

2008 Wins

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Notes/Disclaimers

- The news and stats in this presentation are from November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008.
- Due to limited time and space, we couldn't include all the accomplishments in this presentation. Stay tuned for additional material, which will be posted on Mama's site in the days and weeks to come.
- We have used photos of individuals within this presentation, and in most cases were unable to ask your prior permission, due to time restraints. Thank you for your graciousness in allowing the Family to view them.

Commendation

(Peter:) God bless you, dear Family! Mama and I are so happy to have this opportunity to look back on the last year with you, and to praise our Husband for all that He has brought to pass.

2008 is a year that you should look back on and be proud of—the launch of the Offensive. You've gotten the ball rolling! You've taken steps that have enabled the Lord to begin to fulfill His promises to us. The news and testimonies that we've received from you have thrilled us, and we're proud of you for your faith and obedience. You're making the Offensive happen! You're making it a reality!

You're not only getting out the door and doing the job of fulfilling the Lord's vision for the Offensive, but at the same time you're working in unity and collaboration. You're continuing to invest in your children and young people. You're becoming more inclusive and welcoming of others. You're presenting yourselves in a more professional manner. You're improving the standard of your Homes. You're embracing new mindsets. You're changing what you do and how you think, and so much more.

This year you have accomplished great things for the Lord, and we're going to celebrate some of those victories together in this presentation. While most of the accomplishments were

written by the regions or boards, remember that these are also your victories.

For example, although the CGO board produced the PMA, each one of you who went through the program was victorious—you gained, because you're each now better witnesses and teachers. It's a victory for your Home as well! The Home Spokesperson Seminar was produced by the CCR board, but if someone in your Home has gone through the program, it's a win! Your Home is now better able to represent your work, and to present Jesus and the Family to others.

In addition to these worldwide “wins,” each Family Home has its own “wins”—probably many “wins.” You will have some time over the next few days to look at how far you've come and what the Lord has done for you since the Offensive. You can celebrate the many victories and “wins” that we couldn't possibly include in this presentation, due to lack of information and time.

But Mama and I want you to know that we realize that you, in your Home, have done great things this year, and this presentation is by no means a record of all that has been accomplished as a result of your obedience and faithfulness. You have been “winning” every day in your lives and Homes, as you move forward

and step out by faith during the Offensive. This is just a sampling of some of the highlights that we've heard of at the international and regional level. We pray that it inspires you.

The Lord is moving, and we are moving forward as a Family. We're proud of you, and the Lord is too. Here's what He said about some of the new things that you accomplished in 2008. I'll recap the highlights, in point form, and you can read the full message on Mama's site.

- You launched the Offensive. No small affair!
- You created and began implementing strategy plans for the Offensive.
- By defining your goals clearly and formulating plans, you're making greater progress toward reaching your objectives.
- You gained unity, understanding, insight, faith, patience, longsuffering, and other fruits and gifts of the Spirit.
- You made progress in giving more priority focus and quality attention to your children and young people—specifically to their education and their witnessing.
- You've taken on fresh perspectives and new mindsets.
- You've welcomed the Wild Wind of the Lord's Spirit and the help of Change and his troops.
- The Family grew in 2008! There have been new Active members and General members, which signifies growth, and is the beginning of further expansion.

The Lord said: "I'm rejoicing, and all of the angels in Heaven are rejoicing!" They rejoice over every soul saved! And we rejoice a little bit extra when one of those souls comes closer to or joins the ranks of the children of David."

2008 Witnessing and Winning Statistics

Here is some of what the angels in Heaven have been rejoicing about this year:

- The Family won 1,075,184 souls to Jesus.
- 433,484 people were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- We personally witnessed to 4,895,713 people.
- The Family welcomed 174 new disciples.
- We had a net gain of 404 new Active members, for a total of 1,269 Active members in 58 countries. At the end of 2007 we had Active members in 53 countries. That means that since the Offensive, in addition to gaining more Active members overall, we have Active members in 5 countries where we didn't have them before! That's progress! Our Active members currently make up nearly 10% of our total Family population of 13,865.
- We now have 3,502 General members in 64 countries. We have gained more General members this year, and we now have General members in more countries as well.
- The Family currently has 4,282 *12 Foundation Stones* students, which is over 500 more than we had last year. 1,973 students completed the *12 Foundation Stones*

course in the last year, which is over 600 more than last year.

- We have 758 *12 Bridges* students, an increase from 2007, with 162 students completing the *12 Bridges* in the last year.
- The Family distributed 9,180,311 Family outreach products. That doesn't include electronic-lit, which topped the 4,000,000 mark.
- We gained 14,028 *Activated* subscribers, making a total of 38,842 current *Activated* readers (15,600 receiving the mag by subscription, and 23,242 receiving the mag monthly via a Home). This also translates into 148,127 total subscriptions to date.

Mama and Peter

The work that Mama and I did this year, all of which has contributed to the Offensive in some way, has consisted of the following:

- Getting out the Word to you in new and different ways. We started to do so in a shorter form via Mama's "History in the Making" site—which Mama launched on her birthday! Mama's site has helped to shorten the cord between us and you, and has given us an avenue to give you regular "hot off the griddle" counsel and encouragement during the Offensive.
- Between printed GNs, the *Link* mag, the MO and HIM sites, we published 60 MLs. On the HIM site, during its first three months in existence, there were 86 posts (including 16 audios from Mama), nearly all of which were focusing on or somehow related to the Offensive.
- We hosted Summit 2008 in February and March for executive leadership, which gave them specific instruction and helped to prepare them for their role during the Offensive.
- We were extensively involved in Family Policy Council work, which translated into 31 meetings and 212 online discussions in 2008.
- We've given input, counsel and training to the RSs and RCs via audio, reading material, and personal communications. (You'll be able to read some of our Offensive-related communications with executive leadership during this Feast.)
- We gave counsel to the IBs, and made contributions to various board programs.
- Mama and I were also heavily involved in restructuring WS, giving counsel to the WS units, and helping them to be in a better position to service the Family during the Offensive. (See *Grapevine* 226.) WS getting on a "war footing" in 2008 included:
 - 25 letters of counsel and instruction from Mama and me to WS.
 - 25% of WS adults had a ministry change, and a third of WS' population moved (within WS units), in order to reallocate personnel for the sake of the Offensive.
 - 10% of WS' personnel relocated to the field frontlines: to Taiwan, India, the Middle East, Mexico, the U.S., South Africa, and England.
 - WS Homes worked through strategy plans, tailored to their behind-the-scenes role during the Offensive.
 - All WS members received a work performance review to aid them in being more professional in their job of serving the Family.

Boards

(Peter:) Now let's hear some of the major board accomplishments from 2008—many of which contributed toward our being able to more effectively reach our goals during the Offensive. Remember what I said earlier, that these are your accomplishments and victories as well—because through them you're being trained in your Offensive role, and becoming more professional in your career of winning the world!

Thanks to all of you board members, and everyone in the Family, who played a part in making all of the following “wins” possible. Whether your part was helping to create the program, or whether you played a part in hosting the event, provisioning, contributing finances, attending or participating, “staying by the stuff,” or in any other way, thank you! Mama and I can’t thank you enough!

Communications and Community Relations (CCR) Board

[Photos of international board members:]

Cassie (North America)
 Cedro (Spanish South America)
 Dust (Mexico/Central America)
 Esther (ACTON)
 Jay (Middle East)
 Marcos (Mexico/Central America)
 Mark (Brazil)
 Oli (Africa)
 Rosa (Central and Eastern Europe)
 Ruth (India)
 Sara (Western Europe)
 Stephen (Japan)
 Steven (Southeast Asia)
 Tom (North America)
 The WS CCR board team is: Marc and
 Claire (IBCs), Chris, Jeanette

From the International Communications and Community Relations (CCR) Board

The CCR accomplishments for 2008 include:

- The Home Spokesperson (HSP) Seminar, consisting of nine video classes, eight supplementary reading files, and an introductory audio from Peter. Seminars were hosted in each of the regions. An online version of the Home Spokesperson Seminar is now available on the CCR board page of the MO site, including audios of the video classes.
- The Official Family Spokesperson (OSP) Seminar was hosted in September 2008, with attendees from every region. This seminar consisted of an introductory audio from Peter, 14 video classes, and 6 live classes (3 of which were given by Peter). The course serves as a comprehensive training program for official Family spokespersons on handling media and legal crises. It also focuses on building proactive public relations to complement the Offensive goals of the regions.
- The coordination of the creation and launch of the all-new www.thefamily.org website.
- The completion of a 13-minute presentation video of the Family. It will be available soon in most major languages, and can be viewed on www.thefamily.org under “multimedia.”
- Family ID cards (made available to all FD/Missionary members). To date, the ID card team has issued nearly 500 ID cards.

Church Growth and Outreach (CGO) Board

[Photos of international board members:]

Adam (Southeast Asia)
 Andreas (Western Europe)
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 Magda (Central and Eastern Europe)
 Meg (Japan)
 Paul (Japan)
 Pedro (Mexico/Central America)
 Rachel (ACTON)
 Simon (North America)
 Timothy (India)
 Tina (Africa)
 The WS CGO board team is: Francis (IBC),
 Fiona, Jessica [board member], Julie,
 Renee, Tiago [half-time]

From the International Church Growth and Outreach (CGO) Board:

The CGO accomplishments for 2008 include:

- Production of the first two PMA courses, “Building a Flock” and “Cultivating Supporters.” The first PMA semester ran from June to October 2008, with nearly 400 students participating worldwide, assisted by over 120 mentors. A total of 353 PMA students attended the graduation event (or graduated and were unable to attend). Congratulations! The students testified that taking the PMA has transformed their witnessing habits and approach, changed

their mindsets, and made them more effective and professional in their follow-up.

- A new multilingual community website for AMs worldwide (www.am.thefamily.org) was launched. The site serves as a Word and resource center for AMs, and an online community.
- Regional AM retreats were held in Italy, India, and Brazil, and were attended by 310 AMs. The primary theme was the AMs participating in the Offensive. (Other meetings with AMs were organized in Japan, Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ukraine, Croatia, Albania, Indonesia, and Mexico.)
- Regional workshops for follow-up shepherds on themes related to the Offensive were held in Western Europe, SSA, the Middle East, SEA, Brazil, and North America.

Children and Parenting (CP) Board

[Photos of international board members:]

Carina (India)
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 Joan (Central and Eastern Europe)
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 Kitty (Western Europe)
 Merry (Japan)
 Michelle (Southeast Asia)
 Polly (Brazil)
 Praise (ACTON)
 Sharon (Mexico/Central America)
 The WS CP board team is: Tuchi (IBC),
 Annie, Christia, Eni, Jacques, Kristen,
 Tomoko

From the International Children and Parenting (CP) Board:

The CP accomplishments for 2008 include:

- “Professional and Empowered Parenting” seminars were held in the Middle East, Indonesia, and Africa. (The “PEP” seminar materials were also posted on the MO site.)
- Five new CP pubs were created and launched: *Activities Galore*, *Fuel*, *Prospector*, *SnackPack*, and *Vita. Gen-Up and Heaven’s Library* were redesigned, while *MLKs* and *FCPs* were incorporated into the new publications.
- Four new board games were finalized and printed—*100 Souls Game*, *Bible Hunt Game*, *Ocean Treasures Game*, and *Spirit Helper 8s Game*. (Now available for ordering!)
- 69 CP publications, a Christmas tract for children, and 3 CP devotionals (available on the MO site) were produced.
- Children’s witnessing and soul-winning contests were held in four regions, resulting in over 5,500 souls won and over 23,000 tracts and posters distributed. The children involved also participated in classes given to visitors, received prophecies for friends and contacts, wrote thank-you letters, and more.

Coaching and Shepherding (CS) Board

[Photos of international board members:]

Amy (North America)
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 Crystal (North America)
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Gallio (Western Europe)

Isamu (Japan)

Jeff (ACTON)

Joan (Middle East)

Juan (Spanish South America)

Leila (Brazil)

Lisa (Africa)

Miguel (Mexico/Central America)

Naomi (Western Europe)

Nora (Africa)

Phoenix (Japan)

Stephen (Central and Eastern Europe)

The WS CS board team is: Misty (IBC),

David, Dulcinea, Marky

From the International Coaching and Shepherding (CS) Board:

The CS accomplishments for 2008 include:

- As we move toward the Offensive future when our flocks will be much larger, the spiritual shepherding in the Homes becomes more vital than ever. To further strengthen and train our coaches and Home shepherds, the CS board created Coach Training Program #4 (CTP4). This involved soliciting and analyzing input from the CS RBCs and coaches for its development. The program, among other things, includes information on the coaches’ new mandate of coaching the whole steering council.
- The brainstorming and development of a new subscription based e-zine, designed for YAs and young SGAs (but available to all), called “e-spresso.” (Launching soon, if not already!) This is a follow-up to the XD core, in which the topics of professionalism and “be all you can be; do all you can do” were addressed in relation to the Offensive. e-spresso addresses practical topics that are of interest and vital to young professionals today.

- Conducted a poll of approximately 125 YAs in which they answered four questions related to what kind of witnessing and follow-up tools they would like to see developed for their age group to reach university-age sheep and win disciples in the Offensive.
- Managing the international and regional shepherding desks and maintaining the CS page of the MO site, which facilitates continued spiritual progress during the Offensive.
- The High School Support Site (HS3) was created. This website explains the high school process for Family homeschoolers, and contains information on over 150 high school courses and programs.
- High school seminars or workshops were held in most of the regions.
- LNF 302* was published, which compiled and clarified all of the changes that have been made to Family education policies.

Education (ED) Board

[Photos of international board members:]

Amber (Africa)
 Angel (Middle East)
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 Faithy (Southeast Asia)
 Ginny (Mexico/Central America)
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 Meekness (Western Europe)
 Mimi (Central and Eastern Europe)
 Promise (India)
 Stacie (Japan)
 Susanna (Brazil)
 The WS ED board team is: Julie (IBC),
 Dan, Gina, Joi C., Rick

From the International Education (ED) Board:

The ED accomplishments for 2008 include:

- The creation of the Educators Seminar '08-'09. This six-day seminar offers spiritual guidance and practical instruction on important education issues, along with intergroup discussions. It includes input from Mama and Peter and Family leadership on the importance of education and the vital role that Family teachers and students play in our future.

JETT and Teen (JT) Board

[Photos of international board members:]

Ado (North America)
 Anna (Southeast Asia)
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 Cryssy (Japan)
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 Jace (Western Europe)
 Liz (Mexico/Central America)
 Mark (India)
 Michael (Africa)
 Nicole (ACTON)
 Paloma (Western Europe)
 Phil (Brazil)
 Philipp (Central and Eastern Europe)
 Phoebe (Africa)
 Sam (Brazil)
 Sean (Middle East)
 The WS JT board team is: Nathaniel (IBC),
 Joykie, Robin [board member], Sonia,
 Tiago [half-time]

From the International JETT and Teen (JT) Board:

The JT accomplishments for 2008 include:

- MyActivatedLife.com was launched. This witnessing-oriented site allows the JTs to create personal profiles, post witnessing

testimonies, and share photos and artwork. It includes comics, multimedia, stories, puzzles, contests, and more. As of writing this, 634 JTs have signed up.

- *Echo*, an 11-month witnessing incentive and motivational program for our JTs, began in September 2008. The goal of *Echo* is to motivate our JTs to partake in challenging and fun witnessing experiences, while integrating their efforts into their Home's Offensive witnessing.
- *Reloaded* was created—a new pub for JTs, with tailor-made classes for our 12- to 15-year-olds created from the new MLs.
- The JT Word Course was compiled into themed classes accompanied by assignments, discussion topics, and multimedia, and put into an easy-to-use DVD package. These DVDs will reach the Homes in early 2009. (Thanks, India JT board!)
- The JT Feast package (GN supplemental classes, an *Xn*, and 8 new witnessing songs), 3 *FSMs* (highlighting FDTP testimonies and victories), and 20 *Xns* were published.

Regions

(Peter:) Next we're going to look at some of the highlights from the regions. As you know, a lot happens in each region every year, and this is just a small slice of the whole. Mama and I asked the RCs to share a few of the highlights from their region of Offensive-related accomplishments in 2008—victories that were not necessarily connected to board projects or initiatives, since those were already included in the board highlights.

Keep in mind that these accomplishments don't include everything that your RC and RSs have been involved with—or that you, as a region, have accomplished. The RSs and RCs were also involved in communications with Mama and me, various meetings at both regional and international levels, receiving and studying your strategy plans, monitoring the progress of the Offensive within the region, the reassessment of Service Homes in light of the Offensive (see ML #3723:24, GN 1260), and many more Offensive- and board-related endeavors. Your RCs and RSs have been very busy this year. We're proud of them, and we're proud of you!

We also asked the RCs to identify three of the strengths of their region. Most mentioned that they had a hard time narrowing down the strengths to just three. They could have easily mentioned many more, and some sent in quite a few more, but we're narrowing them down to three for this presentation. So, although only a tiny sliver of the whole pie, we've included their observations here for your encouragement and inspiration.

Each region is different, and has its unique gifts and strengths and roles in the Offensive. It's inspiring to see what is being accomplished in various parts of the world as we all work together toward the same goals. Mama and I are proud of all of you for doing what you can in your region to ensure the success of the Offensive! You're doing it!

Africa

- We launched the first Africa regional website in September 2008: "This is Africa!" or [T.I.A.](#) This serves as a platform for board news, highlights, and information sharing, and is a community site for Homes to share prayer requests, news, testimonies of how the Lord is moving during the Offensive, and more.

- Lisa (RS/CS RBC), Tina (CGO RBC), and Noah went on a round of visitation and hosted workshops that included a majority of the Family in Africa—Homes in South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania (a total of 21 Homes in 8 countries)! They posted the news and highlights of their trip on a travel blog, featured on T.I.A. Follow-up to the very good input received from these travels is underway, which will help strengthen our field and works.
- Four Family witnessing products were produced in Afrikaans for the first time ever.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Africa:

- Solid well-established Homes which have good overall missionary works with successful CTP projects and outreach methods; this enables them to reach the top and influential in their cities/countries, get positive media coverage, as well as cultivate a flock.
- Africa is a very receptive field overall, very hungry for our message and Christian products, and we have fairly unrestricted freedom to witness and win. There is also a lot of variety as far as what can be done, and practically any methods used in Africa can blossom.
- Lots of pioneers—people who have the guts to stick it out in extreme and remote locations, and have helped build fruitful and winning works!

Central and Eastern Europe

- Our region's Activated desk published 53 different issues of *Activated* magazines

in Hungarian, Romanian, Croatian, and Russian. This year we also upgraded to printing the mag in full color, which considerably improved the quality. (The distribution of the magazine in one of the local languages almost doubled.) The multi-language *Activated* site was launched. Check it out at www.e-activated.com. During 2008 the text equivalent of 80 *Activated* mags was translated in order to reach the many hungry souls in the countries of our region.

- Three retreats were held—in Ukraine, Croatia, and Albania—with a wide range of attendees: friends, AMs, GMs and 12FS students. Each retreat had a significant impact on the participants (both attendees and organizers) and helped each one to grow closer to Jesus and the Family.
- The Family in Albania (FD/MM/FM/AM) worked together to open a new “out of the box” avenue for witnessing—a centrally located social club/pizzeria called “The Home,” which is allowing them to both raise funds and meet new people.
- One of the Homes in the CIS (former Soviet Union) is running a Family kindergarten where both Family children and the children of the Home’s close friends and influential contacts are receiving tremendous training by Family caregivers.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Central and Eastern Europe:

- Our Homes are making steady progress in establishing local works founded by follow-up and family-oriented outreach. We have nationals in each country in our region, and all of our Family members speak fluent English.

- The schooling of nearly all of our children is up to par, the children speak the national language, and many of our children are able to attend extracurricular courses to enhance their education.
- Our FD/MM Homes have computers, and members are computer literate, they incorporate counsel and changes that impact the region, and we get good feedback to Home surveys and messages to the Homes.

Brazil

- We began publishing *Golaço*, a new 24-page, full-color, bimonthly regional mag with photos, testimonies, announcements, new prophecies, and Offensive-related articles. It also goes straight to our AMs, along with *Link*.
- A new Portuguese CD for the expanded Family, comprising songs about and for witnessing, was launched at a show in a hotel for over 320 people. The team was a mix of young nationals and first, second, and third generation Family musicians from four different cities.
- We have begun recording the Word in Portuguese. So far, 2 Offensive GNs, 5 X-Factor MLs, and 8 meditation audios (from Mama's site) have been made available to the Homes.
- The AM Seminar, hosted by the CGO board and attended by 285 AM/FM/MM/FD members, was a major Offensive project in our region, which challenged the AMs to work closely with their Homes to make the Offensive a reality in our region. The whole RC participated in the seminar.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Brazil:

- Homes are geared toward witnessing; everyone from children to older adults is accustomed to going out witnessing. It's a fruitful field, and it's relatively easy to win people to the Family. Our Homes are used to the concepts of follow-up, building a church, and supporting their Homes via tithes, so the shift to a greater focus on follow-up and winning is not such a difficult transition. Because of this, faith for the Offensive is a strong point.
- All the Word and witnessing products are translated into the local language, and nearly everyone on the field speaks the local language. We have many national disciples.
- YAs and SGAs are strong, dedicated, and carry responsibility. They are pillars in their Homes.

Southeast Asia

- Two large area fellowships were held in Thailand, coordinated by the CS board and RD, which boosted unity, camaraderie, and inspiration—especially for those in smaller Homes or far-flung fields.
- The CCR board and some of the Homes in the greater Bangkok area worked together to create and perform our 2007 Christmas and New Year's concert. The program serves as a showcase of the work in Thailand, and is also an expression of appreciation for those who support the Family.
- Adam (RS/CGO RBC) visited the Philippines and Indonesia, Faithy (ED RBC)

visited Cambodia, and Michelle (CP RBC) visited the Philippines. The Offensive was a topic of discussion and encouragement during their visitations, meetings, events, and board-related communications.

- We have a new regional newsletter, “SEASON,” which contains tips, suggestions, and input related to professionalism and the Offensive. We have also launched a regional CGO online newsletter with testimonies, tips, and photos of key outreach happenings.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Southeast Asia:

- Solid missionaries, who have proven themselves willing to make the sacrifices to become one, learn the local language, adapt to the culture, and minister to the people in these sometimes difficult-to-reach mission fields.
- Many established teams and Homes and works, which are conducive to long-term fruit. Building fruitful works, being a positive influence in our communities, becoming one, reaching the top, etc., are not new concepts for the majority of our Homes. Many are also fairly stable financially, and have long-term supporters.
- With few exceptions, all the children and JTs in our region are up to par educationally.

India

- Our RC held a three-day brainstorming meeting with delegates from our region, covering topics such as: reaching the rich, becoming one, the local language, presentation to the public, the image of

the Family in India, witnessing products, fundraising, and seminars.

- We held area fellowships to highlight all that the Lord is doing via the boards, and for each Home to be able to share testimonies. Seven local area forums were also organized for the YAs and SGAs, covering topics like professionalism, new ways for reaching India, the making of champions, etc.
- We set up a foundation for the Family work in India, which enables the Family to be a registered and recognized entity that can conduct and facilitate larger, national-level projects.
- Three GM retreats were held, attended by more than 150 GMs.
- A total of 33 people from two Homes worked together to perform a drama in the largest mall in Bangalore last Christmas, which over 20,000 people attended. Together with Homes from Bangalore, Christmas programs were also held in Chennai and Calcutta. Homes in Delhi joined efforts to conduct a year-end/Christmas program for supporters and contacts.

Some of the strengths of the Family in India:

- Homes are active in outreach, and have the faith and vision to reach and minister to the middle- and upper-class. Homes are generally funded more through witnessing means than non-outreach methods.
- Young people who are dedicated, active in witnessing, and who already carry a huge load of the present and growing witnessing work.

- A number of Homes have been working together on city/area projects and initiatives, in order to reach the goals of the Offensive. Family members are presenting their work more professionally, and have begun to build a proactive national presence.

Japan

- Our RC has created a bimonthly regional magazine (*Walk on Water*, or *WOW*) in Japanese and English, which contains PMA testimonies, information about learning the language and Japanese culture, messages from the Lord, and new spirit helpers for our field.
- Had a region-wide prayer day, focusing on prayer requests gleaned from new prophecies about Japan and the Offensive, and hearing from the Lord about targeted questions assigned by the RSs.
- Our new regional site, *Win Japan*, was launched in August 2008, and contains helpful information and advisories.
- Our RC recorded a Japanese audio class for the national FGAs on the subject of training and passing on the “torch” to the second generation.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Japan:

- Talented and dedicated young people, and many nationals who can help to pour into them.
- Musicians, singers, and performers who have the potential to be greatly used during the Offensive.

- Family members in our region have a spirit of obedience.

Middle East

- Our region is creating a deeper feeding program for the ME, the first part being the MOVE program—seminars and youth program for training volunteers.
- Have begun putting together a regional creations team to work on the production of deeper feeding tools, as well as the monthly *Motivated* magazine.
- We launched our ME Family International website and a ME Offensive website for the Homes to be aware of all that the Lord is doing in the region.
- The RC (in counsel with WS) established the ME Offensive goals, for a united standard in line with the Muslim ministry and the Family Offensive goals.
- RC members held meetings with members of the Turkey Homes as part of the Lord’s vision to unite as countries for the fruitfulness of the Offensive.
- We pioneered a new country in our region.

Some of the strengths of the Family in the Middle East:

- Homes are committed to building long-lasting works and a good name, even if it requires sticking it out and enduring hard times and rough circumstances.
- Solid, committed disciples in each Home and country.

- Many of our Homes have met and are ministering to the top in their respective fields, and have the anointing, willingness, and faith to do so with wisdom, counsel, and the Lord's guidance.

Mexico and Central America

- A number of our Homes have begun working collaboratively. For example, a group of five Homes in Mexico have started to cooperate on various witnessing and work projects. While each Home has its own separate ministries and Offensive strategy, they have pioneered uniting around various projects and are articulating their efforts and programs in terms that professionals and influential people can better understand, under the united name of "Valores en Acción" (Values in Action). The sheep benefit from the variety of input, and several Homes can benefit from fruitful financial ventures. Similarly, the Lord led the Homes in Guatemala City to cooperate on regular seminars for their friends, which they host with the help of their AMs.
- Homes in our area have been engaging in new ministries, such as life coaching, holding seminars for mothers and teachers, organizing youth witnessing events and retreats for the young sheep, holding monthly musical evenings for the area's influential sheep, recording projects and CDs to reach various demographics, etc.
- In Monterrey (Mexico) the "Eduvalores" project helped a total of 230 women, 350 youth, and 250 children this year. It includes basic computer classes for children, clothing design for women, arts and crafts, nutrition and health, etc., as a part of a campaign to better the quality of life.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Mexico and Central America:

- Mexico and Central America are ripe and ready fields, where our Family has been successfully distributing "Conectate" and other Family products, as well as personally witnessing and ministering to His sheep.
- Excellent local Family products, good musicians, and talented manpower. The possibilities of creating many more Offensive-related products, endeavors, and initiatives are endless.
- The region has the highest population of Family young people of any region. They have been greatly strengthened through the FDTP, XD, and the PMA.

Western Europe

- Our RC made a video for our region that contained region-specific counsel, tips, and pointers regarding the Offensive, as well as regional goals, prophecy, helpers and hinderers for our field, and more.
- We set up a simple blog for our region, featuring news of Offensive happenings, testimonies, tips, and ideas. Link: <http://weadvance.org/>
- We set one-year regional goals for Western Europe.
- Our RC organized and hosted a fellowship for the Fellow members in our region, which was unifying and strengthening.
- We held Offensive meetings in the UK, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland.
- RC members have taken FD Homes "under their wing"—each person being connected

to 2–3 Homes. They will keep in touch with the witnessing coordinators of those Homes and stay updated regarding their Offensive progress.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Western Europe:

- A lot of Fellow/Missionary members, who are a great work force with a lot of potential, and a lot to offer.
- A pool of talent in our young people.
- A diverse field, which provides us with a lot of different options to capitalize on.

ACTON

- Chinese Active membership has increased three-fold since the beginning of the year.
- We've finalized the first commercial deals allowing several of the Family's products to be sold legally in China.
- The Family in Australia launched a new ministry of reaching the South Pacific islands through regular road trips, the goals being to build Family churches of outside members in countries where we've never had Homes and also to provide exciting and challenging witnessing training for young people. Their first trip to Papua New Guinea met with large success.
- We launched a new RC pub, which is our primary source of communication with the Homes.
- Passed a language-learning area referendum, with positive incentives for Homes and individuals.

- We held a nationals meeting in China, and all the nationals in Taiwan attended the HSP Seminar, in an effort to give them more training and input.

Some of the strengths of the Family in ACTON:

- Family members have a vacuum for training, an eagerness for input, and they're ready to embrace the new. This creates a favorable environment for growth, change, and progress. Homes are trying more out-of-the-box ideas.
- Amazingly talented people: musicians, artists, witnesses, writers, people who can make things happen, techies, people with creative talents, etc. Whatever kind of door the Lord opens, we've got people to walk through it.
- Financially, the countries in our region are on the cutting edge of world development. We have some of the wealthiest people in the world in our region, with an incredible amount of wealth being poured into our region from the rest of the world. Therefore, we have the biggest market in the world!

Spanish South America

- An area school was established in Santiago, Chile, which Family kids (kindergarten to high school) from five Homes attend. The first school year was a success, helping the children and teens get up to par in their scholastics and cultivate good study habits.
- RC members visited nearly all of the FD/MM Homes in our region.

- Several Homes in Colombia and Peru have pioneered meditation retreats for friends and AMs. The retreats have had good results, including bringing new sheep to the Homes.
- A pioneer Home was recently established in a potential coastal city in Colombia that hasn't had a Family Home for the past ten years. We've begun receiving news of the tremendous miracles the Lord is doing for them there.
- A Home in Colombia held "The Cutting Edge Academy," a six-month program organized by the CS and JT boards, aimed at training young people in work ethic, professionalism, personal presentation and etiquette, and much more.

Some of the strengths of the Family in Spanish South America:

- Dedicated missionaries with faith and a deep love for souls, witnessing and follow-up, who have stuck it out for many years on their fields—in many cases giving up the added blessing of fellowship with other Homes—out of love for the sheep and in order to keep long-lasting works going.
- We have a wide range of successful and innovative ministries in our region, from reaching city fathers to successful CTPs; reaching counter-culture youth to ministering to young professionals; pioneering schools, a spa, and a medical center, to name a few.
- Strong ties of love, respect and cooperation have been forged between our FD, MM and FM Family. We work together on city-wide, area and regional projects and count on each other's help, support and expertise.

North America

- The cord was shortened between Homes and leadership as a number of the RSs visited Homes and met many Family members face to face, establishing a better connection and seeing some of the Offensive-related needs. Details of the visitation:
 - 12 weeks of traveling and visiting by the RSs.
 - 18,600 miles (nearly 30,000 kilometers) traveled.
 - 55 Homes visited (FD/MM/FM) in 16 states, and 31 cities.
 - 453 people visited (current and former members).
 - Took part in 5 fellowships, with a total of 245 people in attendance.

- The Amika program (designed and administered by Kevin in Central America, coordinated by the NA CCR board) was launched, which offers the easy-to-use Amika Content Management System and free web hosting to help Homes get their Home websites online. Since the launch of the program, there have been over 50 applications for sites; as of November 1, there were 32 new Home sites online.
- Tommy's Window, a PowerPoint website, hosted by Brian and Martha in the U.S., continues to draw many hungry sheep from all over the world, who are then being followed up on by Family members around the world.

Some of the strengths of the Family in North America:

- Overall, the Family in North America is battle hardened in the face of persecution,

having had to stand up for the Family in the face of a lot of negative media.

- The U.S. and Canada have large ethnic groups and nationalities who can sometimes be reached more easily here than in their home countries. To reach them, we have missionaries who have been in many foreign countries and are well trained in reaching these demographics.
- North America has a large total Family population (all membership categories) that continues to reach what is an increasingly polarized society. Being a spiritually challenging field oppressed by spirits of materialism and secularism, we're seeing more people searching for the truth and answers, and becoming more open to the meat of the Word as they see their society falling into moral and financial collapse. We also have a large and favorable former Family population that we expect will continue to grow and become even more active in their service for the Lord.

What's Ahead in 2009!

(Peter:) Wow, that's tremendous, Family! And all of that was accomplished with the small band that we are today! Imagine what it's going to be like when we have many more members, working with us toward the same goals. That's something to look forward to, isn't it? There will be so much to proclaim and highlight that we'll never be able to do it in a presentation like this one.

(Mama:) The future is bright, and 2009 is going to take us farther into that future. The Lord is going to fulfill more and more

of His promises to us as the Offensive continues to gain momentum. You, dear Family, are making it possible for the Lord to fulfill His promises through your obedience and faith!

The Lord gave an encouraging message about 2009, which I'll post on my site soon. But, to whet your appetite, here is a short snippet of what He said about the year ahead:

(Jesus:) You've planted, you've watered, and in 2009 you'd better get your baskets ready, because here comes the start of the increase! I tell you so often to be patient, to do your best, to wait on My timetable, and to trust Me for the outcome. This coming year you're going to start to see more of the outcome! All the groundwork you laid in 2008, all the effort you made, is going to start paying off in 2009. (End of excerpt.)

(Mama:) Praise God that this is only the beginning, and that we have so much to look forward to! The 2009 harvest will be wonderful. We're still in the beginning stages of the Offensive, but we will begin to see more of the results of our labors, especially as we continue to pave the way ahead through our proactive prayers!—And we will be able to celebrate those results and victories together.

We praise You, our wonderful Love, for all that was accomplished in 2008, and all that is yet to come in 2009. We thank You for all of these, each one in Your precious Family, who make it possible! They're the heroes!—Along with You, Jesus, and Your host in Heaven! We honor these, Your Family!—And we honor You, dear Husband, most of all!

(Mama and Peter:) We love you, dear Family! Happy Feast 2009!