

Police persecute our Dutch Family

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This month has been spent mainly looking for new members. Many groups also have come to hear the introduction and have taken books with them to study.

It was so good to greet Mr. David Kim and Mr. Oyama. They came on ginseng tea business. They were able to spend only 24 hours with us, but David Kim inspired the members very much with his talk to them.

Satan has been most active also. The Bergen police have spent more time at Glory House than some of us do, because of the young people who leave their parents to come and live with us.

12 policemen put up a roadblock going to Glory house, searching every car looking for a 14-year old boy who had accepted our Family and had come to live with us. They caught the young boy. But he runs away and comes back to us. The police know us, and they say we are a good group but they have to go according to the law and do as the parents ask.

Anyway, out of all these problems we have been brought more and more to the public's eye, and now the TV station has become interested and did a big movie-film on the Unified Family.

It was shown May 7 on TV -- people are wondering what kind of a group we are to make the young people want to leave their own family and live with us. We see more when Satan attacks or people betray us, God can turn the victory to His side.

They did 2 big days of filming for TV. We held a big rally in downtown Amsterdam, all in front of the TV cameras. Many people watched -- all members had on the shirts with the big red symbol on them. There was preaching and singing. Later at 5 PM the TV came to Glory House with all the members. Movies were made of the House and all inside and outside, in the tower, with its wonderful view on a clear day at 7:30 PM everyone gathered in the meeting hall. We did a complete service with singing, prayer and lecture, all the time the camera man was busy filming the whole thing. Later there were private interviews with the members, asking each one why he or she had joined the Unified Family.

Late in the evening they left and returned next morning at 6:30 to film and make sound of the birds waking up and the members leaving for the street to witness. Then they had a private interview with Teddy sitting outside among the trees.

The sun is so bright and the trees and flowers are beautiful in the spring. Then the sun is shining on the Ocean waters, it looks like diamonds; everything went so well. But there was one big indemnity; the first cameraman who came with the others ran his car into a tree and died at once, and some of the film was destroyed. But it was the bad part, with the police taking away a 14-year old member; they had made a film of the police giving the boy back to his parents. Anyway that part of the film was destroyed, only the good part will be shown on TV to the public.

The man who did the show said that the public is wondering what kind of people we are, so that after the show he said our house will be overfull; we pray this will be true. We have God on our side, we cannot lose, even though Satan demanded a life for a TV show. We see there is much more indemnity to be paid by us and by the people of this nation.