

WE GET LETTERS...

"We always look for familiar names (in this column) . . . from DTS . . . from Calcutta where we served in 1987 . . . from outreach teams passing through . . . we've struck gold once or twice!"

David & Ellen Gillette, FL

"I've moved from Zambia, so please change my address . . . thank you for the continuous encouragement and keeping IN TOUCH - it means a lot and is highly appreciated."

David Sichali, Lesotho



"Please send IN TOUCH regularly, because we would like to translate and publish some selected articles in *Comunicazioni Cristiane*, widely accepted by the various denominations here."

Giuseppe Lo Voi, Italy

"I did my DTS and SOE in Madras in 1986 with Tim & Karol Svoboda . . . since then I've been receiving IN TOUCH . . . the articles touch my heart, soul & body."

Israel Adesiyen, Nigeria

"Thank you for the Renewal Camp in Minnesota. We really enjoyed it . . . the chance to fellowship with other YWAMers is a spiritual 'shot in the arm.'"

Mike & Bonnie Connolly, MN

"I've often been blessed by IN TOUCH . . . the last one was right on for me, especially Donna's little corner . . . it's amazing to be 'kind of' out of YWAM - talk about culture shock!"

Eta Papalii, Fiji



LOST CANUCK DEPT. "There was a Canadian guy (can't even remember his name!) on my Middle East Field Trip (Spring '76), who took lots of photos and was planning a slide show . . . I would really like to get some copies."

Steven Thibodeau, NC

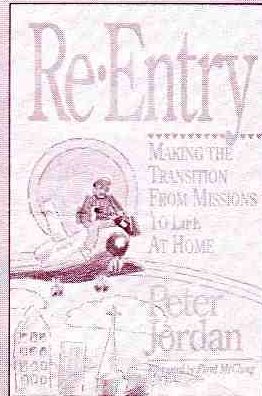
[Note: IN TOUCH will happily pass this lost Canuck's name & address along to Steven - so if you know him, send it here and we'll pass it on.]

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HAPPY LANDING



As dangerous as it may seem, orbiting in a space shuttle 135 miles above the earth at a speed of 17,000 miles per hour is relatively risk-free. Compared to what? Compared to the risks involved in blasting the shuttle up into space in the first place, and most certainly, compared to the risks involved in bringing it back down to earth. To go from orbit to terra firma, an astronaut must guide his craft through the turbulent and fiery "re-entry" of the earth's atmosphere, where any wrong maneuver can result in instant incineration.

It is no mistake that the word "re-entry" is also applied to the experience a returning

missionary must go through as he or she makes the adjustment from life on the mission field to life back at home. Like the astronaut guiding his craft back into the earth's atmosphere, there are many potential hazards that the returning missionary must negotiate. He or she too, must cover dangerous territory; dangerous in terms of the emotional, spiritual and relational damage that can occur if the process is not handled correctly. Indeed, if not handled correctly, the returning missionary may barely escape with his or her emotional well-being and faith intact.

"Is re-entry really that potentially devastating?" you may ask. "What could really go wrong? After all, a missionary is returning home to friends and family who love and support him. What could the problem be?"

I'm sure many astronauts have been tempted to ask such questions of themselves as they spin contentedly through space. All seems so calm and orderly, until the retro-rockets are fired and the space shuttle slips out of orbit and begins its descent to earth.

The above excerpt is from the book "Re-Entry" now being published. The subject of re-entry has been close to my heart ever since as an eleven-year-old, China-born MK, I was dropped into a strange place called England, my parents' homeland. I looked like a proper little English boy, spoke like one, even dressed like one. But deep inside I was something else entirely. My "home" was not England - it was somewhere "back there." I had travelled widely, so my world was all the world. As I reflect on those days, I guess I felt like a refugee. I was pretty mixed-up.

My boyhood trauma is not unlike the experiences faced by all returning missionaries, perhaps you. As someone who left home in obedience to God, your world expanded, your value systems changed; now a neighbor can be anyone whose need you have seen - and felt. If your return was to the western world, you're probably dismayed at the rampant materialism that has a grip on hearts. (Yours too - if you're honest - before you went out!)

So what's the answer? How is re-entry eased? You'll have to read the book! Seriously though, we have tried to set out some practical "helps" interspersed with stories of smooooth landings; and to keep it realistic, spiced with a few crashes - and how to avoid them! Happy Landing!

To obtain "Re-Entry" see Order Form or send US\$10 and we'll airmail it to you anywhere in the world. Quantity discounts available upon request.

DONNA'S CORNER



Donna Jordan

Are you listening to God? What is He saying to you, your church, your city, your nation? How will you respond to what He is saying?

Hearing is with the ear . . . listening is with the heart. When you listen, you'll get revelation and understanding, and . . .

* Jesus' lifestyle and standards will become the pattern for your life,

* your vision will be widened and you'll see what is important in life,

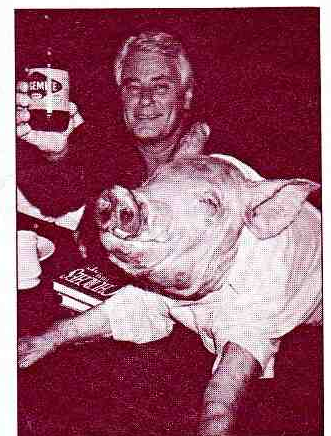
* you'll see others through God's eyes,

* you'll be blessed by Him.

If you don't listen to God, you'll become wounded, discouraged and exhausted; and you'll start worshipping other "gods" - the gods of Position, Recognition, Material Things, Education and so on.

"Busyness" - even in the Lord's work - is a major cause of not listening. ("Martha, Martha," - Luke 10:38-41) The one who truly listens is also the one who truly obeys. (James 1:22-23)

Listening to God means holding lightly to people, things and the past. Take time daily to listen.

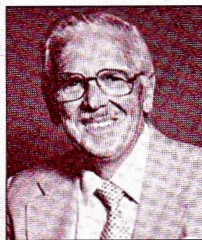


"Dan Sneed (at rear) toasting another IN TOUCH Renewal Camp with his favorite breakfast spread - Vegemite." Photo by Phoebe

OFF-LOADED

Around airports these days you'll often hear the words "off-loaded." Airlines make a practice of over-booking flights, so frequently passengers have to be off-loaded to another flight.

How often have you heard the expression, "Wow, that's a load off my mind." Or, "I can't handle another thing, my 'circuits' are overloaded."



Jim Dawson

The answer for the 'overloaded' child of God is clear and simple - from 1 Peter 5:7 - "Casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you."

Why do we miss it? Is it because we don't have the faith to believe God really does care, that He'll take care of our loads - and overloads?

Why not 'off-load' - onto the Lord - right now? You won't have to wait for a later 'flight.'

BITS & PIECES

IT'S A SMALL WORLD . . . Imagine the world as a town of 1000. There would be 564 Asians, 210 Europeans, 86 Africans, 80 South Americans and 60 North Americans. In this imaginary town, 700 would be illiterate; 500 hungry. And God loves each one. *(Statistics from "Outside Info" Newsletter)*

A DAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD (cont.) June 25, 1994 is a date you'll be hearing more about as Christians the world over will pray around the clock and through the time zones. Stay tuned for how you can be involved.

PROFOUND & PITHY

"Our ministry must flow out of the integrity of our common life."

"Learn to be a leader by being a follower. There are no shortcuts, only apprenticeships."

"The Kingdom of God is organized through gifts of friendship."

"Let love reach its destination!"

"Love is not blind! The more the love, the more the seeing."

More ponderful perceptions from John Dawson

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We've always endeavoured to be consistent by publishing this little magazine regularly three times a year. Once or twice it's been really 'dodgy' as to whether we'd make it! But through it all there has been overwhelming support and encouragement from you, our reader and friend.

It's a dodgy time right now, which explains why this edition of IN TOUCH is just two pages. We could not in good conscience, print a full-sized magazine when we have only paid a small amount of the bill for the last IN TOUCH. Actually, almost 1000 of our 11,000 readers didn't even receive

the last edition - they were printed, but we couldn't afford the stamps. (If you missed out and would like to receive a copy, drop us a note; we'll get it to you.)

This is not an appeal for money, but rather an explanation. We believe the shortfall is due in large part to the awesome response to the House of Peace letter, written by Dan Sneed & Glenn Sheppard. (See bottom right for results.)

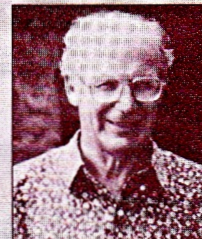
With God's help we'll be back to full size next time. Pray with us please. And thanks for hangin' in.

Peter Jordan, Editor
Bill Cozens, Layout

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This, the thirteenth edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of two men who both went to be with Jesus in 1992 - one near the end of his race, the other barely in the starting blocks; the one having served the Lord steadily and faithfully for many years, the other showing all the promise and zeal and enthusiasm of youth aflame for Jesus.

We can perhaps explain the one. Bill Goulding had lived a good life. He was a fine husband to two wives (Jane, his first wife, preceded him to heaven by eleven years); and he was a loved and respected Dad to two families of children.



Bill Goulding



Bryce Enns

Bill headed up all the electrical work at the University of the Nations construction site in Kona. A couple of years ago, he and his bride Marcella "retired" to Yakima, WA. (Marcella, who served as Loren Cunningham's secretary, is probably the world's No. 1 YWAM cheerleader.) In August, Bill passed very suddenly into his reward.

So did Bryce Enns, a few months earlier.

It's just about impossible - on a human level - to explain why Bryce's life on earth ended. Hailing from Abbotsford, BC, he was trekking to a Himalayan village on his SOE outreach in Nepal. While taking a photo of his team, he slipped and fell into the Modi River and was swept away - and into the arms of Jesus.

How tragic! How pointless! What a waste! Everything within us cries out, "Not fair! - Here's a young man almost in his prime, bringing Life to the lost, and what does he find? Death. What earthly good is that?" Read what Danny Lehmann his base leader said about him; "He exemplified a clean spirit without guile, loved and appreciated by staff, students and teachers alike."

At times like this we must ask God to give us the heavenly perspective, for He is the One who says, "My loved ones are very precious to Me, and I do not lightly let them die." (Ps 116:15 LB)

Two men with a single missions purpose; two men far apart in age, from two cities separated by a border and a mountain range. Two men who didn't know each other. Two men now friends.



House of Peace

On October 29th, by the grace of God and the obedience and faithfulness of hundreds of friends of this ministry from around the world, we moved into this promised place.



To mid-November almost 500 partners from 27 nations (including 42 American states and 9 Canadian provinces) had contributed almost \$100,000 toward the purchase price of \$336,000 (Cdn).

We're in! With the help of Hawaiians, Samoans, Chinese (from Singapore and Hong Kong!), a Native Canadian, an Englishman plus some plain old Yanks and Canucks, the move went smoothly. Already some visitors have commented on the peace they have sensed upon entering. All glory to the God of Peace.

Where do we go from here? We are carrying a \$200,000 six-month renewable first mortgage (currently at 6 1/2% interest). In addition, our bank (CIBC) graciously advanced us a six-month loan of \$50,000, as a second mortgage. This we are attacking head-on, believing that God would have it paid down very quickly, before the end of '92 if possible. Then we can chip away at the big mortgage.

Should the Lord speak to you to participate, particularly as 1992 comes to a close, our need is still there. Blessings upon you!