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Today, the peoples of the world are beginning to realize that traditional solutions to political and economic problems are not succeeding when applied to the complex challenges we now face.

As long as nations base their attempts to secure peace exclusively on treaties, alliances and balances of power, the world will continue to experience distress and confusion. We need a new vision, a new basis for determining relations between men and nations. And that new vision is found in the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth which, for almost 2,000 years, has lain dormant and undiscovered by the leadership of our world.

This vision, the Brotherhood of all mankind beneath the Fatherhood of God, will one day be recognized as the only real foundation upon which we can build true and lasting solutions to our planetary problems. It is the one idea - a new definition of who we are and what our planetary destiny is to be - which has the power to reach across national, cultural, racial and religious barriers to mend political, economic and religious problems and misunderstandings.

The Family of God Foundation is dedicating all that it has to the worldwide proclamation of this saving message. And we will continue in our efforts until that future day when men and women in every country lay down their arms and attitudes of racial, cultural and religious intolerance and join together as spiritual brothers and sisters, united as one planetary family.

And that will be the spiritual renaissance - a new age of peace, progress and prosperity on the earth!

Rebecca Marshall, Editor

THE FAMILY OF GOD BROADCASTS - Proclaiming The Gospel Of Jesus and The Value Of Personal Religious Experience to a Truth-Hungry World.



Vern Grimsley at work producing a new broadcast.

This December, the Family of God Foundation will celebrate its 20th year of broadcasting Jesus' message of hope and love to the world. Beginning in 1964 with the first broadcast aired over 50,000 watt KFAX in San Francisco, founders Vern and Nancy Grimsley have devoted their lives to the worldwide proclamation of "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

During the ensuing years, other individuals have grown to share their dream of a worldwide spiritual renaissance; many have given of their time and talents to the organization and others have supported the ministry through contributions and other financial support. The work is bigger now, and new methods of outreach have been started. But the radio broadcasts continue to be the main focus of the Family of God Foundation and its educational center, the Spiritual Renaissance Institute.

Today, the Family of God broadcasts are heard throughout the United States and in 47 countries around the world. There are four separate broadcast series available to domestic and international radio stations:

ON CAMPUS - Taped on college campuses during the 1960's and 70's, the series features Vern, in unrehearsed dialogue with students, answering fundamental questions about religion.

SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE® Broadcasts - Combining his extensive knowledge of psychology with the essential truths of Jesus' gospel, Vern shares ideas and insights about how prayer, worship, and a personal relationship with God can help people realize their full spiritual potentials as children of God.

2-Minute Series - Excerpts from the popular **ON CAMPUS** programs designed to whet the spiritual appetite. This series has been aired on the Armed Forces Radio Network and on many domestic stations.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES - Bettina Gray interviews individuals from a variety of religions and talks with them about their personal religious experience. After several years on KFAX, San Francisco, this wide-ranging exploration of truth-in-action is in the beginning stages of national syndication.

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**BROADCASTING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS
- Counting The Cost**

Have you ever wondered what it costs the Family of God Foundation to broadcast 14 minutes of spiritual truth over a metropolitan U.S. radio station or over such powerful international stations as Radio Luxembourg (broadcasting throughout Europe and over the Iron Curtain) or Radio Sri Lanka (covering India and neighboring countries)?

The cost, in dollars, is high. But we believe that the \$113,000.00 we've spent for radio time in 1984 is the one of the most important investments we can make toward the betterment of mankind on earth.

We try to make the available dollars stretch as far as possible. Using low-cost/high volume media campaigns, we advertise the broadcasts to U.S. stations which play religious/public affairs programs without charge; most of our domestic stations air the programs under this agreement. However, demand for airtime on the more powerful metropolitan and international short-wave stations is such that we must pay for the airtime we use.

Here are a few samples from our 1984 operating budget:

Station Weekly Rate X 52 = (Annual Cost)

WMAQ (Chicago)	\$440	\$22,880
KLAC (Los Angeles)	\$212	\$11,024
WWDJ (New York)	\$183	\$9,516
KFAX (San Francisco)	\$390	\$18,720
Radio Luxembourg	\$395	\$20,540
Radio Cyprus	\$114	\$5,928
Sri Lanka	\$187	\$9,750

This substantial investment in radio time is made possible through the support of individuals who feel as we do - that the Family of God idea has tremendous power and potential to bring about a spiritual renaissance on the planet. Each of the stations listed above annually beams our broadcasts to millions of listeners, and our hope is that in the near future we will be able to greatly increase our broadcast time throughout the U.S. and on our international short wave stations as well (currently, we broadcast once a week on all of our international stations except for Radio Sri Lanka, which airs the programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

BROADCASTS

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Unlike most religious programming on radio and television, there are no requests for contributions during any of the Family of God broadcasts. Our goal is to inspire listeners with life-transforming ideas and ideals; we feel that asking for money over the air would diminish the impact of the spiritual message. In spite of this deliberate lack of appeal for funds, however, listeners frequently send unsolicited contributions in support of the radio ministry.

At the end of every **ON CAMPUS** and **SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE** Broadcast, free literature is offered to listeners who desire to know

more about the spiritual ideas expressed in the broadcasts. Pamphlets include: **Growing Spiritually; ON CAMPUS - Spiritual Questions University Students Ask; Freedom From Fear; Life After Death** and **7 Principles of Prayer**. Other programs are being designed to help interested listeners who request more advanced instruction in the living and teaching of Jesus' gospel - the Brotherhood of man beneath the Fatherhood of God.

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**RECENT LETTERS
FROM
BROADCAST LISTENERS**

July 18, 1984

ANDHRRA PRADESH, INDIA

Dear Sister,

Warmest greetings to you . . . your wonderful 2 cassettes are really very blessing to all of us. Brother Vern speaks about the family of God . . . your ministry is a wonderful ministry. Your country is filled with many talented speakers . . . and you have been granted with freedom of religion and all sorts of facilities for the word of God. Now-a-days hundreds and thousands of ministries are flourishing day to day to reach many reached people again and again.

Where as our place is not so like. Even once in a lifetime our tribal and interior people who live far away from the civilized life have not heard the good news of God. Whoever hears the Gospel, they are joining with the family of God . . .

Closing with love,

A photo sent by evangelist/broadcast listener in Andhra Pradesh, India (see above).



September 24, 1984
CHICAGO, IL

Quite by chance I heard your fabulous program here in Chicago Sunday morning over WMAQ and only wished that I could take notes sufficient in speed to jot down much that was said - instead I will have to request a copy or lose so much that was excellent, inspiring and educational - to say the least. Thank you, and I shall await next Sunday's program and wish for copies of many past ones I have missed!

Sincerely,

DEVELOPMENTAL STUDY HELPS FOG PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

In order to better serve our radio audience and to assist planning for the future, this summer the Family of God Foundation hired a nationally-known research and development firm (specializing in non-profits) to conduct a developmental study of our organization. The month-long study included an analysis of fund-raising techniques as well as a national survey of broadcast listeners. Through personal interviews and mailed questionnaires, we were able to obtain such information as: general impressions of the broadcasts, what topics have been most helpful, ideas for future programming, suggestions for other types of ministry. We also obtained a profile of our listeners: generally, they represent two categories - spiritually seeking people who are economically depressed (remember Jesus' admonition that, "the poor of this generation will hear this gospel gladly"), and "middle class intellectuals."

Using this information, we are now analyzing our current ministry programs with an eye toward revision and improvement as needed, as well as development of new programs to meet the needs of our national and international listening audiences and our local community.

RECORDING STUDIO DEDICATED



David Kantor, David Gray and Vern Grimsley inspect the newly-installed electronics in the audio control room.



Vern and Nancy Grimsley and Mark Turin at the dedication ceremony.

In August 21, 1984, the Spiritual Renaissance recording and production studio was dedicated "to Jesus of Nazareth, his mission and his message." The ceremony was held in the main recording studio, where co-workers and volunteers heard presentations by David Kantor (architect and designer) and Vern Grimsley. After formally dedicating the studio as a place for furthering the work of the Kingdom, people shared ideas for projects (some already in process) and long-term dreams for the studio's use. In closing, a remembrance supper was held in honor of the Master.

Departments Move Into New Office Space

As of September, the new recording studio and sound control room are being used to produce radio broadcasts and teacher/training materials and the multimedia and tape duplication departments are being moved into their new studio space. Both departments have new capabilities: the tape duplication department can now duplicate both 4" reel-to-reel tapes and cassette tapes; the multimedia department has extensive light-table, layout and projection areas. The graphic arts darkroom is being designed to accommodate multimedia processing equipment, including black and white film and color slide processing.

NEW CO-WORKERS AT FOG

We are happy to announce that Ron Craig and Dolores Nice have become co-workers at FoG. Their change in status from volunteer to co-worker indicates a long-term commitment to the organization. As co-workers, they will also be a part of the Administrative Council, which deliberates and makes decisions on ministry-related issues.

Dolores was recently promoted to principal of a San Francisco elementary school after working for many years as a teacher and program specialist in the Bay area. Her son, Chris, is in fifth grade and also works at FoG as a junior

volunteer. Ron, a carpenter, is currently studying to obtain his California contractor's license.



Co-workers Dolores Nice and Ron Craig.

The video studio is "the new kid on the block." We have occasionally used it in the past for speech classes, but due to lack of space and facilities we haven't developed our capabilities in this area. Now, with the new studio space, the video department is becoming a reality. Francyl Streano, Vern Grimsley and David Kantor are planning the interior space in conjunction with professional video engineers from a local TV station. Francyl's immediate plans for this department include the production of video-taped programs for her growing convalescent and retirement home ministry.

**BROADCAST MINISTRY / BUILDING PROJECTS
CONTINUE AT SRI**



Nagiko Ichihara packaging tapes for mailing to radio stations.



Ron Craig surveys part of the property prior to landscaping.



Mike Harmon works on the second printing of Jeff Wattles' booklet, Teaching Jesus' Gospel Today.



Bettina Gray, Donna Hanna and Chappell Holt in the kitchen.



Janet Harmon prepares media relations material for mailing to radio stations.



Chris Nice and Nathaniel Blackstock prepare tapes for reshelving in the tape library.



Ron Craig and Sue Kantor at work on the irrigation system.



Mark Turin, aboard a giant "cat," reconours a hill (part of the joint SRI/city planning commission's plans for landscaping the property).



We welcome Laura Kendall, who recently moved to California from Chicago.



Nancy Grimsley demonstrates her skill with a hammer.



Dave Clearwaters, Grants Pass, OR, initiating the SRI radio on September 22 as David Gray and Dana Bredemeyer look on.

**BROTHERHOOD OF MAN
NET GROWS**

Thanks to a generous donation of time and expertise by Dave Clearwaters (Grants Pass, OR) and volunteer Larry Jones (Santa Cruz), SRI is now able to participate in the Brotherhood of Man ham (amateur) radio network.

On July 30, 1982, Dave made his first contact with another Book reader when he talked with Paul Vitols (KIGX) in Connecticut. The Brotherhood of Man Net was formally begun in November, 1983 by Dave and Bruce Fiero of Los Angeles. The Net now includes Book readers Dave Clearwaters (WA7CGW) in Grants Pass, Oregon; Bruce Fiero (N6KOB) in L.A.; Larry Jones (N6KDT) in Santa Cruz, California; and Dale Anderson (WA7STI) in Portland, Oregon. FoG Co-worker Dana Bredemeyer is completing the final steps toward becoming certified as a ham operator.

Dave reports that the net was established to put ham/Book readers in communication with each other; their weekly contact has become a time to share news and to study the 5th epochal revelation. Aside from the Book-reading participants above, hams from Nevada, New Orleans, Wisconsin, Arizona, and L.A., Salinas and Fresno, CA have checked in to the Net; some have reported that they enjoy listening in on a regular basis!

If you are a ham interested in participating in the Brotherhood of Man amateur radio net, you can check in at 10:00 am on Saturdays, 7.295mhz (if you don't find anyone there, switch to 3.935mhz).

September 20, 1984
JERSEY CITY, NJ

Hello! I have listened to you for 1 1/2 years and enjoy your program very much. Please send me ALL available material. RUSH! I want to know more! God bless you. Thank you for being there.

Sincerely,

June 18, 1984
REPUBLIC of SO. AFRICA

Bretheren,
I'm a student at the Medical University of So. Africa. On the above-mentioned date I tuned into Swazi Radio where I heard your program, "Questions University Students Ask." That filled my heart with joy because answers were given as precisely and unwaveringly as desired. Praise! It excites me. Please send (literature).

Yours in His love,

July 21, 1984
HOLLIS, NY

Dear Mr. Grimsley,
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! This Saturday afternoon, my husband and I listened to your broadcast on WWDJ . . . it really fed and strengthened our inner man. We thank God for your ministry and the wisdom he has revealed to your spirit. The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to be steadfast, unmoveable, ever abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your work isn't in vain.

We would appreciate any literature . . .

Sincerely,

August 8, 1984
SAN JOSE, CA

Dear Brother,
I listen to you over KFAQ and have been enjoying your programs for some time. Enclosed is a check for (donation). May God continue to bless you in the great task you are performing.

Sincerely,

July 3, 1984
MEMPHIS, TN

Dear On Campus,
Recently I was busted for possession of cocaine and sentenced to 11 months in jail. It was being in jail that led me to "Questions University Students Ask" (ON CAMPUS) on WZXR in Memphis. It is a wonderful program and very enlightening . . . I find questions that are addressed on this program very similar to questions all students ponder at one time or another. Please send (listing of literature). I shall greatly appreciate these publications.

Thank you,

August 2, 1984
ORISSA, INDIA

Dear Sir,
This is to inform you that your radio broadcasts on the universal theme of "The Brotherhood of mankind and Fatherhood of God" are very thought-provoking, soul--stirring, didactic, enlightening and illuminating. I have no doubt that your earnest and indefatigable endeavor to humanize and spiritualize the world will bear ample fruit and go a long way in promoting international brotherhood, peace, goodwill, understanding and amity among the multicoloured and diverse races, tongues and peoples.

I am a research scholar in law and am engaged in a doctoral programme for L.L.D. Your radio talks have immense intellectual appeal and as an earnest seeker after true knowledge - Truth, Beauty and Goodness - may I venture to beseech you to send me your literature to enable me to quench my thirst for wisdom and truth.

With deep appreciation,

July, 7, 1984
BROOKLYN, NY

Dear Sir:
Please send me all the information mentioned on your program over WWDJ. This was the first time I heard your program. . .my attention was captured by it. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

July 22, 1984
MILWAUKEE, WI

Dear Sir:
Your message on WMAQ each Sunday morning is like water in the desert. I have been searching for these things all my life. Thank you. Please send me transcripts of all your programs . . .

Thank you,



A broadcast listener in Dominica (see below).

August 4, 1984
PORTSMOUTH, DOMINICA

Dear Sister,
Greetings in Jesus' name. I enjoy hearing from you. Your last reply was really encouraging.

The kind of work your ministry does is very important to our lost and dying world. Please tell Brother Grimsley that his teachings are very good and continue to do the good work he has started. **Reaching High** is an effective book and it is a help to me and the other youths.

Thank you very much for your kind support in the Lord's work. Our youth group highly appreciates such.

God bless you,

June 8, 1984
NEURUPPIN, EAST GERMANY

Dear Jeff,
I have got your letter. Thank you very much! In the German Democratic Republic (there are) not so many spiritual groups as in the USA or other countries. In Neuruppin we have: the Protestant, the Catholic, the Seventh-Day Adventists and the Lutheran parish. Over which other radio stations is the Spiritual Renaissance Institute transmitting?

With many greetings,

REACHING HIGH: The Psychology of Spiritual Living, written by Marvin Gawryn and published by SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE Press, continues to gain in popularity among a wide variety of spiritually-seeking individuals and groups. Reprinted at right is a book review featured in **SHARING: A Journal of Christian Healing**, published by the International Order of St. Luke, the Physician.

The Family of God's **SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE Broadcast series** continues to grow, and as we add new programs to our domestic and international radio network, we want to offer them to you in cassette form for your own personal library of inspirational tapes. Each high-quality, 60-minute cassette contains four new 15-minute broadcasts.



Also available are inspirational greeting cards (blank inside) which feature Vern Grimsley's popular "Family of God" poem written in beautifully-designed calligraphy. Cards are available in ivory and pastel blue; each package contains ten cards with matching envelopes.

To order the broadcast cassettes, greeting cards or **REACHING HIGH: The Psychology of Spiritual Living**, fill out the enclosed coupon and mail, with check or money order, to: The Family of God Foundation, Inc., Box 347, Berkeley, CA 94701.



Book Reviews

by Laurence H. Blackburn

REACHING HIGH: The Psychology of Spiritual Living, by Marvin Gawryn. 1981. Hardcover \$11.95. Soft cover \$7.95. The Spiritual Renaissance Press, Box 347, Berkeley, Calif. 94701.

This is not a book about sickness and healing. It is about preventive medicine in a spiritual sense. It points the way into complete wholeness through the knowledge and the living-out of what we really are and what God intends us to be. The author claims that every person has within him a fragment of the Most High, that God's Spirit within ever seeks to inspire and lead us to travel the "high road." Following the "upward reach" we are lifted out of our negative, self-deprecative attitudes into a positive, God-filling atmosphere that transcends our physical, material way of thinking and living. This is to realize in truth the author's definition: "Man is a finite projection from out of the depths of the Infinite Personality."

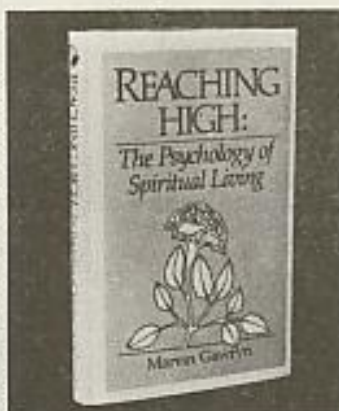
Here we find a direct approach to the most profound questions a person can ask:—"What is a human being?"—"Why are we here?"—"How can we find real fulfillment and peace?"—"What is involved in a relationship with God?"—"How can we grow spiritually?" His answers give us a broad, deeply-spiritual view of life. They relate us to God in the highest as well as in the most practical way. They form a plane of life on which we can walk with intellectual poise and with the wind of religious assurance at our backs. They bring peace of soul that stills the inner turmoil caused by the troubles of life.

Mr. Gawryn is a psychotherapist practicing in the San Francisco area. He says, "For some time now I have had the deep privilege of working as an individual and family therapist, and have intimately shared in the pain and confusion, and the healing and growth of many people."

His approach is theologically sound, and he avoids the use of heavy, professional terminology. He is easy to read. Every page pronounces a positive upbeat. Here are but a few of his striking sentences:—"Prayer is really a way of finding out what God wants us to do for Him."—"Regardless of how far we may stray from the leading of His Spirit, God never gives up on us."—"Spiritual growth toward God is the fundamental reason for our existence."—"The Father knows that those human longings that are unattainable in time will be attained in eternity."

When you have read just these three chapters:—"Is life eternal?"—"Why does God allow evil and suffering?"—"Prayer,"—you will have already forgotten the price of the book.

If it is true that dis-ease is most frequently the cause of disease, then here is the balm to quiet our ever-questioning minds. It lays an intellectual and spiritual foundation upon which a man can stand straight and walk tall whatever life may bring.



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