

# IN TOUCH

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**We love to hear from you - and it shows! Here's another sampling from our mailbag . . .**

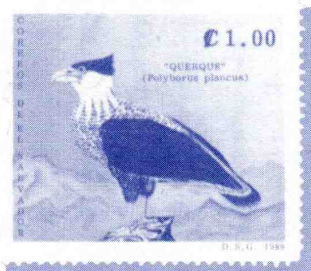
"How my husband and I have enjoyed IN TOUCH! We read every word . . . we were in YWAM for seven years working with refugees . . . now moving to (closed country) and cannot receive any publications . . . but we'll certainly keep your address." *Names withheld*



"How can I obtain Graham Kerr's new cookbook? Could it be sent (overseas)? [Yes!] . . . I appreciate the spiritual as well as the visual quality of what you do." *Janet (Jordan) Kennedy, Netherlands*

"The excerpts from letters you receive are encouraging . . . so there are others who go through some of the things we do . . . ! Keep up the good work!" *Dave & Renee Phillips, MT*

"Thank you so much for the encouragement and sense of continued involvement in God's plans for the world, not just my limited vision . . . Good job. Don't stop." *Kim Bennett, Australia*



## THE TEST OF INJUSTICE

by John Dawson

**Christian workers are more vulnerable to bitterness than almost any other people. This is because their personal idealism and expectations of one another are so high.**

Someone without Christ is usually protected by a wall of personal cynicism. A man finding that his car has been stolen may curse and then comment, "Well, that's life." His expectation of his fellow man is so low that the 'rip-off' comes as no big surprise.



On the other hand, an idealistic person, having volunteered their life to Jesus through apprenticeship to some ministry, can be shattered by the failure of some all-too-human leader. Ps. 146:3 says, "Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation."

I think the greatest difficulty of being in ministry is relating to authority with tolerance and forgiveness, by seeing the hand of God in my circumstances. The **failure to forgive** must be one of the greatest reasons that Christians get stalled in their personal growth and ministry. I have noticed a puzzling thing. Some of the most vital, fruitful, Christ-centered ministries - mission societies, youth movements, television ministries, churches - are also those with some of the most bitter critics among their previously employed workers and former members. Why is this?

Either these ministries are riddled with corrupt leadership (if so, we are left with nothing but cynical thoughts and an independent spirit), or we as individuals are failing to respond to the dealings of God in our own lives through human authority.

Consider the testing of the young man Joseph. First, he receives his vision of personal ministry and is rejected by his brothers. The dream leads to the pit. Next he finds himself in slavery, and worse still - thrown into prison, unjustly accused of rape.

This can be likened to someone who gives their all to God expecting to be released immediately into the fulfillment of their ministry fantasies. A year or two of 'slavery' or 'unrewarding labor' may be a test of faithfulness. Then, after faithfully serving Jesus, some misunderstanding or conflict arises in which they (as innocent as Joseph), feel the lash of unjust criticism or are demoted or even dismissed. This is the point of the test where they struggle with resentment and self-pity, the place where so many fail in God's preparation for a fruitful ministry. A sovereign and loving God allowed Joseph to go through such tests.

Joseph passed his tests because he lived in forgiveness. We too must forgive, seeing the loving hand of Jesus in our circumstances. Joseph's

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"I liked Dean Sherman's 'Endtime Attitude' . . . the Holy Spirit has been doing some chastening in my soul in this area . . . thank you Dean! Looking into '92 Olympic Outreach . . . not bad for a 67 years young gal, eh?"

*Marjorie Wojcickowski, Canada*

"Every morning in my Quiet Time I pray for YWAM, Operation Mobilization and the ministry of IN TOUCH . . ."

*Tluangmami, India*



"IN TOUCH is like a breath of fresh air . . . I was in YWAM from 1973-76, primarily in Morocco . . . my 18-year-old son is very interested in YWAM . . . please send DTS info . . ."

*Phil Durham, TN*

"Thanks for your efforts to keep us IN TOUCH . . . I wanted to stay in YWAM, but God had other ideas . . . we have been working on the back side of Japan for three years as lay missionaries in a small church with Leadership International."

*Dennis & Rhoda Peterson, Japan*

"IN TOUCH is an extension to those of us who are away from (YWAM), yet are involved either in more training or feel called to the local church . . . I sense I'm called to the former and when ready again, want to be commissioned by the latter."

*Dale Trujillo, MI*

"Receiving IN TOUCH feels like getting a personal letter from all of YWAM!"

*Vicki Jones Parker, NM*

. . . and finally, scribbled on the back of her Change of Address notice from Switzerland: "Please send me again IN TOUCH. It's a big help for me."

**You can count on it, Irene!**



# LIGHTEN UP

With Graham Kerr

Not long ago, 60 Minutes, the ever-popular CBS television weekly magazine, had a piece from France about the paradox that is apparent in the way people eat and die. It seems that the French have 50% fewer heart attacks for roughly the same amount of fat consumed.

One proposal would have us eat French cheese and chase it with a bottle of red wine, and this could be one explanation for the so-called "French Paradox." On the other hand, it has been noted that the French have double the number of deaths from cirrhosis of the liver, caused in part, by the red wine!

A more likely explanation however, is that the French are emotionally involved "with the table." They come together to savor, to talk and to linger long enough to actually digest what they consume. Add to this their serving sizes of rich foods, which are about 30% less than North American "pioneer portions," and you could have a simple answer.

We know we're **not** what we eat, because we're spiritual beings. But we **are** in fact what we digest, both spiritually and physically; and physically, proper digestion involves chewing, so that the food combines with enzymes that collect in the mouth before we swallow. Then, giving God's marvelous mechanism enough time to do

its thing, we can be off and running to our next event!

Essentially, this means giving more time to the entire cooking and eating process. And in a real sense, actually recognizing with gratitude, that we have enough to eat, when so many - possibly 480 million people - have so little, as to risk death by starvation. I was asked recently in a university teaching hospital, to come up with a simple sentence that could make a major difference to

someone who is trying to make a creative change in their eating habits, and actually increase their pleasure.

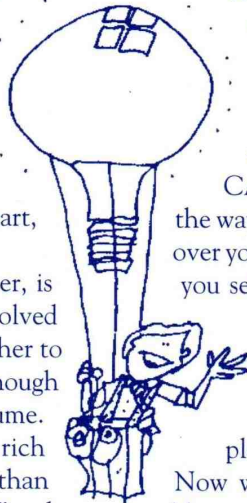
I've got a new word to describe what this means. It's called CAREPLEASING. You change the way you cook and serve, then linger over your food because you CARE; then you select good, tasty, colorful, crisp, fresh, aromatic foods, because you want to PLEASE.

Bingo! You're a carepleaser and not just a fast-paced people-pleaser...

Now wouldn't you think God would bless such a change?

Lighten up, try it and see!

*Graham, a former galloper, is an elegant host, who knows how to prepare and enjoy a meal to the MAX, while keeping all the bad stuff to a MIN(imum). So MINIMAX is his watchword in cooking - healthful, zesty, tasty meals are the result. It's all wrapped up in "Graham Kerr's Smart Cooking" - write to us for details on how to obtain this treasure.*



## THE TEST OF INJUSTICE, Continued from cover.

story is an astounding testimony of what God will do with the man or woman whose spirit is purified by the choice to forgive in ever-worsening conditions. Human authority **cannot** ruin your life or ministry as long as you continue to **forgive** and look up to Jesus who sees all things.

The ministry, church, mission or organization that you are part of, is just a circumstance that Jesus has led you into. Submit joyfully to human authority appointed and anointed by God, because He intends that healing, teaching and direction come **from** Him, **through** them. But if you suffer injustice, rush into the presence of the Lord, seek His comfort, thrive on His encouragement and get His opinion of you. Seeing yourself as God sees you is the key to self-acceptance and personal humility. If you don't find your comfort in God you may run to man as a disloyal talebearer, a bitter backbiter or a

manipulative gossip, spilling resentment into the hearts of others and destroying the unity of the body of Christ.

You may be asking, "Is the test of injustice an essential step in my Christian development?" Yes, for even Jesus "learned obedience through the things that He suffered." He is our example in all things, and it is a privilege to be involved in the "fellowship of His sufferings."

*John is the US South West Director of YWAM, author of the bestselling "Taking Our Cities For God," conference speaker and family man, who lives in Los Angeles with wife Julie and their three sons. All five attended the first New Zealand IN TOUCH Renewal Camp in January, at which John was the main speaker, and where as a native Kiwi, he got to introduce his boys to some of the local 'culture' from his boyhood days - like sailing, snorkelling, spearfishing and some of the best surfing in the world.*

## in·ter·ces·sion (in'tur-sesh'un)

n. 1. Entreaty in favor of another. 2. To stand in the gap [Ezek 22:30]. 3. Partner of evangelism. 4. Lifetime discipline taught in certain missionary training school. 5. Well?

## PITCAIRN REVISITED

... plans are underway for a late-1993 team of skilled cement workers to serve the remotest group of people in the world. Construction of a very steep, much-needed roadway from boatdock to town, will be the practical demonstration of God's love for the rugged Pitcairners, as a follow-up to the first visit by YWAMers in 1991. Only the hardy should apply! Contact: Mercy Ships, BOX 1028, Tauranga, New Zealand.

## TOOTH WITH A MISSION

(aka The Drill Team), is a dedicated squad of dental workers - YWAM Associates all - led by Dr Charlie (finally married) Roberts of Hawaii. From his private practice, Charlie and faithful team-mate Donna Livingston and others, have freely given of their time, skill and finances, in such diverse and dentalcare-deficient locales as Thailand, Sierra Leone, Cook Islands, Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil and Pitcairn Island.

## "WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?"

was the greeting/rebuke accorded a team of Norwegian YWAMers, by a remote people group in far-north Russia. With no Christian church or witness, the Nenets - 30,000 strong and related to Laplanders - are now being reached by teams from Norway, who have seen the first conversions. A couple is studying the language, preparatory to helping found the first church.

## JOIN MERCY SHIPS - AT HOME!

Here's an opportunity to stay practically involved in missions by signing on as 'Shorecrew.' Place just two coin bank displays in local businesses, then every 4-5 weeks collect the donations and send them to Mercy Ships, and you'll be a vital link in bringing practical and spiritual help to the poor and needy. Write to: Mercy Ships, BOX 2020 (FCXS), Lindale, TX, 75771-2020, USA, for your kit.



APPOINTMENTS

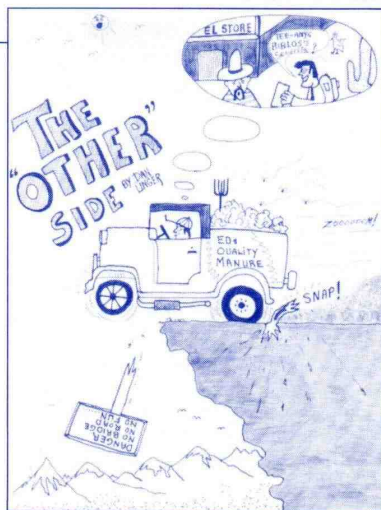
With extraordinary joy, we announce that . . .



Jim & Allison Wescombe are Directors of YWAM Associates, New Zealand. Jim & Ali are well-suited to this ministry, having been in or close to YWAM for 14 years. They were seeking God about fulltime involvement again, when our paths crossed. God spoke! From their home near Christchurch, the Wescombes will further the ministry of YWAM Associates up and down the 'Land of the Long White Cloud.' They will establish and maintain personal and written contact with Kiwi Associates, and co-ordinate IN TOUCH Renewal Camps - of which there will be TWO in January 1993 with Dr. Bruce Thompson.



The First IN TOUCH Renewal Camp in the Southern Hemisphere, brought together more than 70 former YWAMers (plus kids), on semi-tropical Great Barrier Island, NZ. Delivered there by high-speed ferry from Auckland, campers enjoyed a week of ministry by Floyd McClung and John Dawson, with all the fishing, swimming, boating, snorkelling, surfing, hiking, bird-watching and other holiday activities - including a cruise aboard M/V Pacific Ruby - that anyone could want.



"A roving mind spells disaster for a YWAM Associate as he travels the highways and byways of 'The Other Side.'"

PROFOUND & PITHY

Jottings from an IN TOUCH Renewal Camp with John Dawson . . .

"The primary challenge of the teenage years is to get hold of yourself."

"Most of our life is lived in the yoke of ongoing responsibilities."

"Don't compare yourself with others - neither the price nor the privilege."

"Take initiative in servanthood and you'll discover your destiny."  
(From the life of Ruth)

"The tithe was not to build architecture, but to release (Levite) families into ministry."

"Commitment means having no other options."

"The opposite of commitment is rebellion - a deep inner vow that says, 'I reserve the right to make the final decisions.'"

"Relationships never stand still; they move toward greater intimacy - or away from it, into alienation."



Donna Jordan

'Disappointment' should signal an 'appointment' with God. There in nearness, you can give Him your disappointment . . . responding to Him. Don't react toward others, or yourself, or the circumstances, or even towards God. Only what you think and believe about God really matters.

Have you ever thought about the book of Job as a

book of faith, rather than a book of suffering? Do you judge the character of God by your disappointments? Do you feel that life is 'unfair' to you? Or do you 'hang on' to God **through** your disappointments, knowing that faithfulness is a part of His character.

Petty, and even real disappointments can accumulate over time, undermining our faith. Unbelief soon follows. As Paul said, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" . . . "nothing can separate us from God's love . . . in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him . . ." Romans 8.

Disappointments are temporary but His love is eternal. Three questions . . . Was life on earth fair for Jesus? . . . Was He ever disappointed? . . . How did He handle His disappointments?

1992 IN TOUCH RENEWAL CAMPS

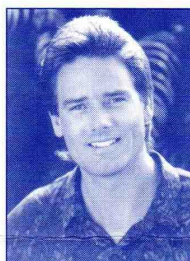
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With Bob Fitts & Dean Sherman

Neah Bay, Washington, July 25 - August 2  
With Dan Sneed

Riggins, Idaho, July 5 - 17  
With Dan Sneed & Don Stephens

Bemidji, Minnesota, August 8 - 15  
With Paul Hawkins

New Zealand, Two Camps, January, 1993



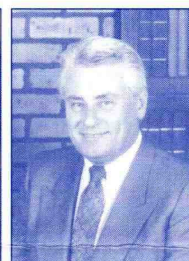
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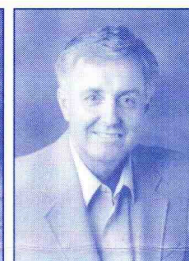
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Peter & Donna Jordan personally invite you to join in some unique times of refreshing. A balanced ministry to the whole person - body, soul and spirit - is the emphasis. Plan now for a memorable summer vacation amongst friends old and new, with activities designed for all ages.

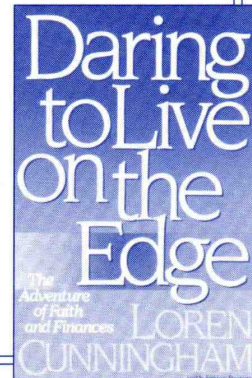
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DARING TO LIVE ON THE EDGE, Loren's third book, is written for two kinds of people and contains one basic message: those in so-called "secular" jobs, as well as full-time Christian workers, can and should, live by faith.

"Bible faith comes from . . .

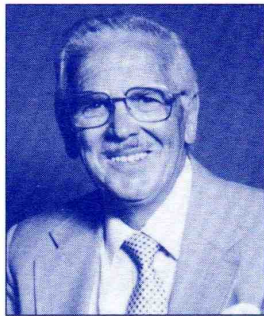
- Knowing what God wants you to do
- Obeying what He shows you to do, then
- Trusting Him to do what you cannot do, in His way and in His time," writes Loren.

The book is filled with spiritual principles governing faith and finances, and is liberally sprinkled with true stories of God's hand moving miraculously in provision of needs. Every Christian can be helped by this book, and for that reason we want to make it available to our overseas readers as well as those in North America. Suggested price, postage paid: US\$9 (air mail please add \$3), or whatever you can afford. For orders to U.S. or Canada, please see enclosed Order Form.



## HOW CLOSE IS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

The Word of God clearly states that our relationship with God is measured by our relationship with men, (those around us). "Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong, and casts no slur on his fellow man." Psalm 15:1-3 (NIV)



Jim Dawson

need to let God's Word be the litmus test of how close we are to Him.

The Apostle John says, "In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest. Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother."

This means that we are only as warm in our relationship with God as our coldest relationship with men. Wow! A close relationship with God is both the most important and the most fulfilling of all relationships. Therefore we

1 John 1:10 (NKJV)  
To be genuinely loving to others, not only gives us peace of mind, but is freeing, and much more fun. It's worth the kind of confrontations required to clear up misunderstandings. It's worth all the humbling and the forgiving. How much do we love God? Only to the level we love others.

This, the eleventh edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Jesse Kendrick, all-round boy, lifetime YWAMer. Last May 8th, in Kona, Hawaii, with appalling suddenness many would say prematurely - Jesse was brutally snatched from the bosom of his family.



Jesse Daniel Kendrick

Forgiveness is a wonderful thing to behold in action. You see, Jesse was the innocent crash victim of an intoxicated, speeding, unlicensed van-driver. His was a big family - Mom & Dad, plus six brothers and sisters, four of whom were injured in the collision. Lots of room for hatred and unforgiveness. But not this family. Though deeply grieving the loss of their "tender shoot," they chose forgiveness as the high way to wholeness; forgiveness as their healing balm.

Last-day memories of Jesse are precious souvenirs for the Kendrick family. In school that morning he had shared some thoughts from Psalm 139: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," and, "All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be." Thoughtfully he added, "You know, sometimes bad things happen to good people because there is sin in the world." Words that bring understanding to a Mother's heart.

The injured ones are recovering, as the family seeks God for their next step in ministry.

Jesse did not enter Heaven alone that day. He escorted his niece Angel Marie, the unborn baby of his big sister Kim, right out of the carnage and confusion of twisted metal, straight into the presence of Jesus.

Postscript: "... their life in this world ... had only been a cover and the title page; now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story, which no one on earth has read; which goes on forever; in which every chapter is better than the one before."  
- from C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia," one of Jesse's favorites.

# INTOUCH



Donna, Laurie & Peter Jordan

IN TOUCH, is not so much a 'newsletter,' as it is a 'magazine' - (dictionary def: magazine, a periodical containing a collection of articles, stories, pictures, or other features).

Well whatever it is, IN TOUCH is only one means of keeping our relationships going - though somewhat impersonally.

We love to create it and trust that it blesses you. [Thanks to Viva Doraisingham in Singapore, for the loan of his home in which to write this edition.]

Deep down, our desire is to get around and meet every single reader! Lacking omnipresence, we do our best. We get to see many at Renewal Camps - and here's something to pray with us about: 1993 camps in Holland, England, Hawaii, Fiji, Canada . . . in addition to those already planned.

God continues in His faithfulness to us, while we continue to trust Him for the printing, stamps, envelopes and labels that go into the production and distribution of IN TOUCH. Wish you could witness a "Lick 'em & Stick 'em" party! Imagine 10,000 stamps! It's one way we keep costs down, while having a great old time together with the many volunteers who help.

You too can help, even if you don't live close. Ask the Lord if you can partner with us as we try to reach out to the hundreds of thousands of YWAM Alumni around the world. Gifts over \$15 are tax-deductible in Canada and the U.S. Bless you if you can - or can't!

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# IN TOUCH *Renewal* CAMPS '92

**4 Camps to choose from! Come and bring a friend - or meet one!**

Pray now about where to take your summer vacation . . . you can be sure of great times of refreshing and renewing at any one of our four Camps, with loads of good fun thrown in! Camps are designed for **all** ages. Peter & Donna Jordan will direct each camp, and here's a rundown on what you can expect at each location . . .

**YWAM Richardson Springs** (near Chico, CA) **June 13 - 21**

Eight nights, featuring Bob Fitts leading worship and Dean Sherman teaching as only Dean can teach. The 'Springs' is one beautiful refurbished hotel like no other YWAM base you know! Hiking, swimming, tennis and more.

**YWAM Riggins** (north of Boise, ID) **July 5 - 17** (12 nights)

Nestled in Idaho's mountains, this is one idyllic spot to 'get away.' Fishing, hiking, swimming, hot springs-ing, plus the famous Salmon River Challenge white water rafting, are some of the diversions surrounding the ministry of Dan Sneed and Don Stephens.

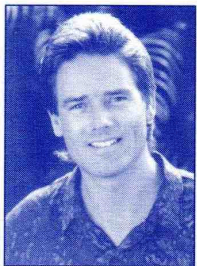
**YWAM Neah Bay** (west of Port Angeles, WA) **July 25 - August 2**

Perched on the extreme NW tip of the continental U.S., this converted Air Force base is probably the only YWAM location in the world sporting a gym, bowling alley, racquetball and tennis courts, and lots more. And of course, Dan Sneed as speaker. (eight nights)

**Oak Hills Retreat Center** (Bemidji, MN) **August 8 -15** (seven nights)

This camp might as well be on a YWAM base - the hospitality is simply marvelous. The lakeside facilities give us boating, swimming, fishing, tennis, horseshoes, a full-size gym and more, and make this a place you can hear God speak through Paul Hawkins.

**Guess who's coming to Camp....**



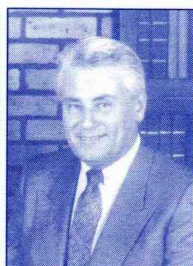
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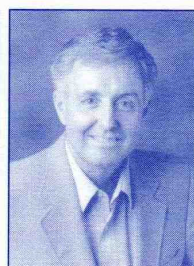
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*Praise and Worship*



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*Happy Campers*



*Native American salmon bake*

Camp Rates include your Registration Fee, accomodation, all meals and recreation - (rafting approx. \$20 extra at Riggins).

Age	CA, WA, MN	Riggins, ID
Adults	\$295	\$375
13 - 17	\$150	\$175
6 - 12	\$125	\$150
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