

THE SUPER REGIONAL COUPLE REPORT

From Marguerita and Pat

(Their last report as Super Regional Couple)

During the past two years there has been tremendous growth in Teams throughout the World with an increase of a further 12000 members which brings the total number of people involved in the Teams Movement to over 100,000. In this Super-Region 20 new Teams have been piloted during this period. Brazil now has more Teams than France. At present there are over 23,000 members in Brazil.

We are blessed to belong to such a great movement which is steadily growing. Many organisations, over the past 50 years, have come and gone but Teams continues to flourish and is one of the real positives in today's Church. We believe the reason for this is that couples are recognising the need for spirituality in their lives.

Over the past 6 years we have attended 6 International College Meetings. In July this year the meeting was held in Texas and to us it was the most productive of all the College Meetings. There was great enthusiasm, vision and direction among the Leading Team and all of the Super-Regional Couples. A decision was made by the International Leading Team to conduct a world-wide total review of the Movement. Our Super-Region, now called the Oceania Super-Region, has been asked to lead the Team which will, over a 4 year term, look at the future direction of the Teams Movement throughout the world. We will be working with a couple from Brazil, one from Great Britain and the International Leading Team.

In July 2002 the International Leading Team and the International College of Teams will meet in Melbourne for the first time. There will be approx. 50 people from various countries of the world attending and some of these couples will be visiting all the Regions and New Zealand. There will be opportunities for you to meet with these people and some of you may take the opportunity and have a couple be billeted to you prior to and after the College Meeting.

During our term as Super-Regional Couple the Super-Region has been able to finance all projects without increasing the fees. To our knowledge subscriptions have not been increased in 15 years. With the growth in Teams it will be necessary next year to increase the subscription fee from \$30 per person to \$40 per person. As you know this Super-Region was financed from France for many years and we are financially obligated to help develop Teams in other countries. As well as this it is important that the movement grow in this Super-Region and training of couples is vital and of course incurs costs especially now that New Zealand and the Philippines are part of this Super-Region. There are over 49 million Catholics in the Philippines and we anticipate rapid growth in this area. The Portuguese Super-Region has requested that we introduce Teams to East Timor and we ask for your prayerful support to make this a reality. We must take up the challenge of evangelisation and will only reap what we sow.

We welcome Jan and Peter Ralton to the role of Super-Regional couple for the Oceania Super-Region from the 1st January 2002. They are a remarkable couple and have many gifts to use in this role.

We would like to thank you all for the loyal support you have given us over the last 5 years. Our lives have certainly been enriched during this time, we thank you for your friendship, your hospitality and your commitment to the movement. We have had tremendous experiences working on an International level and working with the Regional couples and Mons. Duffus. Their support has been gratefully appreciated. There have been many highlights for us but the one that has brought us great joy is seeing couples develop, grow and accept responsibility. We

have seen lives changed and enriched by this movement through people being prepared to step out, trust in God and let the Holy Spirit work through them to develop the gifts they have been given.

To our own Team, we thank you for being patient with us when meeting dates had to be changed and for your tremendous support. You made our role so much easier.

We were married on the feast of the Visitation and had no idea 35 years ago what an impact that feast day and the Magnificat would have on our lives. May we all as persons, as couples, as Spiritual Counsellors and as members of the Team movement continually "Magnify the Lord".

Our thanks to you all,

Marguerita & Pat.