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In these days of social strife, much of it the overspill of family tension and disorder, the words of Charles Farah take on increased significance: "A well-ordered Christian family is one of the greatest testimonies of the practicability of the Christian life."

We have all discovered that home can be a heaven on earth, with our family knowing peace and joy in happy relationship with each other. Alternatively, it can be the nearest thing to hell on earth, with tensions, bitterness, bickering and fighting, in which the children grow up waiting for the time they can leave home. This issue of 'Restoration' is dedicated to making a positive contribution to the well-being of family life. It is our prayer that the articles will help all our readers to this end in their homes. With this issue we also begin our new twelve-page supplement, 'Home and Family Restoration', which is edited by Hugh Thompson and Mike Stevens, both of whom have long experience in ministry to families and children. We believe this is a major step forward in our aim to share with Christians everywhere the message of restoration; God is restoring understanding in every aspect of family order and development, and we trust that we shall encourage more whole-family togetherness rather than the domination of the T.V. in the home.

If you like or dislike the supplement please let us know; if you have suggestions to improve it share them with us. 'Restoration' is proving to be such a blessing and help to Christians in many countries that we are being pressed from several places overseas for further help. In Spain, where there is such an awakening and move of the Holy Spirit in the Roman Catholic church, we have been asked to produce a Spanish edition teaching the basics of the Grace of God and the Christian life in the Spirit.

Similar requests are being pressed on us from Italy and the Carribean. We want to respond strongly, but need some miraculous answers in finance to enable us to achieve this. We thank all who have contributed so far, and ask our readers to pray with us and be open to the Lord in any giving He desires on their part, for now we can reach thousands together in this time of restoration.