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The Happy Hunters

No one is neutral about the Happy Hunters—Charles and Frances. Some are shocked and offended by their ministry. Others believe they are powerfully anointed in the ministry of healing. Everyone has an opinion.

When I mention the Hunters to some of my conservative European friends, they shudder. They prefer their evangelists, as one Dutchman told me, to "behave" in public.

Well, the Hunters don't behave. They are not quiet or dignified. They are, as they describe themselves, "happy."

At the same time, they take life seriously. Publisher Steve Strang sent Frances a copy of my latest book, The Truth Will Set You Free, But First It

Will Make You Miserable. The book is all satire and spoof—using humor and exaggeration to make otherwise painful points.

Frances didn't think the book was funny. Not one whit. She wrote a personal letter to me. As always, she was gracious and loving. She was also turned off (incensed is a better word) by the jacket copy, which she called "vulgar" and "offensive." She said she had written Stephen Strang and told him whoever had written that trash should be fired.

He was kind enough not to tell her I had written it myself.

What I intended to be tongue-incheek was to her foot-in-mouth. "Charles and I believe in holy living right down the line," she stated. My chapter on "Barley Brown" and my

mention of stepping in doggie do were the final straws. Her conclusion: "I would personally take it (the book) off the market if I were you."

I wrote her back and said at least I was batting 50 percent. The truth didn't set her free, but it sure did make her miserable.

Frances remains my respected friend, however. Wherever she goes—miracles follow. Be sure and read her column which explains "leg lengthening." It will set you free...or make you miserable.

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