

FAMOUS EX-CONS

by Tony Alamo

“And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him” (Gen. 39:1-3).

The Lord made all that Joseph did prosper, so his master put all that he had in Joseph’s hands. “The Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake... [both] in the house, and in the field... And Joseph was a goodly person, and [very handsome]” (Gen. 39:3-6). “And it came to pass after these things, that his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me” (Gen. 39:7). “But he refused and [told her, look,] my master [doesn’t know] what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Gen. 39:8-9).

Day after day, she kept talking to Joseph, but he would not listen to her, to lie with her or to be with her. Then one day Joseph went into the house “And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he

left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out” (Gen. 39:10-12).

When she saw that he left his garment and fled, she called the men of the house, and spoke “unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home” (Gen. 39:13-16).

“And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled” (Gen. 39:17-19). “And Joseph’s master took him, and put him into the prison... and he was [left] there in the prison” twelve years (Gen. 39:20).

This ex-con was falsely convicted of a sex crime and he was put in prison for twelve years,¹ but God delivered him and made him the second in command in Egypt (Gen. 41:39-44). Joseph was made the ruler of Egypt because of the gifts that God had



Falsely accused: Tony Alamo
Just another innocent ex-con photo—1986

given him of wisdom and the ability to reveal the mysterious revelation of dreams and visions. With the gift of God to interpret dreams and visions, and his God-given ability to govern, he saved Israel and Egypt. Otherwise, they would have starved to death.² Praise the Almighty for His gifts and for everything, especially His salvation and deliverance!!

This is an opportunity for people to see this very godly man accused by a wicked female of a sex crime he never committed. He wasn’t able to hire a heavyweight attorney and there was no argument from him. What can you say when somebody has falsely accused you of a sex crime?

Jesus is the most famous ex-con. I’m proud to be in that number. For “whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it” (Matt. 16:25). “They loved not their lives unto the death” (Rev. 12:11).

Child or Adult?

Childhood

Webster's definition of "childhood" is the state or time of being a child; state or time from birth or infancy to puberty or maturity. *Oxford's* definition of "childhood" is the state or stage of life of a child; the time during which one is a child; the time from birth to puberty.

The definition of *Webster's* dictionary for "puberty" is the state or quality of being first capable of begetting or bearing offspring, which is marked by maturing of the reproductive organs, with the onset of menstruation in the female and the development of the secondary sex characteristics in both sexes; the period at which sexual maturity is reached. The age of puberty varies in different climates and environments, being from 13 to 16 in boys and from 11 to 14 in girls, and is commonly designated legally as 14 for boys and 12 for girls.

I Timothy 4:1-3 states, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry."

It isn't a mystery as to why people don't believe the Lord God, who condones marriages at puberty. It is because they are a deceived world. "The Devil... deceiveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9). These people don't believe anything that God has done or said. They don't believe creation, they don't believe there is sin, they don't believe in Heaven or Hell, they don't believe in salvation, and they don't believe in repentance. They don't believe that the plagues on earth are from God. They don't believe in God's wrath. They don't believe in God. They don't believe in the devil, and they don't believe in eternity. The Bible is there for everyone to read, and in it you see that puberty is the acceptable age for women to marry. God says so, and both Webster and I believe God.

The Bible also states Rebekah was a very beautiful woman. She had reached puberty. She was 10 years old. She married Isaac when he was 40 (The Book of Jasher 24:40 and 45).

"Puberty is the time in your life when your body starts changing from that of a child to that of an adult."—*American Academy of Pediatrics*

Childhood Ends at Puberty

By Charley Reese

LewRockwell.com

I've mentioned before my contention that childhood ends with puberty and that we do young people a grave injustice by branding them as children until they are 18. Worse, we keep them confined in the world's most ineffective public education system.

Too many young men and women today in their teens who have a genius IQ, are being bored to bad behavior by curricula that have been dumbed down to make sure those with below-average IQ can pass.

Our public education system is a disgrace. It is the most expensive in the world and produces the worst results.

To stretch out for 12 years so little knowledge is ridiculous. Basic education should be finished by the age of 12 or 13. After that, young people should be apprenticed, enrolled in commercial or vocational schools, freed to work. Instead, we, in effect, put off until age 22 when a young person can even get started in a career if it requires a college degree. No wonder the really smart ones drop out.

In the past, childhood ended with puberty, and young men and women were expected to get about the business of life instead of trying to amuse themselves until the age of 18. We would have far less juvenile crime and teen pregnancy if we treated young people as young adults instead of as children. Boredom is the devil's workshop, and I can't think of anything more boring than an American public school.

Education doesn't really take place in an institution. The individual educates himself by reading and thinking. Ideally, a teacher can offer some guidance, perhaps stir some enthusiasm. Most of our public schoolteachers are trapped in an institutional setting where most of their day involves more or less the same duties as a prison guard.

The idea of consolidated central schools is one of the dumbest ones ever to come down the pike, and the field of education is crowded with dumb ideas. Compulsory-attendance laws are another dumb idea. If parents had to face the prospect of living

http://suncanaa.com/in_memory_

This web site is in memory of children who died of neglect or abuse while under the care of the social service agencies! Many died suspiciously. Most of their lives and deaths went unnoticed. The deaths of these children—and what government agencies did or didn't do to save their lives—even when they die, their stories are rarely told.

The state cannot say how many foster children die each year, even though a state law that took effect in 2004, requires counties to release the names, dates of birth, and dates of death for these children. The new law is not being followed by all. It's extraordinarily difficult for the public to learn who in the system is dying and why. The Department of Social Services keeps all names confidential.

Message from Susie

Dear Tony,

Praise the Lord! I wanted to share an excerpt from a message given by Susie back in 1980. I began listening to this tape and towards the end of the tape I couldn't understand what was being said, the tape began to bleed through to the other side. Since I was almost to the end of the message I was just going to stop the tape but then I was prompted to fast forward. I was almost to the very end when I could understand what

Susie was saying. She was closing the service and she went on to say, "This is such a special blessing, such a glorious calling to be counted worthy to be persecuted for His name's sake. Oh, we're such a privileged people! Don't be cast down, raise up thankful hands and hearts to the Heavens and ask Him to prepare us for that last mile and we'll march right through to VICTORY!!!!"

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with their own children, instead of dumping them into the public school system, they'd make a better effort to teach them good manners. Without compulsory attendance laws, a school could set standards and send home any student who failed to meet them.

My Personal Experience In Israel by Tony Alamo

In Israel, young boys start out working as apprentices in their father's businesses at the early age of five. For example, when I was in Israel, there was a five-year-old boy working in his father's grocery store as an apprentice to learn the grocery business. When a customer would come in and want a certain item that wasn't on the shelf, the father would send his little boy back into the warehouse, and the boy would come back with the item. As a trainee, he was getting acquainted with the inventory so he would be able to train his sons to do the same when he grows up and has children. By the time this boy is 12 years old, he will

have had seven years of experience in the grocery business.

I stayed at a large, modern hotel in Tiberias, Israel, and found out the owner was a young man, 21 years old. He had been the owner of this large hotel since he was 14. The hotel was run with the utmost efficiency. He was very bright, and he spoke almost every language. He greeted the guests in their own language when they came in on tour buses. He was not only running this large hotel, he was managing the dining room and all the other facilities.

In the United States, a boy can't go to work until he is 16 years old. This is sad in that our government keeps children and young adults from growing and gaining responsibility. According to *Webster's* dictionary, childhood is from infancy to puberty. Puberty in a young man is around 14, and in a young woman 12. This means that even though they

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Is Child Protective Services an official government kidnapping ring?

"Basically, YES!" says former Portland, Oregon, prosecutor Roger Weidner.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66u2Qot5Mbs&feature=related>

Free Our Kids

Video by Greg Pound

My name is Greg Pound. Watch a video tape that we are putting together to present the evidence to the people so they can see what's happening here in Pinellas County, FL.

Our daughter was accidentally bit by someone's dog two years ago and the Department of Children and Families came out and took our children from us. I wasn't home. My other three children weren't at home when this incident happened. This CPI agent for the Sheriff's department, Meagan Gallagher, was arrested two months into our case for falsifying 26 cases prior to our case and the removal of our children. Now we've been in this battle for over two years and I've tried everything from going through the whole court system which cost us a whole lot of money and a lot of time.

Our children now have been abused by the Department of Children and Families, Safe Children Coalition to the degree where our children have been in to the doctor over seventy times. My son, four years old, when they took him, he had no cavities. He went to the dentist just a little while ago. He had six cavities, six big cavities. Our children have been isolated from us except for one hour a month. They've done everything they possibly can. It's getting to the degree now where I've decided to come out and to seek petitions from the people. In this past two weeks, I've received over five hundred signatures. What you're going to see on this tape has been done in the past two weeks of people testifying what's happening here in this court system in order to get this second largest federal grant coming into the state of Florida.

Now me and my wife, we don't smoke, we don't drink, we don't do drugs. We live in a four bedroom home, two baths. We're appealing to the people in Pinellas County and those who watch this video

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El Salvador

(Translated from Spanish)

Dear Pastor Alamo,

We want to thank you in the name of Jesus for sending us your literature, which was sent all last year to me and other brothers here. Thank you for regularly sending us your beautiful and blessed literature. It refreshes the soul and the spirit. We are sure in Jesus Christ that your literature takes the veil off people's spiritual eyes. It's like a torrent and cascade of living waters in the midst of the desert in people's lives.

Again, we thank you for these powerful and glorious writings which are provided by your great worldwide ministry. We are happy to be a part of this ministry. We will continue to await more of your beautiful literature.

C.A.

San Salvador, El Salvador

Missouri

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Brother Tony Alamo Ministries,

I'm writing this in the name of our beloved Father. First, I want to thank God for the blessing I received through your service. (I was able to purchase a few things that I needed.) Brother Alamo, I want you to know that God is with you, Satan cannot harm a hair on your head. You are protected by the blood of the Lamb. I read about the scandal, you know how Satan works! Whatever you do, Brother Alamo, don't give up! God and His people are with you 100%. I want you to know that your Ministries will continue to expand, in Jesus' name. You will also be very blessed; your blessing will not stop. I want you to know that I will continue to pray for you and the ministries. I go to a parole hearing in July '09—I'm gonna be set free in Jesus' name. I will continue to keep in touch after I'm released, and spread the word on how I was supported by your ministries, mentally, spiritually, and financially. Praise God, praise His holy name. Bless Tony Alamo and all his ministries, they will continue to grow!

Sister E.O.

Chillicothe Correctional Center, Chillicothe, MO



Tortured for Christ
 These people were put in jail for not turning their children over to the people that claim that children should be put in the hands of homosexuals, lesbians, and bisexuals. We congratulate them for making this stand. They are people that the Lord loves. The apostles stated, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Responses from people who viewed the video:

Mother Is Jailed for Loving Her Children

This is so sad! You can see the suffering on this little boy's face because he can't have his mommy!!! Then she gets carted off to jail for not telling where her other children are. Can you blame her? Would you willingly give your children up for interrogation, psych sessions, and ultimately adoption? That judge is insane and so is anyone who agrees with him. Thank God that devils will not be in Heaven.
mysecondoption

"To stand in silence when they should be protesting makes cowards out of men." Abraham Lincoln
GetUThinking

Great comment from Abe Lincoln. As I have said so many times before, I thank God that He is just and that His court decisions are eternal. No one is in Hell unless they deserve it and no one can sneak into Heaven with their false beliefs: we all have to line up with the only law that counts—THE BIBLE. I am also happy that His laws don't EVER change like the United States laws, otherwise no one could ever be sure of what is right and what is wrong.

Jefferson knew what he was talking about when he said: "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; and that His justice cannot sleep forever."
mysecondoption

Welcome to the new America. I've been there, done that, hun. They let pedophiles, murderers and rapists run free in society and lock up good, loving mothers. What is wrong with this picture, AMERICA?
childrescuer

If only my mom had protected me from the system like that. To me... that is a real hero!
Bizziboy

These child traffickers are criminals and of course will all be rounded up one day soon. That is barbaric treatment of other human beings. This mother is an inspiration to all of us. Yes, I did what she did too 15 yrs ago in a different country.
LadyJustice666

May the Angels Of Light be with this mom a heroine as she is in their darkness and may her bravery have her family reunited in victory.
 In Much Love and light, Kathy
CherishTheChildren

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIL8OqNDg2A>

A Critical Look at the Foster Care System:

HOW WIDESPREAD A PROBLEM?

One of the most comprehensive surveys of abuse in foster care was conducted in conjunction with a Baltimore lawsuit. Trudy Festinger, head of the Department of Research at the New York University School of Social Work, determined that over 28% of the children in state care had been abused while in the system.

Reviewed cases depicted "a pattern of physical, sexual and emotional abuses" inflicted upon children in the custody of the Baltimore Department.

In Louisiana, a study conducted in conjunction with a civil suit found that 21% of abuse or neglect cases involved foster homes.

Stephen Berzon of the Children's Defense Fund explained the shocking findings of the court before a Congressional subcommittee, saying: "children were physically abused, handcuffed, beaten, chained, and tied up, kept in cages, and overdrugged with psychotropic medication for institutional convenience."

In Missouri, a 1981 study found that 57% of the sample children were placed in foster care settings that put them "at the very least at a high risk of abuse or neglect." A later report issued in 1987 found that 25% of the children in the Missouri sample group had been victims of "abuse or inappropriate punishment."

SEXUAL ABUSE

A recent class action lawsuit filed on behalf of foster children in the State of Arizona serves well to indicate the extent of sexual abuse of children in state care. The suit alleges that over 500 of an estimated 4,000 foster children, a figure representing at least 12.5% of the state's foster care population, have been sexually abused while in state care.

But the problems associated with foster placements in Arizona are not limited to sexual abuse. During a recent two-year period, one foster child died on average every seven and a half weeks in the state of Arizona. Four of them were reported as having been "viciously beaten to death" by their foster parents.

The sexual abuse of children in government custody would appear to be a particularly widespread problem. In Maryland, a 1992 study found that substantiated allegations of sexual abuse in foster care are four times higher than that found among the general population. In Kentucky, sex abuse in foster care was "all over the newspapers," according to department head Larry Michalczyk.

Perhaps the most significant indicator of the true extent of sexual abuse in foster care was a survey of alumni of what was described as an "exemplary" and "model" program in the Pacific Northwest, argues University professor Richard Wexler. "In this lavishly-funded program

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Letters to Pastor Alamo

Nigeria

Dear Pastor Alamo,

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to be with us—amen. I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter. All you wrote in the aforementioned letter is very well understood and noted. I pray that the Good Lord open abundant way for me to also contribute even financially as well as distributing the Word of God through your newsletter.

Please pray for me and other team distributors for God to direct us as we work together in His Vineyard.

Thanks for the T-shirts received. By God's grace we are set again with my team of distributors to continue raising the roof of the Kingdom of God, so please mail newsletters of different types about 700, 30 *Messiah* books, 10 Holy Bibles for new converts.

Pastor, many lost souls here are coming to receive Christ through your literature, hence my request for Holy Bibles for many who are in need.

May joy and His grace keep you and the Ministry, amen.

Brother Y.H. Kaduna State, Nigeria, Africa

Missouri

Hello, Pastor Alamo,

I am writing to let you know that God has blessed my heart through your newsletters, and I thank you for sharing God's word with me in a way I've never seen it before. I admit, I have allowed my faith to become weak over the last month or so, but God spoke to my heart as I was reading and meditating on scriptures broken down in your newsletters.

I have been hesitant to ask you to send me more; but now the Lord has assured me that it's time to explore His Word more. So please send me a copy of the book called the *Messiah*. May God in Christ continue to bless you all!!!

Please pray for me, I am going to return to teaching God's word. Also I have compared all your newsletters to God's word and they all line up. I am going to use your newsletters to spread God's love to all that will listen. Don't forget, as soon as you can, write me, and please send what you can. I am in need of things. Thank you.

Love,

Brother E.C.

North East Correctional Center

Bowling Green, MO

Arkansas

Dear Tony,

It is so obvious who's speaking out of the mouths of all these persecutors, telling the parents from the God-given ministry to not listen to Tony Alamo. "If you want your kids back, you have to leave the church." The Lord on many occasions has told me in supernatural ways to listen to you. Not only do I know that you are from the Lord by your fruits, but God Himself told me to listen to you. "Don't be playing games with your soul for it is for your very life." "He is My mouth." I not only know that you are holy by your fruits, but God Himself came down one night in the Spirit very strongly, so much so that I got scared and He spoke to my heart with such seriousness

Aging out of foster care:

Serious challenges face many youth who age out of foster care (who become 18 yrs. old while in the system).

- 1 in 4 will be incarcerated within two years of leaving foster care
- 1 in 5 will become homeless
- Only half will graduate from high school
- Less than 3% will receive college degrees
- 38% cope with serious emotional problems
- 40% of U.S. prison population spent time in foster care

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saying, "Obey your pastor! Obey your pastor! Obey your pastor! Obey your pastor!" The Lord made me FEEL that night HOW HOLY YOU ARE! He let me know what you are in His eyes. It is like Father, like son. He let me know if I want Him to live inside my body I have to keep my body holy.

It is the mouth of Satan speaking right out of the mouths of the Pope, his dummies the government, the media, the DHS and everyone involved, the fallen away from Christ because their flesh was much stronger to do what their flesh desired rather than to live a godly life and walk in the Spirit as God commands. So to excuse the real reason as to why they wanted to leave the ministry, they believed disgruntled people's lies and assumptions about you and ran with it. When in reality, even their assumptions about you were made up by them themselves simply because they were disgruntled. They knew better than to believe these disgruntled people. They know better because they themselves were born and raised in this ministry and saw for themselves the godly rules in this church.

The satanic deeds they are now doing against you are going to be ringing in their heads throughout eternity as they gnaw at their tongues and gnash their teeth while they burn in the pits of Hell wailing for pain and growling, "MERCY! MERCY! MERCY!"

It was very sad to hear the "Christmas dinner" they served you there. It was for the dogs! I was stating to others after I heard that, that you are going through all this for the Lord. Great is your reward in the Kingdom of Heaven. You are going to have a great crown.

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Message from Susie

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This really lifted me up and I'm sure it will you also. I also had a dream I wanted to tell you about. In the dream I was in a small apartment. Steve and Evy were in the front room of this apartment and they were talking to me on a cell phone. I was standing at the back door. They were telling me that there was some kind of activity in the sky. I got off the phone and stepped outside. As I looked up, I saw what was like the end of a fireworks display, like it was fizzling out. Then to the left of what fizzled out, I saw a cloud, it was oblong shaped and was pretty big. The cloud was rolling but it wasn't moving, like it was stirring. My eyes were fixed on this cloud because something was happening. Just then I saw two massive arms from right below the elbows down, form out of this cloud. As I stood there looking at this, I said, "HOW MAJESTIC" because these arms that I saw were so powerful, I couldn't stop looking at them. Then I cried out, "HALLELUJAH!" Then the dream ended. I don't know what this means but when I was looking up at this cloud, one of my brothers was standing nearby.

You are in our prayers. We love you and miss you.

R.W.

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Arkansas

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I also thought the reason why the Lord is going to have the saints judge this world in the second advent of Christ is to rub it in all these satanic zombies' faces. If you really think about it, He doesn't need any ASSISTANCE in judging this world. These zombies for Satan are going to have a bowel movement when they see you coming along with the rest of the saints to judge the world.

The devil may have your body but he cannot take your soul. Hallelujah! "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Cor. 4:17).

If the Lord spoke to my heart so suddenly years ago and said "VENGEANCE IS MINE" over a small matter, how much more now will His vengeance be against this great matter?

Sincerely,
Isabel Mendoza

A Letter From Isabel Mendoza's Father

Isabel has been at the Alamo Church for 16 years.

12/21/08

My very dear daughter,

I hope that when you receive this letter you are in good health. I am fine, thank God. I received your letter where you talk about Pastor Tony Alamo and about the children. I am very sorrowful over everything that is happening with the children and the parents. I know how sorrowful the children and the parents are because as you said, we went through that and it was terrible. We were so grieved, so pained.



Mr. J. Mendoza

I am praying for the pastor, the children, and the parents of the children. We hope in God that everything works out, that everything turns out well, that they let the pastor and the children free.

May God keep you and bless you.
J.M. Wilmington, California

FREE OUR KIDS

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tape to help us to stop this organized crime system in Pinellas County called the Department of Children and Families where they're using people's children for money.

The De La Cruz family in Pinellas County—their boys were raped in their foster homes. There is an article, I believe it was December of 2004, about the De La Cruz children. These boys were molested from family to family to family. They told their case workers and nothing was done. We've confronted our case workers about the abuse our children are going through to no avail. We haven't been able to get anything done through the court system. Mariel Fleming, she turns away from the truth. It's just a real sad situation.

The article about Meagan Gallagher, December 10, 2004, states, "Pinellas County Sheriff's detective arrested one of their investigators Thursday." She was twenty-five years old. Meagan Gallagher also submitted bogus reports. She submitted bogus reports of child abuse and neglect in order to get money for The Department of Children and Families.

You have the Planned Parenthood of the parenting class that we took and this is what they told us to teach our kids at the age of six. At the age of six, we're supposed to teach our children that, "everyone has

sexual thoughts and fantasies and their having them is normal, and there are different types of parent homes, and that sexual identity includes sexual orientation, lesbians, gays, straights, and bisexuals." We've been required by the state of Florida through our case manager to demonstrate that we're teaching this to our kids and we have to demonstrate it to her in order to get our children back.

Then an article from May 24, 2006, says, "A mother here is looking for her son under Department of Children and Families." This is in the *St. Petersburg Times* where her son has disappeared. And what it is, is we're in a lying court system and we're asking people to please help us to get something done about it. If you want to read it, you can get on the archives of the *St. Petersburg Times* newspaper and read the article. It says, "This is the third time that Levi Dillare, nine, has disappeared since being placed in Safe Children Coalition's care." So what we have is another situation where the children are disappearing.

There's scandals going on in the Department of Children and Families and the big question we've had to ask is, Why are they lying and falsifying this documentation against me and my wife? Why are they doing this? And we've come to the conclusion that the purpose is for money. They're making big money by taking our children from us, lying and falsifying documentation.

My name is Greg Pound and my phone number is (727) 319-3705, in Largo, Florida. As you watch this DVD, you'll see the rest of the testimonies of the people, when you see the lady whose child was taken from her because someone made a false allegation against her. They put her in jail for two weeks. She hasn't seen her son going on ten weeks. He's ten years old. You'll see the people crying on this DVD, asking people, what can we get done? It's not only me, we've discovered after two years of fighting with the court system trying to defend our rights to our children and all the lies and the falsifying of this court system.

We found out, this is what they said, "We cannot take your children because of abuse or neglect. The only way we can get your children is by you abandoning your children." And that's why they put us through the hell they put us through, is to try to get us to abandon our children. They make it a living hell. You'll see on this DVD where a lady's husband committed suicide just through the trauma of losing their home, losing their kids, just what it cost them in court and this is exactly what this is—it's a money-maker for the people of this court system, for the lawyers. It's just really sad that we have this going on in America and we're asking somebody to please step up and to help us get it stopped.

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caseloads were kept low and both workers and foster parents got special training. This was not ordinary foster care, this was Cadillac Foster Care," he explained. In this "exemplary" program, 24% of the girls responding to a survey said they were victims of actual or attempted sexual abuse in the one home in which they had stayed the longest. Significantly, they were not even asked about the other foster homes in which they had stayed.

SYSTEMWIDE ABUSES

A 1986 survey conducted by the National Foster Care Education Project found that foster children were 10 times more likely to be abused than children among the general population. A follow-up study in 1990 by the same group produced similar results.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Children's Rights Project similarly estimates that a child in the care of the state is ten times more likely to be abused than one in the care of his parents.

The Children's Rights Project has been involved in suits against child welfare systems in the states of Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana and New Mexico, and the cities of Kansas City, Missouri; Louisville, Milwaukee, and New York City. Says Children's Rights Project attorney Marcia Robinson Lowry: "There are a lot of injuries, a lot of abuse. The most significant thing is the psychological death of so many of these kids. Kids are being destroyed every day, destroyed by a government-funded system set out to help them."

The California-based Little Hoover Commission, in examining the functioning of the foster care system determined: "That children can come to harm—and even die—while supposedly under the protection of foster care, is not in dispute."

MINIMIZING THE ABUSES

Child welfare departments are rarely forthcoming with information about the actual extent of harm that comes to children in their care. It is largely through audits and case readings associated with legal actions that the actual extent of abuses in the foster care system come to light.

As Hagedorn succinctly explains: "It's

simply too risky for bureaucrats to admit that their agency may not be 'doing good.' The erosion of that myth may lead someone to investigate them or even propose cutting their budgets. But if there is one thing that is riskier for bureaucrats than admitting that their system may not be doing good, it is that it is doing far more harm than good."

THE QUIET ABUSES

With the high rate of multiple placements that most foster children endure, the possibility that they may experience overt physical or sexual abuse becomes an increasing certainty with each move. Yet even those children who are not subjected to overt physical or sexual abuse in state care often endure conditions tantamount to abuse.

"These beds were created in response to Department of Children and Family Services saying they need more beds," adds Schmiedel. "It's market-driven forces, children as industry." Part of Schmiedel's job is to go through unusual incident reports. "We must get two or three hundred a week," he says, some of which include serious reports of physical and sexual abuse in treatment centers and foster homes. "It's frightening—we don't know which cases are the most serious."

"You see what some parents do to their kids, but then you see what happens to kids who are removed from their homes and put into foster homes... I mean, the stories are grotesque."

Or consider the plight of those foster wards locked in detention in the San Francisco Youth Guidance Center Facility—maintained in small locked cells alongside alleged juvenile offenders who are themselves awaiting adjudication of their cases. A grand jury found the conditions endured by these children to be far worse than that endured by adult criminals in the County prison.

THE SILENT NEGLECT

The most tragic aspect of all this is that most of the children subjected to the abuses of foster care don't need to be there. And, it is largely *because* the system is flooded with so many children that don't belong in care that these abuses continue to mount.

<http://www.liftingtheveil.org/foster04.htm>

Responses to Radio Africa Programs

Dear Tony,

May I take this opportunity to greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the name that causes the blind to see again.

Thank you for your ministry movement that you share with us here in South Africa.

May He heavenly, richly bless you.

Lloyd Johannesburg, South Africa

Dearly Beloved,

Warmest Christian greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a great moment to let you know that I have been blessed by your radio outreach program via Radio Africa on SWZ 7190 KHZ 41MB each week. Your radio program outreach covers southwest African nations and beyond.

Please could you be able to send me a copy of the Holy Bible, cassette tapes,

books, CDs, literature and many other Christian materials available.

May the Lord continue to bless you mightily. I want to encourage you to keep broadcasting your radio program on the airwaves. Thank you very much. I await for your urgent response soon.

Love in Christ,

S.A. Lagos, Nigeria, Africa

Dear Evangelist Tony Alamo,

What a blessing you have been to me for many years. You have taught me so much of the Bible that I in turn am able to teach others the Word of God.

Your fundamental stand has been a blessing to us all here although many are lead astray by false leaders. Please continue with the Word of God. Send me a Bible and Christian literature.

I'm yours in Christ,

B.M. Chogoria Meru, Kenya, East Africa

Child or Adult?

(Continued from page 3)

are young adults, they can't even work as stock clerks or bag boys in grocery stores until they are 16.

It is the Vatican's plan to keep the people in most of the world in ignorance, especially the United States, and to prevent young women from marrying, if they wish, when they reach puberty. The Bible states in I Timothy 4:1-3, "that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry."

Again, *Webster's* definition of "childhood" is the state or time of being a child; the state or time from birth or infancy to puberty or maturity. *Oxford's* definition of "childhood" is the state or stage of life of a child; the time during which one is a child; the time from birth to puberty.

The definition of *Webster's* dictionary for "puberty" is the state or quality of being first capable of begetting or bearing offspring, which is marked by maturing of the reproductive organs, with the onset of menstruation in the female and the development of the secondary sex charac-

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teristics in both sexes; the period at which sexual maturity is reached. The age of puberty varies in different climates and environments, being from 13 to 16 in boys and from 11 to 14 in girls, and is commonly designated legally as 14 for boys and 12 for girls.

However, there is no age requirement

in regard to becoming a Christian. Little three, four, five-year-old children accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. They can reach beyond the moon. They can reach Heaven where Christ is with the Father by the Spirit, and adults can do the same thing. Say this prayer and receive your eternal life now:

Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹ I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.² I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.³ I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit⁴ and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.⁵ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.⁶ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.⁷ You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus; You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible says so.⁸ Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.⁹ Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁰ And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.¹¹

1 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 2 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 3 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, I John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 4 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 15:3-7 5 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 6 I Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 7 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, I John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 8 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 9 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 10 Heb. 11:6 11 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, I Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up the cross daily for the purpose of mortifying yourself, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a position of au-

thority to reign for God on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, then submit yourself and do what the Word says, so that the church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God reward you abundantly.

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