students, etc. The point I want to make is that it never occurred to me that I was responsible. I would also like to relate another incident along this same line. My uncle is a lawyer and belongs to the Bar Association in Ontario. While he attended the meetings of the Association he used to sit in the audience and criticize the ideas and work of the executives. One time after he had been particularly vocal in his criticism,

someone suggested that he should head a committee to correct that situation. I am relating this story to emphasize that it wasn't until they asked him what he was going to do about that situation that he realized that he was responsible or that he was free to depend upon his own efforts to change the situation.

Well, I would like to look at the freedom that we have in North America today and what this means to us as members of the Unified Family. Today, most people of this generation don't realize that the freedom we have under democracy has been "the outcome of a struggle as long as human history." "Our civilization is the first one in history that has not been based on slave labour." We take all of this for granted and often fail to realize just how hard our ancestors fought in order to attain this freedom and how much it meant to them. Today, this freedom is being challenged and unless the citizens of the free countries can be made aware of the individual responsibilities involved in maintaining freedom, they are apt to lose it. John Stewart Mill in 1869 wrote a warning for freedom that is very applicable today. He said, "A people may prefer a free government, but if from indolence or carelessness or cowardice, or want of public spirit, they are unequal to the exertions necessary for preserving it . . . they are unlikely long to enjoy it."

Essential to freedom is the participation of the individual in determining his own welfare. Because we have studied the Divine Principle, as members of the Unified Family we realize the responsibilities of the whole to a greater extent than any other people. Each of us has learned that he, individually, must feel and act responsible for maintaining the freedom of the individual, the freedom of the nation, and the freedom of the world. Because of the rise of Communism today which is a direct challenge to freedom through the world, we have a special mission of making others aware of and informed about this threat. The world today is in a state of chaos. People in all countries are in the throes of shifting their outlook. "The compulsion of tradition has lost its force and people throughout the world are seeking the means to a better world." Both Canada and the United States have staked their "future on the belief that in the free market-place of thought, by the matching of ideas, truth has a better chance of winning than by any other method known to man."

The most important aspect of freedom is freedom of the mind. In fact, our Leader says that "The value of man rests upon the value of the mind." In a democracy one of the basic rights of the individual is freedom of the mind enabling him to question and to doubt. Because we have this freedom it is important that each individual understand the world in which he is living and understand the basic issues or problems within his country. One of the major issues today is the problem of Communism. Because Communism is a direct threat

to the freedom of the world, it is important that people today have an understanding of the principles and aims on which it is based, as well as an understanding of the principles and aims of an alternate solution to the questions of universal peace and prosperity.

Freedom of the mind brings with it freedom of choice. The essence of choice is knowing what is important and what is unimportant . . . because choice involves the chance of error, and error involves some kind of penalty. The enjoyment of freedom to choose therefore, imposes the obligation to be responsible. Or to express this another way "A man cannot be free if he is a hitch-hiker on democracy." Every individual in a democracy is obligated to keep himself and his fellow citizens informed in order that freedom might be preserved.

As members of the Unified Family, this is doubly important as freedom is one of the conditions necessary for growth within the Principle and also because man must restore the freedom he lost with the fall in order to make a base on which to establish the Kingdom of Heaven for our Father.

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Man must be sharpened on man like knife on stone.

— Old Chinese Proverb

FIELD OPERATIONS

Dearest Family: Greetings from Headquarters! Let's have a look at some vital happenings at local Centers. Berkeley stands at the top of the list this month with the greatest number of new members—a total of four. Los Angeles came in second with three new members. And College Park, Maryland (Maryland University) came in third with two new members. Nation-wide we won eleven new members for Father. A warm welcome to all new members! I want to point out that some Centers had only one new member but proportionately they were most fruitful. For example, Berkeley Center had four new members and witnessed to 898 people while another Center witnessed to 116 people and had one new member. In the final analysis, whether one or one hundred persons came in, their usefulness, potentially or already established, their dedication coupled with ability are most important.

John Harries and Hal McKenzie are doing a grand job in New Haven, Connecticut, one of our newest Centers. They had 49 people attend lectures and eleven who heard all 12 chapters! John writes: "The large number taught comes from two meetings. The first was a coffee house in Providence, R.I. I followed through by mailing seven books to interested people. The second was at a work-camp for AFSC high schoolers. Twenty heard at least a couple of chapters . . . ten heard it through to the conclusion. I am awaiting responses." Very good, John! And too, they've done some radio witnessing. Incidentally, two other Centers made use of the radio media, one with an announcement—St. Louis and in L.A. Jon Schuhart spoke on the radio about Principle.

To the North our Canadian brother Vince Walsh found himself speaking on the topic "Invisible World and Its Influence Upon Man," to the 20-30 Club of an Anglican Church. Linna Rapkins, directoress of that Center writes "He didn't know what to expect—stony silence, indignation, mob violence—but as it turned out, after a very tense beginning, they really warmed up to the subject and ended deciding to have meetings of healing, etc. in the future. Six people wanted to know more about us and one girl did come and heard the whole thing."

The Phoenix, Arizona duet—Judi Culbertson and Ray Barlow, did a great job of witnessing for the first month in a new city. Keep up the good work! 203 people, that's a hundred each for 30 days or almost seven persons per day apiece.

This month I'd like to publish some important figures. I don't have all the statistics before me but what I do have will serve the same purpose. The following chart shows a comparison between the number lectured to at your Center

compared to the number who heard all 12 chapters. In several ways the number may reveal some important information about your lecturing.

	Berkeley	New Haven	St. Louis	Denver	New York	Los Angeles	College Park, Maryland
# who came to lectures	86	49	25	23	35	37	41
# who heard all 12 chapters	12	11	7	14	9	5	7

While some Centers' "number who came to lectures" was not as high as others, the percentage who heard all 12 chapters was higher. Each Center must analyze its own situation to draw conclusions. This month the Denver Center is tops in this category with over 50 percent of the people lectured to hearing all 12 chapters!

In last month's Report I tried to get us to think together on efforts, results, and attitudes, in relation to our total work in finding people. I'm including the comments of several members in response to my question.

Jon Schuhart, director of the Los Angeles Center: "We are constantly trying to get people over to hear Father's truth through any way possible. But, the most successful way is just talking with people and meeting them on the level that they live . . . I think we'll devote our major efforts to just do this. Our results from witnessing do not return as many dividends as we anticipate."

Vivien Burley, now working in the St. Louis Center: "There is a direct correlation between effort and result in witnessing, teaching and raising. In all cases when I could establish personal rapport and make a date for the next meeting, and take a phone number, that person returned. We have had no great turnover of people just coming for Chapter I and not returning. Maybe because we are in a private home and the contact is more personal, most

everyone has persevered, even if they fought the Principle. The person-to-person relationship is so important—to really care especially after hearing all chapters. People are still returning, even though undecided, and are open and willing to talk and study. "

"What you say about sowing now and reaping later is true. If we are focused on 'getting members' we are off the track. But if our concern is, 'How can I reach this person's heart—how can he find God—what is his need—' then our motive is pure and genuine and we win the trust of those we teach . . . Our motto must be: 'To bring the loving heart of the Father to His children, and the lost children to the heart of the Father!' The most meaningful sacrifice is in our concern for another's soul.'

Keep up the good fight!

Yours in the Father,

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The weekend of August 1-3 The Freedom Leadership Foundation presented Workshop One at Headquarters. This event launched the active phase of FLF's study of Communism and presentation of ways to combat it. The keynote was to educate and inform. Future weekend workshops will follow. Now we are marching out in battle garb to combat the enemy on his own territory. Monsay!