

IN TOUCH

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"Dear Ed"

(Actually my name is Peter, but you can call me Ed, since 'Editor' sounds pretty important. Seriously though, I do love to hear from you - and not only the good stuff.)



"A heartfelt thanks to Donna for her last "Corner" . . . those verses (Eph 6:7-8 & Rom 4:20-22) came at a low point of discouragement and God used them to speak deep into our hearts and spirits."

John & Gail Feaver, NJ

"How very much we appreciate your commitment to us . . . after spending nine years with Mercy Ships, we so miss the 'family.' IN TOUCH keeps us 'in touch.'"

Ray & Jacki Ramos, CA



"I would have backslidden after my DTS if it hadn't been for receiving IN TOUCH. I carried it around in my Bible for weeks."

A Rotuman living in Fiji

"Thank you for IN TOUCH!! It always has something in it that I need to hear."

Carolyn Derksen, Canada

WELL DONE!

By Darlene Cunningham

When I think about all the people who have participated in Youth With A Mission over the last thirty-three years - long-term or short-term - I'm overwhelmed with gratefulness.

Loren and I are honored that God would allow us the great privilege, both directly and indirectly, of touching and investing in so many lives.

Do you know that little saying, "Once a YWAMer, always a YWAMer?" It's really true! As I travel around the world, I run into 'former' YWAMers in every corner of this globe. These precious ones - just like you - share stories of how God used YWAM in their lives, and how they have gone on to serve Him in one way or another.



What I have in my heart as I think of you, is a desire to affirm you in your obedience to Jesus. That's what He is impressed with! It's not whether you 'belong' to YWAM or The First Church of Whatever, or for that matter a Country Club.

Today, God is opening doors of influence and giving unprecedented opportunities for you to be salt and light right where you are, in "the marketplace mission fields." Right in your home, or in business, or education, or the entertainment industry; the list goes on.

In order to fulfill God's heart-longing to reach the world, He needs lights who will shine in those areas, as well amongst the remote tribes of the Amazon, or in what we used to call the Soviet Union.

Frequently I picture myself standing before God at the Judgment Seat, when I've come to the end of my life here on earth. Does He ask me who my husband was? (No!) Is He impressed that I was "Mrs YWAM?" (No, again!) But here are some questions He might ask me: "What did you do with the gifts I gave you? - did you steward them faithfully?" Or, "Were you obedient? - did you do all that I asked you to do (not what others expected of you)?"

I so long for the Lord to be able to say to me, "Well done My good and faithful servant!" Don't you?

Darlene of course, is Mrs YWAM. Aside from giving birth to, and raising two children, she has been, and continues to be a major influence on the Mission, particularly in the areas of DTS programs and leadership training. Oh yes! She's married to Mr YWAM, Loren Cunningham.



"It seems so great a blessing and encouragement that you still remember me from my DTS . . . still part of the family. I'm blessed to support you with finance and prayer."

Patrick J.R. Sibetang, Palau, Caroline Islands

"We served in YWAM from '73-'83 . . . somehow we started receiving IN TOUCH and God used it to keep a love in our hearts for the ministry, as well as providing material for a Bible Study in our home. Now we're back in YWAM!"

Calvin & Diana Topp, TN

"Although I've never been in YWAM (just a Go Fest), I am very much interested, and feel part of the team, in a quiet way."

June Lepsoe, Canada



"Please, send us information about Renewal Camps. (We're still waiting for IN TOUCH #13!) We are thankful for your ministry."

Finn & Frodis Solberg, East Bhutan

Then, to keep us on our toes, we got this reaction to a little article about A DAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD - JUNE 25, 1994. (That will be the day when Christians all over the world, will pray around the clock and through the time zones for world evangelization.) Our reader wrote, "This is a Christianized version of New Age 'Paradigm (sic) Shift' and 'Harmonic Convergence.' BEWARE."

Name withheld Ed's response: "Really?"

NEWS BYTES

Praying Through The Window

October 1993



This imaginary window opens into the part of our planet (between 10 & 40 degrees North - see map), where 97% of the people in the world's least-evangelized countries live. For info on how to pray effectively, (along with millions of other intercessors), write to: The Christian Information Network, 11025 Hwy 83, Colorado Springs, CO, 80921, USA.

When **Floyd McClung** takes a step, YWAM shakes! Don't worry, it's a positive step and a positive shaking; at year's end Floyd (at the ripe old age of 47), will step down as International Director of Operations in order to give more time to developing and mentoring young YWAM leaders. His sure and gentle hand will turn fulltime to preparing **Young Women And Men (YWAM!)**, to lead the Mission into the 21st Century.

IMPACT WORLD '94 TOUR

Look out world - Loren Cunningham has a vision! It's a DTS with a difference, since there will be **two** simultaneous mobile schools, starting in Iowa and Wisconsin respectively, and heading west across 12 northern states (IA, WI, MN, NE, SD, ND, MT, WY, CO, ID, WA, OR). One goal is to recruit missionaries from the smaller and farming communities, bypassing major

LOST CANUCK

A couple of editions ago, we printed a letter from an Associate who wanted to get in touch with "a Canadian guy on my Middle East Field trip in '76 who took lots of photos." Well, from our vast and far-flung network of correspondents, one came forward to identify the lost Canuck. Here are some excerpts from his letter...

"I'm the 'lost Canuck' . . . now living in California . . . involved in full-time ministry, as the executive director of Exodus International (a worldwide network of ministries to men and women overcoming homosexuality through the power of Jesus Christ).

centers. Statistics show that children of farmers are the second highest category of missionaries. If you would like to host, or in some way be involved when one of these DTS's comes to your area, write to Loren at: U of N, (Impact World '94 Tour), 75-5851 Kuakini Hwy, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

World Christian News, as its name implies, is for world Christians. Ed Dayton, V-P World Vision Int'l says, "This is a well-done piece, the kind of thing that I would think that every Christian interested and involved in missions would want to read." To subscribe, send US\$16 to: WCN, BOX 26479, Colorado Springs, CO 80936.

The mother of all surveys is under way! Loren Cunningham has written to all of the 7400 full-time staff of YWAM, asking each person to communicate how they foresee their ministry and YWAM's wider work, in the year 2020. One of the purposes in the survey is to try and discover ways to make room for young people, women and those from developing nations, in leadership positions. Results will be prayed over and assessed by the International Council, during the last week of October.

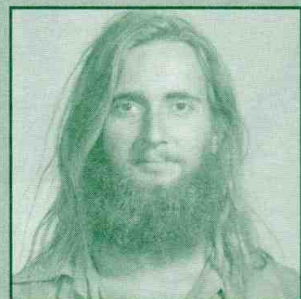
SCARY!

- 23% of the world's population is ignorant of Christ
 - 90% of all evangelism is directed at Christians
 - 91% of all foreign missionaries target populations in the Christian world
 - 95% of all Christian activity benefits only the Christian world
 - 99% of all Christian writing addresses only Christian interests
 - 99% of Christian world income is spent on itself
- (source: mission researcher, David B. Barrett)

"God has done great things in my life! I've now been married seven years, have written numerous articles on homosexuality and AIDS for Christian publications, and I'm just completing a book on homosexual recovery . . . to be published late this year by InterVarsity Press.

"How did I hear about the IN TOUCH announcement? One of the women who was in our 1976 SOE (Hurlach, Germany) and Middle East field trip, sent me a copy from Hawaii! It's neat to be part of the worldwide network of YWAMers. What a great family!" If you'd like to know more about Exodus International, write to: BOX 2121, San Rafael, CA 94912 USA. Tel: (415) 454-1017

BECOMING A MISSIONARY THE HARD WAY



Early George Bennett

Peru. And Peru was where many drug smugglers originated. Furthermore, George's suitcase contained almost six kilos of fresh Peruvian cocaine.

In those agonizing milliseconds, George had to decide if the Inspector had noticed, in his seemingly cursory examination of the passport, that Peru had also been a port of call. If he said he'd only been to Switzerland, and the official had noticed the endorsement from Peru, he would immediately be suspicious and would in all likelihood make a search. On the other hand, if the officer had not seen the Peruvian stamp, why draw attention to it? What was he to say?

George guessed wrong. Or maybe, if you look at it from an eternal perspective, you would say he guessed right.

For most of his life, George had been searching for life's meaning. In his teens he lost respect for the "traditional" church, and started looking to the East, to New Age, to some creative power that would flow through him. He found it in a fruit diet and went to live in a treehouse in Hawaii where he met his future wife Sandy, who was on a similar quest, though coming from a Jewish family. In 1975 they married and settled down on the Big Island, not far from today's University of the Nations Kona Campus. At 6' 1 1/2", George weighed an unrobust 110 lbs, due mainly to his meager diet of only fruit.

Following the birth of Benjy (in the midst of one of Kona's rare but vicious storms), George decided to get rich quick by running cocaine from Peru through Switzerland to Canada, and back to Hawaii. (His plan, once safely in Canada, was to mail his telltale passport home; then he would use his driver's license for identification when crossing the U.S. border.) The best-laid plans . . . in this case ended at Canadian Customs in Montreal's International Airport, when George guessed wrong.

He told the truth, that he had also been in Peru. The startled Customs Officer, who **had not** noticed the Peruvian endorsement,

came quickly alert, easily finding the concealed cocaine. George was hustled off to prison, which goes to prove that the truth doesn't necessarily set you free - right away!

George languished in various prisons across Canada, serving what was considered to be, a lenient nine-year sentence. Several events seemed to be drawing him towards God; at one point he met up with a YWAM team from Dunham, Quebec, who spoke into his life. At the same time, his wife Sandy, a Jew, started sending him Christian tracts! A heart commitment to the Lord soon followed.

By this time, George was in a minimum security prison in British Columbia, on Canada's West Coast, free on weekends to stay with Sandy & Benjy who had moved nearby for the duration of the sentence. Christians befriended the little family - Sandy had joined her husband in the faith - and they actually attended a Bill Gothard Seminar in Vancouver, sponsored by a tiny Mennonite Brethren Church!

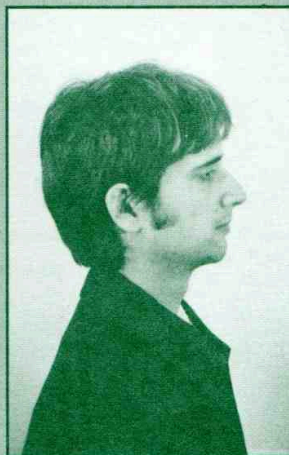
George's full parole (and deportation from Canada) soon followed. But not before his church and a Christian couple from a health food store, agreed together to sponsor the Bennetts to a DTS in Kona!



Sandy & George today.

The rest is, as they say, history. Following DTS, George and Sandy joined staff on the Kona base, where Graham Kerr had just introduced a healthy diet - just what George needed. For nine years, he and Sandy ably managed YWAM's poultry farm. After leaving YWAM, George took out a General Contractor's license, and built his own home, in a subdivision aptly named Kona Heavens. Two more sons have come along, both of whom attend U of N's Pre-School. Benjy is a straight "A" high school senior.

George likens his life to the fellow described in Psalm 107:17-21 . . . "Fools, because of their rebellious way, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorred all kinds of food; and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men!"



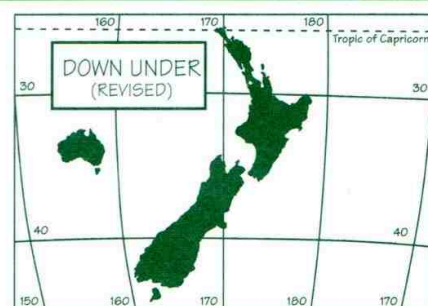
Mug shot.

OUTREACH

Our 1993 outreach will be to English-speaking Guyana, a nation at a crossroads. Know where it is? (South America, right next to Venezuela.) Dates are Nov 6 - 21. Will you pray about going with us? For complete information, see enclosed brochure or write to Patrick Elschuk.



Every Kiwi's Dream



Are we praying for our spiritual leaders? Do you intercede **regularly** for your church leadership team?

Peter Wagner says, "The most underutilized source of spiritual power in our churches today, is intercession for Christian leaders."

And here's a quote from E.M. Bounds, "Air is not more necessary to the lungs than prayer to the preacher," (and we might add, "to all spiritual leaders.")

Paul asked the saints to pray for him (Eph 6:19-20); and he urges us to intercede for "all who are in authority." (1 Tim 2:1-2)

A group of YWAM intercessors will be meeting in Los Angeles for the last week of October with the specific mission to pray for YWAM leaders. I expect to be there.

Will you join with us to pray for YWAM leaders - especially those you know, or know about? And while you're at it, get into the regular habit of praying for the spiritual leaders of your own church and city.

Prayer does make a difference!



Donna Jordan

PROFOUND & PITHY

"Understanding can wait; obedience can't."
Jeff Fountain

"You're not ready for a relationship until you're happy alone."
OR, to put it another way . . .
"I'm not right for someone else, if I'm not right for me."

"Always distrust a saint when his charity generates his paycheck."
TIME Magazine, Feb 22, 1993

"In the Western world, we Christians spend more on credit card **interest**, than on giving to missions."
Don Stephens

"Angels are still being created. Difficult husbands have a hand in their elevation."
Name withheld to protect the innocent!

"You never reject anyone into wholeness."
Jack Hayford

LIGHTEN UP

With Graham Kerr

Did you enjoy the omelet recipe offered in my last column? [Ed's note: that was a year ago. Sorry. Space limitations.]

This time I'm making a grand attempt at a printed "soundbite." That simply means I'm going to lighten up on words. ["Hmmm," muses your editor.]

I've just made a simple soup that worked so well I thought you might like it hot (and wet) off the press.

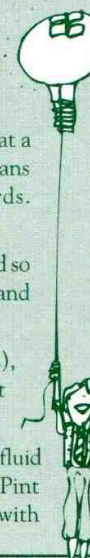
There is very little fat (less than 3 grams), yet it tastes "rich." I used halibut, but cod will do as well.

For each of six servings you'll have 12 fluid oz of soup. You get almost an Imperial Pint (20 fluid oz) if you decide to serve it with

French Bread (no butter!) as a main dish for four people. Totals would be 300 calories, 12% from fat and only 50mg of cholesterol. It tastes great on a cold day - especially with a fellow YWAMer on the side - and missions on the mind!

Tadaah!! "LEEK & POTATO SOUP WITH HALIBUT (or COD) à la KERR"

[Well dear reader, you guessed it. Graham's scrumptious, lip-smacking recipe is a bit too long to fit. If his intro has whetted your appetite or caused you to salivate, drop us a line or fill in the space on the Order Form, and we'll rush you the recipe FREE - just for the halibut! You'll be glad you did. Ed]



People make this ministry tick. Some of the priceless resources who keep us going day-by-day are: Laurie Jordan, Hospitality; Patrick & Inneke Elascuk, Office, Camp Registration, Outreach and Hospitality - they just got married in March and are giving us their first year together!

Then there's May MacKay, who valiantly keeps our Mailing List up-to-date; Wrenetta (Willms) Sinclair, who contributed six months of part-time help with her accounting skills, but is now on the way back to DTS with her new husband Kevin; and Wayne & Nancy Jane Johnson who blessed us for a year before following the Lord into leadership of a children's camp ministry in Ontario, Canada.

Joining this group is our committed and involved Board of Directors: Bill Cozens, Fred Harris, Graham Kerr, Bill McAllister, Jerry Praetzel & Dan Sneed.

Next, there are friends far and near, who support us in prayer; or who minister locally in practical ways around the House of Peace and YWAM Associates office; and finally, all those who support this faith ministry by donations. By the goodness of God and the kindness of His people, we are financially back in the "black" - just barely!

To all we say, "Thank you and Bless you!"

Here's a brief round-up of the YWAM Associates ministries. . . .



House of Peace

In June the first newsletter went out to the more than 400 partners from 35 nations who have given to this ministry of hospitality. God has sent many guests our way and we are preparing for more. In May, Laurie went to Holland for a School of Hospitality. She got turned on! Consequently we have arranged to have a School **right here** in the House of Peace. South African Rita Pretorius will lead this school, as she did in Holland. Laurie will be on staff! April 9 - May 7, 1994. Our monthly house budget is \$4,000, for which we trust the Lord, charging no fees for guests.

1993 RENEWAL CAMPS



Why are Inger Kristensen and Lynn Green looking so serious? Hint: They're having fun at Camp.

So far this year we've had camps in New Zealand (2), Texas, California, Holland, Idaho (2), British Columbia & Minnesota. Yet to come is Kona Hawaii, Nov 28 - Dec 4 (see insert or write for info). It's been a marvelous summer and God has met with us in ministry, fun and relaxation. Next year we have been invited to add camps in Switzerland, South Africa and Australia.

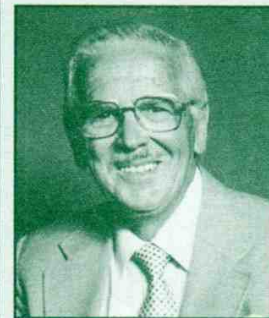
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It will cost US\$9000 to print and mail this edition worldwide (about 75c per copy delivered to your home). We are happy to take this step of faith three times a year, and are blessed and encouraged with the many letters we receive. And we're back to four pages as you may have noticed!

Peter Jordan, Editor

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THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD



Jim Dawson

THE SCHOOL GOD RUNS

This year my two pear trees have no fruit at all. My peach tree is a disaster. My nectarine tree has about half the fruit on it that it should have. Reason:- I didn't prune them.

YWAM runs schools for all kinds of wonderful ministries. But one school God has reserved for Himself to run, is the School Of Adversity. It's His pruning school. We simply can't prune each other - nor should we try. Only God knows how, when and where.

His school is specially tailored for each individual.

Paul took a class on blindness for three days immediately following his conversion. He gives us a look at the rest of his personal curriculum in 2 Cor. 11. What an incredible list!

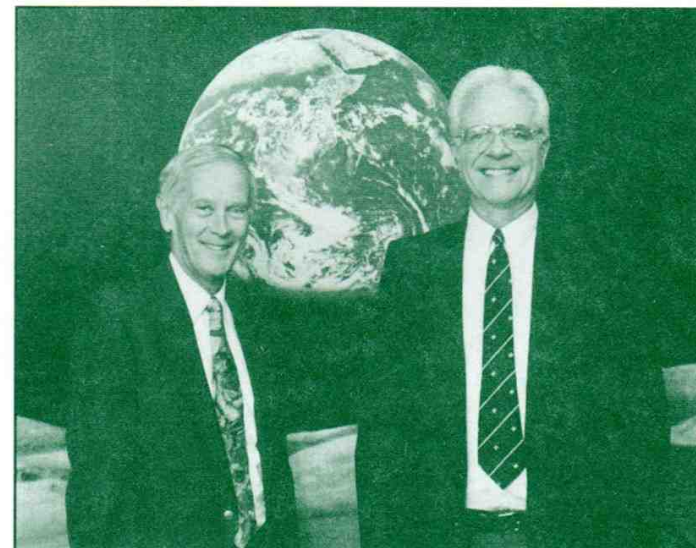
Then he writes in Heb. 12:10-11, "For they (human fathers) indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He (God) for our profit that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present but grievous, nevertheless afterwards it yields the peaceable fruits of righteousness to those who have been trained in it."

Pruning works wonders in the natural and has the potential to have the same effect in the spiritual.

Have you passed your tests by having the right reactions to His pruning?

Will your Teacher see that you need to take some courses again? Paul handled adversity by appropriating by faith, God's miraculous grace. So can we.

"Re-Entry" - the Movie



Earthrise from the Moon

No, moonwalker Charlie Duke and your humble editor are **not** standing on Planet Moon. We were together in Missouri recently, making a video series based on the book "Re-Entry." (The four, 45-minute sessions we trust, will be helpful to those returning from missions, and to those who will greet them upon their re-entry. The video series will be available by the end of September. Write to us for further information.)

Astronaut Duke, one of only twelve men to ever set foot on the moon, thrillingly recounts his adventures in the chilling and alien environment of space. His experiences are in many ways analogous to those of missionaries who live and work in other cultures, and then return home to what they thought would be "terra familiar."

Six years after his "re-entry," Charlie Duke a lifetime churchgoer, finally surrendered his life to Christ. Now he heads up Duke Ministries for Christ, circling Planet Earth with the Good News that is for all earthwalkers.