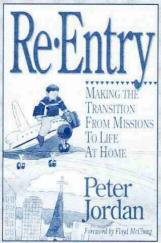
#### LETTERS ...

We thought you might like to read some of the comments we've received from people who have just read "Re-Entry" - the book. (Movie to follow!) From the penactually from the laptop - of an internationally-unknown rookie author, we believe this book can be an instrument of help, for the thousands who return from missions, long or short-term, each year.



"A great book that I wish to give to friends." Maryann Muth, BC

"Thanks for 'Re-Entry'
... we have observed the challenge in our sons and others returning from the Mission Field - and myself from a summer with King's Kids ... you've put into black and white what so many struggle with ... send us ten copies, they're an invaluable gift."

Mrs Christopher Bunn, CA

"Re-entry . . . . is an area that has been a concern of mine for a number of years, and thus I found your book stimulating and a good resource . . . a practical and easy-to-read tool we can pass out (to our returning missionaries)."

Daniel W. Bacon, U.S. Director, Overseas Missionary Fellowship

"Congratulations - "Re-Entry is a great read and fills a big gap." Ken Wright, New Zealand

"I know that re-entry is profoundly on your heart.... we who concentrate on evangelism are grateful for your help to returned missionaries; encouraging them not to get sucked into worldly situations and disconnected from the local church."

Rev. Michael Green, England

["Re-Entry" was offered in the last edition of IN TOUCH. Due to a last-minute publishing snag, it did not become available until late January. If you placed an order and didn't receive it, please forgive us; then let us know and we'll have a copy on its way to you -pronto.]

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# PUSHING THE ENVELOPE



Denny Gunderson

Back in the 1940's, aeronautical engineers built a radical new aircraft designed to be the first to break the sound barrier. Their "creation" was the Bell X-1. A young test pilot named Chuck Yeager was among the aspiring aviators vying to be the first to "push the envelope" - to fly the X-1 to the edge of its inherent design limitations, and beyond; to go further into the unknown than anyone had gone before.

Nobody knew what would happen. Some thought a hole would be punched in Earth's atmospheric covering, allowing poisonous gases to pour in. Others theorized that the

aircraft would simply disintegrate. No one really knew what the outcome would be, because it had never happened before.

Chuck Yeager "pushed the envelope," by breaking the sound barrier and living to tell about it. In his autobiography, Chuck makes this statement: "You accept risk as part of every new challenge; it comes with the territory."

To launch with joyous abandon into the stratospheric region called the "Unknown," is to partake of the risk of life with all its intoxicating aromas. For those who dare, there is a fresh new dimension which always beckons the soul that is unsatisfied with the dreariness of the status quo. Some call it risky territory. I call it the realm of creativity.

Can you imagine what the world would be like if God's gift of creativity had never been given? Without creation, there would be no world to imagine. Each of us is called to be a participant with Him in a variety of creative processes.

Like acts of faith, creative acts require courage and a willingness to take risks. The writer of Hebrews said, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This wonderful statement not only reeks with creative insight, it forms the very foundation upon which creative acts can be built. Both the person who walks by faith and the creative individual, refuse to accept the present environment which encompasses them. Rather than be acted upon, these people act upon that which is, in order to bring about righteous change.

For former YWAMers - or anyone - I have one simple question: "Are you willing to 'push the envelope?" To put it another way, "Are you willing to **create with God** in the place of prayer, knowing the risks that are implied in walking in radical obedience to the will of God?" "Creativity," "faith" and "risk" are different words for the same concept. Our benevolent Creator gives us the choice to move these words from concept to action.

Denny Gunderson, YWAM's North American Director, lives in Seattle with his wife Dodi and two children. Denny will be our Renewal Camp speaker at Riggins, Idaho July 11-17.

#### DONNA'S CORNER



When I asked the Lord what He'd have me say to you in this "Corner," I sensed His response to you was;

"I love you and have not forgotten you. You are precious to Me and have nothing to fear.

"Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly for Me, not for man; it is I who will reward you. (Eph 6:7-8)

"Have no fear of the future - I am your security. Just trust Me and hang on to the promises I've given you. (Rom 4:20-22)

"I love you."

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"The difference between knowing what to do - and when - is wisdom."

"Evil, is good spoiled." C.S. Lewis

"The kindest word is an unkind word unsaid"

"Real love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person."

"Eyes that look are common; but eyes that see are rare."



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Since so much seems to be happening, we'll give you a little report on the component parts of this ministry....

## In Touch

We'd hoped to be back up to four pages, but . . . it seems like we're not quite ready. (Still haven't been able to pay all our printing bills; our kindly printer has extended great patience and longsuffering. Many readers will, we trust, be receiving the last edition along with this one, to save on postage.)



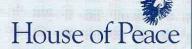
Never too young to be IN TOUCH!

### RENEWAL CAMPS

Five new locations this year: Christchurch, NZ (already happened!); Texas Mercy Ships (May 29-June 5); Holland (June 27-July 3); British Columbia (July 31-Aug 7); Kona, Hawaii (Nov 28-Dec 4); for a total of ten Camps. Like a brochure describing them? Let us know!

## OUTREACH

Our "Christmas in Samoa" outreach went so well, that one of the families who participated, is now planning to return with a team from their church. That's exactly what we want to see happen - multiplication! We are currently praying about a November outreach to Guyana. Interested? Drop us a note!



We are not wanting for guests! God has blessed us with all sorts of people coming for short stays. A small newsletter for partners, is being planned. Wanna receive it? Tell us!

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# INCREDIBLE JOURNEY



Jack & Becky Stuart

Becky Yap was one of the last to escape from pre-communist Viet Nam in 1974. After four years in Taiwan, she moved to Hong Kong where she became an interpreter in a camp for refugee boat people fleeing Viet Nam. There she met Ruth Asselstine, a YWAMer from Canada, who led her to the Lord. It was a short journey to

DTS in 1983 (a gift from a Cross-roader, Louise Loper), and then to a staff position in YWAM Hong Kong.

Jack Stuart made a more traditional approach to missions. Soon after Bible School he was touched by the message of a FEET team and the visit to his New Zealand homeland of the M/V ANASTASIS. Prompted to attend a DTS in Hong Kong in 1984, he too remained on staff. You guessed it! Jack met Becky; Jack fell in love with Becky; and in 1987 with the help of Base Director Gary Stephens, Jack married Becky.

Today they pastor a growing Chinese church in Christchurch, New Zealand. Starting from a small fellowship less than four years ago, the church now numbers 150 and they're believing for 300 by the end of '93!

Becky is one of the firstfruits of YWAM's Hong Kong refugee ministry. What an incredible journey she's made, from zero pre-Christian church experience, to pastor's wife!

# CRASHED & CRUSHED

This, the fourteenth edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to those who have "crashed" out of missions. (Blessedly, the vast majority have made reasonably good landings.)

There's a hoary old pilot's proverb that goes, "Any landing that you can walk away from, is a good one." Not!

Landing back on your home "runway" from a missions experience, is a challenge for anyone. Few there are who make "greasers" - landings so smooooooth that you scarcely know you're on the ground.

There are as many reasons for crashes, as there are people who have crashed.

For some, it happened while you were still on the mission field. You dragged your bleeding self away from the wreckage and tried to pick up the pieces of your life and carry on. You're still injured and healing seems far-off.

For others, the crackup came after you left the mission field. What you learned and experienced, what you became, no longer blended with your former life at home. And the collision has left you staggering.

No matter the cause of the crash, no matter the damage from it, there is hope for healing. In order to continue your life in a manner pleasing to God, others and yourself, put the past to rest. Bury it.

Just as young Joseph "buried" the bitterness and resentment he might have felt toward his brutal brothers, so you who crashed while still in missions, must bury those cancerous feelings in forgiveness, and be healed. Just as Abraham had a funeral for Sarah, the love of his life - and grieved deeply for her - then moved on; so you must bury the past and move on.

Forgiveness and funerals; they're highways to wholeness. Choose wholeness!



NOT a good landing.

#### THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD

# "Worrying about it, won't change it."



Jim Dawson

We often hear that comment - and sometimes give it as advice. It happens to be the truth. But worry seems to be the most natural thing we turn to every time we come up against an adverse circumstance.

Quite apart from the colossal mess our world is in, most days bring along something to add to our own list of potential worries. What can we do? Is there a remedy or a way we can live above life's "roller coaster!"

I've been meditating on this verse, "The fear of the Lord leads to life; and he who has it rests and is satisfied; he will not be visited by harm." (Prov 19:23 RSV)

I lovingly suggest that you too, pause and ponder this scripture. Also Proverbs 14:26,27. The truth is, the sin of unbelief which manifests itself in worry, and the fear of the Lord which is "to hate sin" (Prov 8:13), cannot co-exist. We choose one or the other every time.