

IN TOUCH

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Most letters we receive are enormously encouraging. But you should know that occasionally we read things like, "Take me off your mailing list . . ." Naturally this hurts, but in a curious sort of way, a letter like that encourages us too, because it motivates us to find out what's wrong; so we write a personal letter expressing our care and asking if we can help. Sometimes we hear back, sometimes we don't . . . anyway, here's another dip into our mailbag:

"It is good to know that others around the world have the same struggles and victories in their Christian walk as I experience."

Ken Sharpe, Australia



"감사합니다! (Thank you!) As missionaries here, we are isolated and cut off from all English speaking people and literature . . . IN TOUCH encourages us, giving much-needed insight . . . KEEP IT COMING!!!"

Ratu & Summer Kabakoro, South Korea

"We read IN TOUCH and feel so inspired and reminded of who we have been and what we have done and that serves to challenge us to follow Jesus more closely."

Ron & Lanni Fetveit, USA



THEY FELL ASLEEP!

by Glenn Sheppard

Step after step Jesus, Peter, James and John climbed the mountain. The closeness of their fellowship, the wisdom of His words and the touch of His hand blessed them. Then as they watched, He was changed, transfigured right in front of them. What wonder! What majesty! What power! Mere men, they had participated in a moment so filled with awe and glory, that they would surely never be the same.

Another time, He took the same three apart to pray again. Were their hearts filled with expectancy that this too would be a life-changing moment? Scripture says they fell asleep. Fell asleep? The same disciples that had seen Jesus transfigured? How could that be? How could they fall asleep after such a mountaintop experience with Him?

Shamefully, most of us admit that we are much like them. Too often we are asleep spiritually - or physically - when we could be at the post in prayer with Him. Perhaps we've just returned from DTS or SOE or even a School of Intercession (our mountaintops), thrilled with what we've experienced, and then before we know it, we cannot watch with Him one hour.

Our friends from YWAM have gone their various and separate ways. The warmth of our love for each other can continue and still bless us, but we know it won't be exactly the same. Events become memories. But what about our times of prayer and intercession, our closeness with the Lord, the fellowship of communing with Him? This can go with us. We can take the mantle of prayer wherever we go.

Then in the struggles of day-to-day living, when the wiles of the devil are so deceitful, we can go to the mountain with Him. Prayer, abiding prayer and intercession can raise us above the struggle to be renewed in Him. Strength, wisdom and joy can be ours. Victories in the daily struggles of family living, "secular" job draining, child rearing and ministry to the ill and dying are battles just as significant as the most acclaimed on the "mission" field.

These struggles are often observed by unbelievers we work or live with. Our faithfulness under steady, continuing fiery darts reveals the real Lordship of our lives. Have you been counted worthy to be on a battlefield where the darts fall so steadily that you can hardly catch your breath before another one is launched? Do you long for that sanctuary of prayer you knew in your DTS? The power to 'leave all' or 'stay with the stuff' comes from the fellowship of prayer. Your YWAM experience may be behind you, but the fellowship of Christ in prayer can still be yours, moment by moment, day by day.

[Glenn & Jackie Sheppard, along with their three kids, attended a Crossroads DTS in 1986. Formerly a Southern Baptist pastor and denominational worker, Glenn now heads up International Prayer Ministries, based in Atlanta. Some don't pray. Others do. Then there are the Glenn Sheppards of this world, who call people to prayer.]



"I just read your Eleventh Edition received by our daughter Sylvia. The discipleship training has brought with it a big blessing to the whole family."
Rosemarie Steinruck, Canada

"We met in YWAM . . . 15 months later wedding bells . . . for the last year we've been on furlough from YWAM, and IN TOUCH has truly kept us IN TOUCH. Thank you."

Jack & Jannette LoMonaco, Netherlands

"Just read IN TOUCH and felt like I was back in YWAM . . . I served from 75-81, two of those years in the Philippines where I met my wife who was also serving in YWAM."

(Rev) Dave Ryan, USA

"We were blessed out of our little cotton sock by IN TOUCH . . . it makes us feel that (our YWAM experience) really did happen . . . that our lives have been utterly changed."

Alan & Annie Adamson, Scotland



"I really, really appreciate your publication; it definitely brightens my day, and often speaks new truth into my life."

Patti Kidd, Canada

"Now I thank you that you sent me IN TOUCH, through which I receive spiritual blessing. Dear brother send me IN TOUCH regularly."

(Rev) George A. Rakha, Pakistan

"Bless you for a quality 'magazine.' We truly love the 'Bits & Pieces' format and are really blessed by the gems you have in there. Love you guys."
Al & Jocelyn Moy, Honolulu

House of Peace



Graciously, God is 'fleshing out' the four-year vision of the first YWAM Associates House of Peace. Located in Richmond, BC, a suburb of Vancouver, we plan to take occupancy at the end of October, with a dedication service five or six weeks later. The house will be used as a haven of hospitality and prayer; a home for cross-cultural bonding of current and former YWAM missionaries; an office for YWAM Associates International; and an apartment for Peter, Donna & Laurie Jordan. Donations towards the purchase of this house are fully tax-deductible in Canada and the U.S. Should God direct you to give to this ministry, please make cheques payable to: "YWAM Associates" with a notation "for House of Peace." Thank You!

LIGHTEN UP

With Graham Kerr

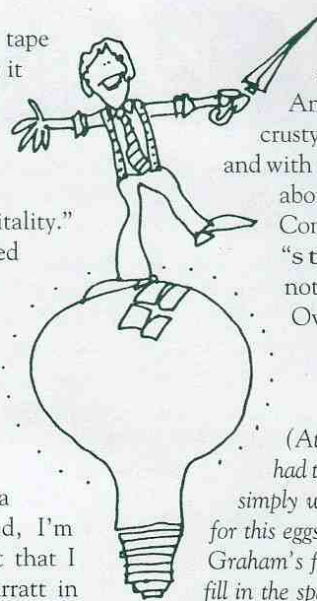
How busy are you? Come on, confess it to someone! I once thought that Joy Dawson said, "If you're stretched thin it could be that you're shallow..."

As it was, when we checked the tape she hadn't said that at all! ... so it was either a random thought or the Holy Spirit.

Now here I am saying, "If you're stretched thin it could be that you're not practicing hospitality." You may even have missed having an angel to dinner! (Heb 13:2)

Having spent nine years in YWAM I know how tight time can be; but I also know the pure joy of fellowship around a simple table.

This time, with the thought of a great yet quick meal in mind, I'm suggesting an open-faced omelet that I designed for Dave and Dale Garratt in New Zealand.



(By the way, if you ever need a good example of hospitality, Dale Garratt currently gets my vote as the "Globe's Greatest Guest Pleaser," and there is a book in the works to prove it.)

I can promise you that this omelet will be ready in 15 minutes when you get started. And with a great salad and some crusty bread ... you've got it made - and with only 9 grams of fat per head and about 350 calories all up.

Come to think of it, you could get "stretched thinner" - and not miss out on the angels ... Over to you.

"ARNOLD BENNETT OMELET"

(At this point dear reader, the spatula had to fall - editorially speaking! There simply wasn't enough room for the recipe for this eggquisite omelet deluxe. To obtain Graham's formula FREE, drop us a note or fill in the space on the Order Form and we'll get it to you - eggspress!)

YWAM Fiji has 53% of its missionaries overseas - 69 of 132 - and is the only developing nation in the top ten of this category (e.g. USA at 35% ranks tenth with 774 overseas, 1426 at home). In no small measure Fiji's success is due to a full-time Prayer Team (currently numbering eleven) which has existed for three years praying around the clock for the nations of the world. How their overseas

FIJI

missionaries are supported is one of God's best-kept miracle secrets! Neville Wilson, YWAM's South Pacific Director, is setting up a Missions Centre in Fiji for the purpose of promoting the cause of missions in the Fijian church, to encourage those who are able, to rise up and support their own national missionaries. Over US\$3100 was given to this ministry at the IN TOUCH Renewal Camp in California.

BITS & PIECES

INTER-CONTINENTAL ADOPTIONS



The Gardyne Family

After 18 months of YWAM ministry with street kids in Bogota, Colombia, Kiwis David and Helen Gardyne returned to their home in New Zealand with more than a world vision. They adopted and brought back David (of West African descent) as their son. Then, with five children - four of their own! - they rescued seven-year-old Dana out of the post-Ceausescu devastation that is Romania today.

Now the Gardynes are helping other Kiwis with inter-continental adoptions, even as they raise their growing family. A book, "Romanian Babies - Robbery or Rescue?" has been written about their harrowing and persevering experiences. For info, write to David c/o 35 Ray Street, Cromwell, Central Otago, New Zealand. And while we're on the subject of overseas adoptions, do you remember this little girl we featured a couple of years ago?



This is Eva Mae, who along with her brother and sister was adopted from the Philippines by Henry and Dorothy Shrock, eleven-year YWAMers who are currently pastoring in Ohio.



The children Henry and Dorothy brought out of the Philippines - by God's grace (Eva Mae, center).

TO HOME-SCHOOL - OR NOT?



Paul Hawkins

Over my years in YWAM, discussions have regularly arisen about parents' responsibilities for the education of their children. I have always reacted when told that I as a father carried the ultimate responsibility for my own children's education. Though a teacher myself, I felt incapable of meeting those needs.

One day the light came on! David Boyd, then Dean of the College of Education at University of the Nations said, "Parents carry the ultimate accountability for the education of their children, but shared responsibility with the body of Christ." That was it! I was released! It wasn't all mine to bear. It meant that home-schooling wasn't the only "biblical" way, but that each family had the responsibility to find God's highest for each child. If there's one thing we've all learned in YWAM, it's this: we know what to do when we don't know what to do - we go to God and ask, "What's next, Lord?" Over the years, Peggy and I have asked God about each step of the education of our two sons. Here's the 'mixed bag' of their schooling: YWAM Christian school; private tutors twice (while we travelled extensively in ministry); tutored the boys ourselves; seen one son quit school at seventeen to go to DTS (he's now in fourth year of university); and relocated so that the other son could complete the last year of high school ... all this because we asked the Lord.

In twenty years we have always seen God's provision for their education. We have never felt called to home-school our boys, apart from one year of travel/tutoring (and that was a bit of a disaster!) We recognized that we were not able to meet all of their needs. So we facilitated adult relationships for them with others, who did what we couldn't. How rich our sons are for that! Should you home-school your kids? Have you asked the Lord? Does Mom really feel the Lord is giving her grace, or does she feel she is supposed to, because her friends are doing it? Is there family agreement on the decision? Have you presumed that this year's plan is the plan for next year? Have you assumed that what is best for one child, is best for all?

Get in on the exciting adventure of allowing the Lord to demonstrate to your children, that He cares for them - and YOU!

PROFOUND & PITHY

more John Dawson-isms ...

"The hope of the backslidden heart is, 'Someone exhort me!' (Faithful are the wounds of a friend.)"

"The evidence of a disciplined person is a controlled tongue."

"Insecurity produces dominance."

"My success as a leader is not measured by how many people I control; but how many people I release into their full potential - and who surpass me."



Isn't this a great little logo for the New Zealand version of IN TOUCH?

Jim & Allison Wescombe (YWAM Associates' Directors for New Zealand), produce their own publication that goes out three times a year to almost 2000 Kiwis, along with the international edition of IN TOUCH.

IN TOUCH RENEWAL CAMP NEWS

A 'High Places' time of worship and praise to God with Bob Fitts (here pictured at Richardson Springs, California in June), was only one of the many peaks of our North American Summer season of camps. Next year will see new camps in Holland and Fiji, in addition to a full schedule again in North America. Check the next edition of IN TOUCH for full details, or if you can't wait till November, write to us now! - details should be finalized in September.



Bob Fitts

Two camps are planned for New Zealand with Dr Bruce Thompson, right after Christmas, so if you missed the Northern Hemisphere summer, come on down - we'll be there!



Bruce & Barbara Thompson

Dec 27, 92 - Jan 3, 93
Christchurch, South Island

January 8 - 17, 1993
Great Barrier Island, near Auckland

(For info write to: YWAM Associates NZ, Beach Road, #1 RD, Amberley, North Canterbury, New Zealand).

LIFE UNDER A BONNET

Tastefully tucked away on the spacious grounds of Holmsted Manor in Southern England, is a unique YWAM ministry centre. Colin Thwaite who directs



the operation, can most often be found under a bonnet.* Colin is responsible for 150 vehicles from all over the United Kingdom that he maintains and keeps on the road. In addition to his assorted repair duties, Colin teaches a course for mechanics and occasionally goes on outreach to far-off places like Africa. Some outreach! Because it can be less costly to fly an expert in to make major motor repairs, than to have them done locally, Colin may get the call. When last seen, Colin had just one assistant to help him care for his far-flung fleet of wheels. *bonnet = hood (for North Americans!)

APPOINTMENT

With unbridled pleasure we announce that ...



Wayne and Nancy Jane Johnson have fully joined the ministry of YWAM Associates International. They completed their DTS in early 1992, having been involved with YWAM outreaches for the past two years. Living in the Vancouver area they will plan local Associates' functions, and among other things, Wayne will help coordinate YWAM Associates' outreaches worldwide. Would you consider taking an outreach team from your church? Henney & Lena Fa'asalele, former DTS leaders in Samoa and Hong Kong and now living in New Zealand, recently trained and led a team of Polynesians from their church to minister amongst Native Canadians! Drop Wayne & Nancy a note if you'd like to explore an outreach opportunity.

DONNA'S

CORNER



Donna Jordan

We need each other like never before. We must function as one body. (Rom 12:3-18 and 1 Cor 12:12-27) Our human ears don't try to become feet - they are too sensitive and located in the wrong place! God created them for different functions. And so it is with us in the body of Christ; each one of us is created for a different purpose.

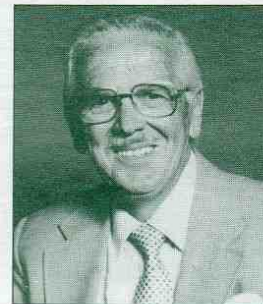
So don't compete, compare or criticize but be Christlike. (Heb 12:1-3) Are you doing your part in the body? You won't always understand the functions of other parts of the body, but you know

yours (or should!), and all parts are controlled by the Head - Jesus Christ. Are you getting your signals from "the Head" through the Holy Spirit and His Word?

When you stub your toe your whole body is affected. Let's strengthen, encourage and minister to one another when a part of the body gets hurt. Then we'll be able to move forward as ONE, and see the Great Commission fulfilled. (Mt 28:18-20)

ARE YOU WHERE YOU SHOULD BE?

I came across this poem recently . . .
 "One ship drives east, and another
 west
 With the self-same winds that blow:
 'Tis the set of the sails
 And not the gales
 Which decide the
 way we go.
 Like the winds of the
 sea, are the ways
 of fate;
 As we voyage along
 through life:
 'Tis the will of the
 soul
 That decides the
 goal,
 And not the calm or
 the strife."
 E.W. Wilcox

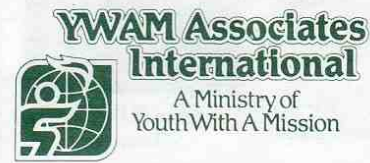


Jim Dawson

Him implicitly, or we allow the circumstances and inconveniences of life to determine our destiny. Adverse circumstances and inconveniences should be embraced and seen as tests of our commitment to do God's will . . . never reasons for a diversion.
 I served in the navy for a couple of years, and whenever we were at sea I was glad that the navigation officer regularly checked our "bearings."
 Are you "on course" or somewhere at the mercy of the storm

Some aspects of this poem are open to question theologically, but the basic truth is clear, that as believers we either follow our Lord and obey

of life around you?
 "'Tis the will of the soul that decides the goal . . . and not the calm - or the strife."



A Ministry of Youth With A Mission



On May 16th, most of the Directors of YWAM Associates International, together with spouses and staff, met at one of the most pleasant places on earth, a retreat center east of Vancouver. (Missing were Jean McAllister, Graham & Treena Kerr and Laurie Jordan.)

We prayed, worshipped and sought God together for His best for this ministry. The Lord has blessed us with encouragers, active helpers and ones who hold us accountable. We need this.

YWAM Associates International has three main thrusts of ministry:

1. IN TOUCH - worldwide circulation 11,000, three times a year. (Printing and postage - US\$8000 per edition - sponsored in part, by . . . you?)
2. Renewal Camps, House of Peace, local Associates' gatherings.
3. Outreaches, geared to equip leaders who will then take out teams from their own home church.

. . . we are a ministry of relationship for the sake of relationship, seeking to encourage, edify and exhort all those who have given of themselves to the mission.

. . . we are accountable to both a local Board of Directors as well as an International Oversight Committee of YWAM leaders. Our 1991 financial statement is available upon request.

. . . we are a faith ministry, daring to live on the edge; and we are staffed by Peter, Donna & Laurie Jordan, Wayne & Nancy Jane Johnson, Lylas Aust our Camp Registrar; and Jim & Allison Wescombe in New Zealand.

. . . and a YWAM Associate is anyone who has been in YWAM, long or short term, or who has an SR with the mission!

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This, the twelfth edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Michael and Janice (nee Synstelien) Shelling, 'lifers' with YWAM, who were senselessly and brutally murdered on January 26, 1985, while serving Jesus amongst the mountain people of the Northern Philippines. Their killer has not been found. Melissa (age 2) and Jonathan (3 months), were found physically untouched amidst the carnage.



The Shellings with baby Jonathan & Melissa

As I sit to write this, tears come but words won't. So here are some expressions from Michael's and Janice's godly parents:

"While they worked in the Philippines, we never had a negative letter from them, even though later we found out they had been sometimes short of money . . . Michael had hepatitis and just before his death, typhoid fever . . . they were completely dedicated

and committed to their Lord and missionary call . . . Michael used to say he was our Filipino son . . . We don't know why they had to die, but we do know that God can use deaths as well as lives . . . for the first time we were planning on going to the Philippines (in 1985) about which we had heard so much . . . so when we had to suddenly go to the funeral, we had the money saved and our passports ready . . ."
 Bill & Mabel Shelling, Nelson, New Zealand

"Melissa and Jonathan are doing very well and growing up fast. They have been adopted by Janice's brother Loren and his wife Darlene who live nearby . . . so we see them real often. We are blessed as a family to have them with us. Our oldest son, his wife and their three teenage children spent seven months on a missionary trip to the Philippines in 1990 . . . in 1987, we had a chance to make a trip over to the Philippines to see some of the people we had visited in 1983. We also visited the gravesite, which has been kept up . . . we were surprised to hear how many Filipinos have named their children after Janice and Mike . . ."



Melissa & Jonathan growing up

Arthur & Rosella Synstelien, Ashby, MN

In the last edition of IN TOUCH we honored the memory of young Jesse Kendrick. Here's part of a letter from his Mom: "This winter has been a quiet and gentle one for our family . . . precious times together laughing, crying, being silent and remembering . . . my best memories are how easily Jesse would repent, how he loved God's laws and loved Jesus without embarrassment. No wonder Jesus wanted him home . . . we heard a Country & Western song that kind've sums up how the Kendricks are doing, 'I'm still under the weather, but I'm out of the storm' . . . each day makes us stronger as we continue to grow in His grace, that is more than sufficient."

[Please continue to pray for the Kendrick family - they may have to return to Hawaii to be witnesses in another accident trial involving one of the occupants of the vehicle that struck their car resulting in Jesse's death.]

A DAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD

June 25, 1994 in Seoul, Korea

We are asking the Lord if we can take a team to join in the largest prayer meeting the world has ever known. Both in Seoul (expected: one million people!) and all around the world (over 3000 Marches For Jesus planned), unprecedented numbers of

Christians will unite their hearts in the most concentrated 'burst' of prayer for world evangelization in the history of man. Mark these dates in your calendar: June 17 - 26, 1994, as the probable dates for our YWAM Associates participation.