

I support the Cypriot Family center by working as a part-time English teacher

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I support the center by working as a part-time English teacher in a Greek school and also I take private pupils. This is a very good base for Father's work since teachers are a well respected class of people in Cyprus and retain a high level of dignity. Many classes have surreptitiously been taught Chapter One under cover of Comprehension and Precis and Miss Kim's speech to the American Christian Union was well received by the 4th Year Language Class. These young people are very open and receptive and we discussed Principle (under cover) at quite a deep level.

Before being sent on this mission Mr. [Denis] and Mrs. [Doris] Orme gave me, I spent quite a time in the Plymouth Center where I was mostly alone (physically). Now in retrospect, I can see how Father was preparing me for solitary principled soldiering in foreign lands through this invaluable experience. Do not be sympathetic, for I believe it can be more difficult at times learning to love brothers and sisters in the Family than when alone. When you are alone you just start praying and don't

stop.

Father protects you so much in these circumstances and quickly you grow much closer and learn to have real faith. So I learned very much to pray, not one hour a day but every second!

I have learned that prayer does not have to be verbal -- we learn to keep a perpetual silent and almost subliminal awareness of Father's presence in every action, thought and word. I thought to myself, why didn't I pray more in England? Because Satan likes to string you along in a foggy zone, separating you from true mind, true center, so I started making conditions to pray one hour per day at least, and many wonderful days of heart were passed in early encounters with the people of Nicosia.

So often I thought of Abraham when he raised his arm, knife in hand. Do I have that faith? I asked when we reach that obedience, loyalty and trust in Father, then truly we are in Principle. After all, it's easy to give your own life to God, but your son's life involves absolute faith. Again I thought very much about the incredible perseverance of Moses. When you face the reality of sand, heat, sweat and the frustration of 600,000 people, there must be solid heart. Also you are Jesus, you might be saying, come and walk with me, I'll make you "a fisher of men" or perhaps heavenly business man is more appropriate today.

One last point which I would like to mention is the growth of one's awareness of our Family, as a world-wide Family; not isolated pockets of activity but a totally interwoven bond of love from nation to nation. Every smile evoked in Turkey brings the sun out in Cork which sets eyes sparkling in Washington and so on. Our prayers must expand to encompass world affairs and peace. When I cannot witness Principle directly I talk about the necessity of unity among free nations. Anticommunism and American and European foreign policy -- our positive and public spirited thoughts I'm sure will allow many forces to work in the world. The results of prayers for this Island's Government have been a purification of the church by Macarios and several bold statements of peace which the Archbishop (President) has made recently; of this I am sure.