

IN TOUCH

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"We're grateful to the Lord for healing and LIFE brought to us through YWAM . . . we now have a photography business, and find He gives us nuggets of wisdom to pass on . . ." *The Scotts, Australia*

"Thanks for IN TOUCH . . . Makes us feel part of the family again . . . now that we have two kids, we'd like to see an article on home-schooling."

Lillian Jimenez, FL

[OK Lillian, we'll try for something next time.]

"I left YWAM in 1985 after four years, and I would like to say to all those who just left, 'Life outside is very different, but God is the same' . . ."

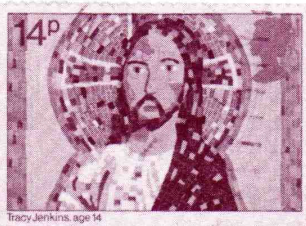
Monique Roggo, Switzerland

"Hey, thank you so much for keeping me IN TOUCH, it's such a blessing for me to know my brothers and sisters in the world still love me . . ."

Vuni Tu'uakitau, Tonga

"Upon receipt of IN TOUCH, wonderful memories drifted back and it made me feel part of the family. God bless you."

Christopher Barton Essel, Ghana



ENDTIME ATTITUDE.

by Dean Sherman

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:7-8

Evidently there is an **extra** ordinary attitude needed for the days in which we are living. As we make the final push to reach every people; as Jesus works to gather His bride and manage the harvest, the battle is heating up. We're unsure as to whether there are more attacks, or that we're just more alert to them.

What we **do** know, is that we do not need to open ourselves to attack; and that God is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless.

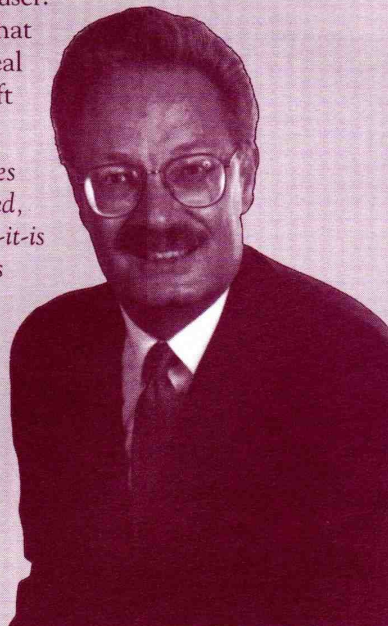
As I travel in the Body of Christ, I see that people are in a more serious mood, and it is for the purpose of prayer. Did you realize that there are probably more Christians doing more focused spiritual warfare than ever in history? This has to be what is bringing the changes and openness in the Eastern European world - and elsewhere.

The backlash from all of this is a real spirit of suspicion, accusation and betrayal being unleashed in society, including the church. Trust and loyalty are down because of so much failure. We must rise up to fight this with prayer, commitment and a ministry of grace. We're not expected to 'cover up' fault and sin, but we are called to 'cover' people's failure and weakness with love and grace.

Love always believes the best, is not suspicious and never takes sides with the one who is the accuser.

Grace is extending to people what they don't deserve. **Prayer** can seal off people from attacks and lift them into a place of protection.

Dean, whose likeness also graces these pages elsewhere, is widely loved, and has a unique, witty, tell-it-like-it-is style of presenting truth. 'Life' issues are his mainstay - Relationships and Spiritual Warfare. He's written a book on the latter and is working on one about the former. Along with his wife Michelle and two children, Dean lives in Oregon and will be a featured speaker at our California Renewal Camp in June - see Page 3.



"The first time I received IN TOUCH I was in Saudi Arabia . . . it made me feel very, very special . . . touched me within . . . I'm a Filipina, now in the U.S. and a friend just sent me the latest newsletter . . . here's \$50 to help."

Janet Cannilla, NY

"Thanks for another IN TOUCH. I'd really like to see Dan Sneed at one of the Renewal Camps next year . . . his week in my DTS was a major turning point in my life."

Dan Dyck, Canada

[We received several letters like this. Dan, you have your wish, and more! Dan Sneed will speak at two Renewal Camps in 1992 - see notice on Page 3.]



"I had been with YWAM for about four years, and now with IN TOUCH my husband can better understand the group that I was involved with before I met him."

Vicky Poulsen, Canada



THE LAW OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

A Word From Your Editor

Ever hear of such a law? Probably not, because it isn't in any law book. It's sort of like Murphy's Law (if something can go wrong - it will!); Murphy did not come up with a natural 'law' but gave us a humorously ironic comment on the capriciousness of things that can happen in our lives.

Back to the Law of Unintended Consequences. This little bit of whimsy says that "the effort to fix things sometimes worsens the damage." In other words "if it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

I hear people say things like, "DTS ruins people. They never fit back into 'real' life. And they're no help in the church." (DTS's are not the only culprit! Almost any YWAM - or other overseas missionary experience - can elicit the same sort of charge.)

If a DTS "fixes things" - in this case a person's life in preparation for service - why is there this inference that maybe "it really makes things worse?"

Because in some cases it's the truth. Despite positive, life-changing, character-transforming encounters with God, incredibly some return home with a 'Certificate to Criticize' instead of a 'License to Serve.' These are the Noisy Minority, who unhappily bring disproportionate condemnation on the majority.

The Silent Majority, however, can do something about it. Hang out your shingle - in a humble way of course! - take up your towel, and be an LPS: a Licensed Practitioner of Serving. You've been commissioned!

PROFOUND & PITHY

"If you walk in humility upon this earth, nothing and no-one can keep you from the will of God."

Floyd McClung

"Many Christians, whose sins have been taken away by Jesus, are still bearing their festering wounds."

Dr Bruce Thompson

"YWAM has taught me to be so flexible, sometimes I can't even stand up!"

Anon

"Authority is the sum total of who you are - not what you say."

Floyd McClung

"Fish and house guests smell after three days."

Editor's favorite Chinese proverb

"A person cannot mature in isolation."

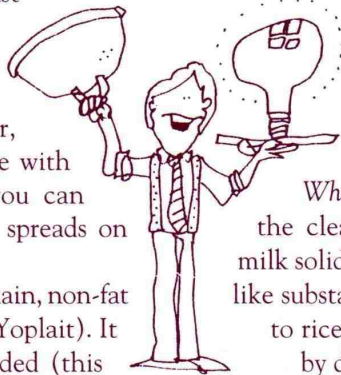
LIGHTEN UP

With Graham Kerr

Here is the first of a series of cooking hints to help you lighten up, brighten up and last longer . . . at least until our Lord returns.

Objective: "To reduce fat (especially the saturated fats) by replacing butter, margarine and mayonnaise with a no-fat "cheese" that you can make yourself and which spreads on bread just fine.

You will need: One pint of plain, non-fat yogurt (either Dannon or Yoplait). It must not have gelatin added (this



stops the whey from being released). You'll need a small hand sieve, some paper towelling, (or a coffee filter) and a bowl.

This is what you do: Line the hand sieve with a paper towel (two layers is best). Tip the yogurt into the lined sieve and put it over the bowl. Cover the yogurt with a plate and set it in the refrigerator for at least five hours (more won't hurt, up to 24 hours).

What can you expect?: You'll find that the clear whey has separated from the milk solids and left a thick, creamy cheese-like substance (you can add the clear whey to rice dishes and complete the protein by doing so).

How do you use it?: As a spread it can be put into a butter pot and simply used at the table to replace table butter or margarine, or used in sandwiches instead of mayonnaise. Add fresh herbs (chives, thyme) and crushed garlic and it's great for garlic bread. With maple syrup added it's good on cornbreads and raisin toast.

Anything else?: Sure . . . try it. Do yourself a flavor!

Graham, who was in YWAM for eight years, has a deep concern for our well-being. In his just-out "Graham Kerr's Smart Cooking" he has beautifully laid out his MINIMAX style - to minimize risk and maximize flavor in our favorite foods. See insert (North America only) for details on how to obtain this cookbook, or write to us at IN TOUCH.

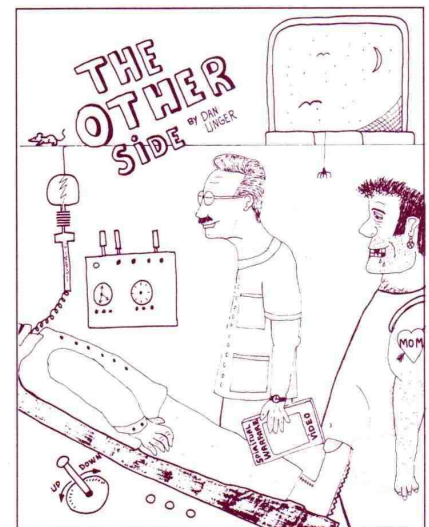
1991 RENEWAL CAMP REPORT

Cooking (and eating!) a pig Island-style, were just two of the treats enjoyed by 200 YWAM Associates at our four camps last summer. Other goodies included Dr Bruce & Barbara Thompson, and Floyd & Sally McClung, who provided the spiritual food. With an emphasis on renewal, refreshing and recreation, these camps serve the needs of campers by providing a furlough from the work force.

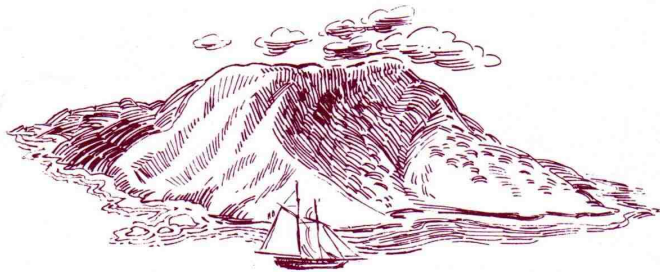
See Page 3 for details of world-wide 1992 camps.



Time to go night-night, Miss Piggy!



"Yes Igor, we've created a YWAMer . . . now we need to raise support to keep him alive . . . that's right friends!"



PITCAIRN ISLAND UPDATE

We made it! Well OK, they made it.

As we went to press with our last edition, we reported that Loren Cunningham, aboard the M/V Pacific Ruby, expected to be on Pitcairn Island, the only country in the world in which YWAM had never ministered.

Right on schedule Loren, Darlene and their children Karen and David, made the historic landfall. Along with them were medical and dental teams headed by Drs Bill Johnson and Charlie Roberts.

So what's next? Stay tuned. Knowing Loren, there'll be other challenges, other unscaled 'mountains' of missionary endeavor!

IMPACT TEAMS

"You can change the world . . . without quitting your job."

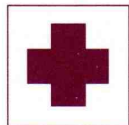
Opportunities for practical missions work in the short term, are now available in places like Indonesia (medical), Iraq (rehab with the Kurds), Colombia (street kids), Japan (church building), Guatemala (construction), Jamaica (community

development), Solomon Islands (water distribution system).

Would you pray about giving a couple of weeks or longer, to let the Lord use your skills and services in missions, practically demonstrating His love. For information write to: IMPACT TEAMS, UofN, 75-5851 Kuakini Hwy, Kailua-Kona, HI, 96740

PASTORING ON THE FIELD

When you were "out there" in the "field" - whether on short-term outreach, or as a staffer for longer times - did you ever feel the need for a pastor-type? Someone who could come alongside you, pray with you, help you grow, encourage you, counsel and advise you? Someone with the heart - and training for it? There's a clear need for this ministry in missions, and numbers of people



are doing something about it; no-one perhaps more than Barry Austin in

England, who's always had a pastor's heart and has now started a school to train people in pastoral support.

The mission field is a battle zone - spiritual warfare. As in any battle, people get wounded, stressed out, scared. If you feel you didn't get pastoral support during your time in the mission, write to us. We care.

OLYMPIC GAMES 1992

Munich . . . Montreal . . . Moscow . . . Los Angeles . . . Seoul . . . and now . . . Barcelona, Spain. Every four years since 1972, YWAM has had a major outreach at the Olympic Games. Here's your opportunity to go on

an outreach, and meet the whole world! Gather a team from your church and make next summer really count. For details contact: Int'l Olympic Outreach Office, Heidebeek, Mussenkampseweg 32, 8181 PK Heerde, The Netherlands.

DONNA'S CORNER

About 2000 years ago, all the little boys under two, who lived in and around Bethlehem, were killed; killed by the enemy who was trying to stop Jesus from his mission.

Could it be that the enemy is once more trying to destroy a generation? - through abortion; through physical, emotional and mental abuse -



Donna Jordan

Are you reaching out to little ones today? Can they see Jesus in you?

Are they seeing the reality of God in the church? You can touch the lives of these little ones, through prayer, Sunday School, King's Kids; by blessing them and loving them; and just by the way you live your life.

because he knows the impact this generation will have for the Kingdom of God.

R e m e m b e r , ". . . whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:5

1992 IN TOUCH RENEWAL CAMPS

With at least five camps to choose from in 1992, NOW is the time to start making your plans for a meaningful summer vacation. Pray about it now. You'll be in for times of refreshing, times of fun and times of great ministry - for all ages. Ask anyone who went in '91! Peter & Donna Jordan will host all camps.

Great Barrier Island, New Zealand, Jan 20 - 27

With: Floyd McClung & John Dawson.

Write immediately to: 1 Parliament Street, Thorndon, Wellington, New Zealand. Fax 64 (4) 473-6020

Richardson Springs, California, June 13 - 21

With Dean Sherman & Bob Fitts

Riggins, Idaho, July 5 - 17

With Dan Sneed & Don Stephens

Neah Bay, Washington, July 25 - Aug 2

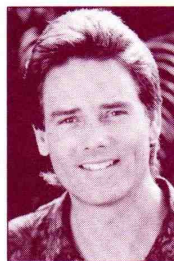
With Dan Sneed

Bemidji, Minnesota, August 8 - 15

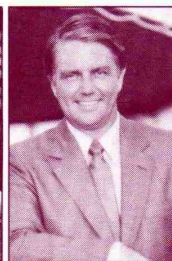
With Paul Hawkins

For further information on U.S. Camps including Kona, Hawaii in December 1992, contact:

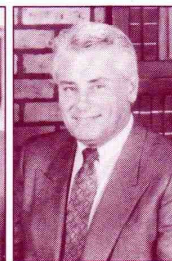
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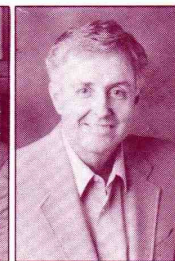
Bob Fitts



Don Stephens



Dan Sneed



Paul Hawkins

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD by Jim Dawson

"Watch Out!"

Had you noticed that the Christian life isn't some sort of sheltered, cozy existence? No way. It's not only exposure to all the ups and downs of life on this planet, but also to the subtle luring temptations of the enemy of our souls. No wonder the mighty apostle Paul wrote to his friends in Corinth "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong" (I Cor 16:13).

Like a mother warns her children, "watch out for traffic when you cross the street," so the apostle John, as a tender caring shepherd of the early church, calls to us his final message "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (I John 5:21).

With one word, "idols", John identifies the spiritually lethal hazards that reduce believers to ineffective, unanointed casualties. Is there a personal idol that you

are bowing to? Could it be such a 'legitimate' thing as financial security, material possessions, outward appearance, or even excusing yourself for slowing down because you "aren't as young as you used to be?"

This last one is the very area I have had to confront, and reject the 'retirement mentality' as idolatrous. Obedience to Jesus, whenever, wherever and at whatever cost is our only option if we

are to faithfully follow Him. Those old warrior apostles call out to us still, "Stay in the battle - be courageous and strong, but **watch out for idols.**"

Jim Dawson is the International Pastor of YWAM. For many years he served as a member of the International Council, only withdrawing because of major heart surgery. Obviously he hasn't lost 'heart' for his pastoral role. Jim will continue to bring us wealth from his 'mine' of experience and wisdom.



Jim Dawson

PASTOR E. R. SCRATCH, Age 79

This, the tenth edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Pastor Ed Scratch who, following a difficult and painful year, passed into the healing presence of his Lord, on September 10, 1991.

Dear reader, you may recall that Pastor Scratch's customary position around here, was just to the left of this column; from whence he regularly dispensed his own unique brand of down-to-earth common-sense, which was clearly drawn from God's Word, and which had been honed by 57 years of pastoral ministry.

His Homegoing Celebration on September 16th, was a tribute to a man much-loved, and now much-missed. The terms used by friends, disciples, parishioners, fellow clergymen and family members, in describing Pastor Scratch, were consistent in their reflection of the character, personality and ministry of the man so many of us knew.

Loren Cunningham, wrote these words of his father-in-law: "The word 'Pastor' became like a first name to E. R. Scratch, to thousands of people, because that was what he was to them.

"As the Lord is our Shepherd, that we should not want, so Pastor Scratch lived to meet the needs of others through his calling and gifts. He led them to practical, but green pastures of spiritual food. He led them beside still, peaceful waters of refreshment in Christ's presence and provision. He was there to comfort the bereaved, even in the valley of the shadow of death.

"Pastor Scratch would counsel, but never control; advise but never manipulate - leave the ninety and nine to help the one.

"Pastor Scratch IS a good shepherd - currently WITH the Good Shepherd, Who guided him home to receive a shepherd's crown of glory."

After retiring from being Senior Pastor at his church, P.S. and his wife Enid, served for a number of years in YWAM. Naturally, he just kept on pastoring. And then upon returning home due to ill-health, he kept on pastoring, almost to his dying day. Enid will stay close to missions. She's signed on as staff with the Singapore Crossroads DTS in January! Now that's something!



Pastor Scratch

IN TOUCH



Donna, Peter & Laurie Jordan

This is our opportunity of wishing you an IN TOUCH Christmas and New Year 1992... as well as giving thanks to the Lord - and you - for support and encouragement over the past three years of ministry. Yes, it's been **three** years, **four** Renewal Camps, **ten** editions of IN TOUCH, **hundreds** of letters, phone calls, faxes and visits received, **thousands** of

YWAM books and tapes distributed, and **more than 50,000** copies of IN TOUCH mailed world-wide, since this all began. Whew!

But we have help - principally from the Lord; and with major assists from Bill Cozens our layout man; and Fred Harris, who keeps us on track, accounting-wise. Also Bill McAllister and Graham Kerr, our other Board members, who counsel and advise; and everyone everywhere, who prays for us or has given financially to enable us to continue producing and distributing IN TOUCH.

Our world-wide circulation approaches 10,000, and we publish three times a year, each edition costing US\$7000. Would you ask the Lord if you can partner with us? - any gift over \$15 is tax deductible in the U.S. and Canada. We need your help!

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