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The New Year dawned with the beauty and serenity of nature. We all renewed the pledge at midnight and during the day the family went in two separate groups to the Holy Ground. The female members went first, and, while there, experienced the Father through manifestations and diverse visions.

The male members went afterwards and had the experience of being engulfed in that wonderful energy that was generated before. The rest of the day was spent recording messages and songs.

On January 19th, the Family entertained visitors with a film show by the British Council at the Center. After the show there was some valuable give and take with our friends who were encouraged to return and listen to Divine Principle.

There were two articles about the Family in the Government owned 'Sunday Chronicle'. The first article was very well written and photos were displayed on the whole middle page of the newspaper. The second article was not as good because many erroneous statements were made, but Barbara was allowed to insert a letter correcting same. This letter and the first article have been the talk of the nation for weeks and many people are beginning to respond positively.

Diane Ngui-Yen, radio reporter, actress and friend of the Family interviewed all the members of the Family. Members were asked what made them accept Divine Principle and why they decided to live in the Center, among other questions. This also stimulated many listeners to visit the Center.

The Family had always hoped that our Leader would pay us a visit, and so one morning when Martin Porter, President of the Italian Unified Family telephoned us from New York saying that he was directed by our Leader to come and visit us, we were overwhelmed with joy. He arrived here on Friday, 2nd February, and was met at Timehri Airport.

We were certainly delighted to have him with us, and we felt the blessings and love sent by our Leader. However, he only remained four days with us during which time he was interviewed by both national radio stations on four separate occasions. The last interview was a dialogue with the Jesuit Campbell Johnson popularly known to Guyanese as CJ.

Mr. Porter inaugurated our Sunday Morning service, and gave a series of four lectures which were welcomed by all. Barbara took him sightseeing around the capital and on Wednesday 7th they flew to the Kaieteur Falls (the third highest in the world). Mr. Porter told us many things about Italy and the different Families all over the world and informed us of some of the things that our Leader was doing at this time. He gave us the welcome news that soon Headquarters Principle will be ready and that a few other nations in South America now had missionaries.

During the months of January and February many people accepted the Leader and Divine Principle. Now the Family has increased by quite a few, our Center is too small already!

Robert Hall, Clifford Accra and Vincent Hunte reached the end of the forty-day teaching session so now the whole family is witnessing on a larger scale.

Mr. Porter gave us many suggestions, one of which we have set in motion, and very soon the whole Family will be selling single chapters.

We thank the Father for all the Blessings of this period.