

# IN TOUCH



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## "Dear Ed"



"Thanks for Winkie Pratney's article, 'Walking in Darkness'. . . more than a dozen from our cell group were ministered to. . . and encouraged to 'go on'."

*James & Kellin Choy, Singapore*

"The 'experience' (of YWAM), seems light years behind me. . . but because of the friendships I developed and the changes God implemented in my life, I'm forever grateful."

*Patti Kidd, Canada*



"I just received IN TOUCH for the first time. I find it a good idea to keep the nose in the air."

*Esther Schneider, Switzerland*

"For me, it feels nice to know I'm not on my own, on the outside (of YWAM). . . I wish I'd read 'Re-Entry' three years ago, it would have saved some mistakes. . ."

*Ruth Snowdon, Australia*



## "LOOK BEHIND THE LOGO"



*David Boyd*

When YWAM comes to mind, we tend to think in terms of going to the ends of the earth, unreached people groups, intercession for the nations, vision, short-term outreach, DTS - and a host of other activities and definitions.

I once heard Floyd McClung say, "In any of our ministry projects, vision is more important than place, and people are more important than vision; and more important than people, is God . . . and God loves people."

Do you know what is infinitely more important than YWAM's programs? . . . people, the object of God's heart of love - both those who go to the ends of the earth, and those who send us.

The Lord made this graphically real to me recently, while waiting on Him. The focus of the "waiting" was another project - what else?

While asking the Lord what He had in mind regarding this particular need, I had a very strong mental impression of the YWAM logo - you know, the person with torch in hand, heading off to the ends of the earth.

As I saw the picture, I sensed the Lord saying, "That is an accurate picture of who YWAM is - a people with a heart after Me, and a commitment to take the gospel to the ends of the earth."

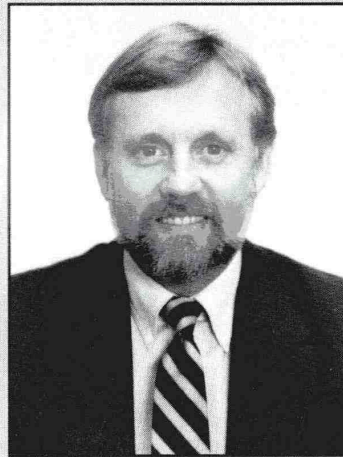
Then He said, "Turn around, and look behind the logo," and as I did I found myself viewing a great multitude of people, hundreds of thousands who have been involved with YWAM. He continued, "Those are your friends, and I won't let you go to the ends of the earth without them."

My understanding was this - 21st century missions won't be defined like missions in the past. It will be the whole church to the whole world. God won't let one group go it alone - YWAM included.

Not only will He not let us go it alone - we can't go, without the creative partnerships God wants to establish between YWAMers past and YWAMers present.

We need you.

*David Boyd is Chancellor of University of the Nations, Kona. (That means, among other things, that he is director of the largest base in YWAM.) David, and Carol his wife, have been in YWAM since the 1960s. They have three children.*



"Hey, Ed: the dream is in ashes, scattered with the wind, but I still dream about the dream; does that count?"

*Name withheld, USA*

"I'm kind of in exile at the moment! Australia has become my home and inheritance. . . after six years there I've had to leave - not of my own choice, but because of immigration. . . thank you for IN TOUCH."

*Leanne Walberg, Canada*

"The Lord prepared us to go 'home' (after eight years in YWAM), to spend some quality time with relatives, among whom we will encounter cancer and HIV."

*Names withheld*

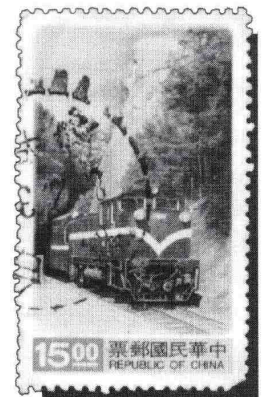
"Please find enclosed a love gift . . . thank you for faithfully producing IN TOUCH . . . why not get it printed in Asia? - similar quality, postage cheaper."

*Dr Luke & Helen Lo, Malaysia*

[There are some challenges, but we're investigating, Ed]

". . . Great job with IN TOUCH because the content is not long but straight to the point and challenging."

*Erik & Josianne Volkmar-Andre, Switzerland*



# THE JOURNEY BACK

by Lynne Baker



Going was easy. The journey back was tough.

I had been eight years with Mercy Ships, through forty countries; I had sensed God's heart cry for the lost, the lonely and the hurting; and here I was, having a major struggle in re-entering my own world. At times it was over-whelmingly traumatic and I asked myself some questions. . . .

. . . .Can I fit into the mainstream of Christian life at home? Where will I find a job that will be fulfilling? How can I share my experiences without making people feel guilty because they didn't "GO"? Where will I live? To whom shall I go to get healed of the very real pain and wounding from having been on the frontlines of missions? Is there life after YWAM?

Missions is a spiritual battlefield, and there are casualties. God uses the battles (and the wounds), to refine us, promising to use everything we go through - even injustices - for good. For me, I recognized my condition and my need for a safe place where I could share my deepest pain and allow God to heal and renew me.

I was given the book "Re-Entry" but it came three months too late for me. As I read it I wept. I realized I wasn't alone in my feelings of lostness and hopelessness. Then along came IN TOUCH and an invitation to a "Renewal" Camp. Dan Sneed - a favorite YWAM speaker of mine - would be there. Feeling like a fish out of water, lacking purpose, direction and meaning in my life, I signed up, sensing that I needed to reconnect with YWAM.

"No Expectations" characterized my attitude as I arrived at Camp - I wouldn't be disappointed if nothing good happened. But I did tell God that I couldn't leave without meeting Him face-to-face and getting to the root of my problems. I had come to a place in my life where I wasn't sure I could trust anyone - maybe even God. But somehow I felt I could trust Dan, so I asked God to speak to me through him.

Dan's first message was about storms in our lives. Could I relate! It seemed like my life had been one long, continuous hurricane. The tears flowed freely as the Lord gave Dan understanding about the 'lock-ups' in my life; then he prayed for my release from all past bondage. The loving God I serve (deep down I had always served Him), had led me to a safe haven where I could be restored into right relationship with Him and others.

I came to Renewal Camp with no expectations, but lots of desperation. God met me a thousand times more than I ever thought possible in one week. Peace now floods my soul and I have confidence I am free; yet I know it's all a process and I must still tread the journey of refining. Trials and hurts will come, life won't be easy, but the chains of the past have been broken.

The journey back has just begun.

P.S. If you'd enjoy a variety of diversities during your annual vacation, Renewal Camp is it! Joy, peace, intercession, fun, healing, relaxation, teaching, great food, games, worship, exercise, sleep - you name it, you'll have it!

# A TRUE STORY

A number of years ago, a man was sent on a mission of mercy to a remote people group. While living among these foreigners and attempting to help them - for they were very needy - he adopted their cultural ways and form of dress, so that he could be more closely identified with them.

He communicated frequently with his family and spiritual leader back home, keeping them informed of his struggles and asking for counsel. He missed them a lot, and longed to be with them.

Eventually, despite adjusting so well to the new culture; despite his free offer of aid and assistance (services that were desperately needed), only a handful of the nationals had taken him at his word. It was a discouraging experience.

Then, to make matters worse, some political-religious leaders ganged up on him, and without a fair hearing, rid themselves of him. "We don't need you or your so-called remedies. Get lost!" they screamed.

Back in his home country, somewhat battered and bruised, he was gladly received, and in fact, had an excellent 're-entry' experience. He held no bitterness or hostility towards the people who had rejected him. Quite the contrary!

Instead of settling back into his old routines, and just sort of picking up where he'd left off - he'd done his missions thing, hadn't he? - instead of enjoying the satisfaction of having done his best, he entered into a rigorous discipline by starting a prayer ministry! It was a ministry of intercession before God, and in support of the few friends he'd made overseas.

And as if that wasn't enough, he also petitioned God on behalf of the very ones who had rejected him, pleading for mercy for the ungrateful wretches.

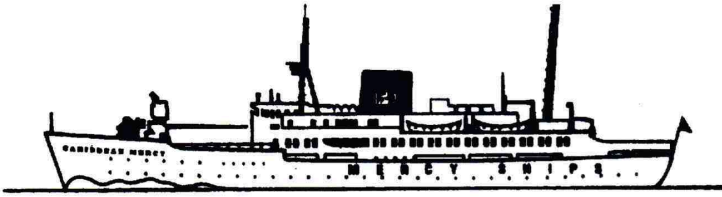
[Dear Reader, time does not permit for the conclusion of this story. A more detailed and complete account is available by reading the following books: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John & Hebrews 7:25.]

# SACRED or SECULAR?

Some people believe lies. One of those lies is that being in YWAM, or OM, or on staff of a local church, is a sacred calling; and that holding a regular job, or going to university, is secular or 'of the world.' That's not true! Everything a Christian does, is (or should be), sacred. So if you've believed this lie, renounce it and walk in the freedom of knowing that as long as you're obeying God, you're in a sacred calling.



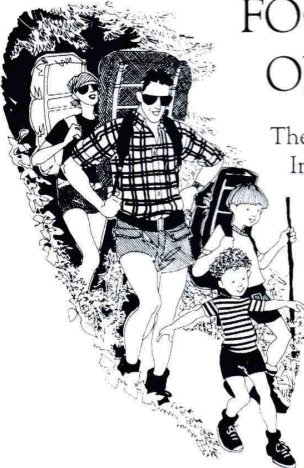
## ANCHORS AWEIGH! FOURTH SHIP JOINS FLEET



Aiming for ten vessels by the year 2000, Mercy Ships is well on the way to reaching that target. With the recent addition of the 265-foot CARIBBEAN MERCY (already in ministry in the Dominican Republic), the former GOOD SAMARITAN has been recommissioned ISLAND MERCY and transferred to the South Pacific to join its little sister the PACIFIC RUBY. 'Mother' ANASTASIS, soon to head for West Africa again following annual drydocking, now has three daughters!

[A poignant new video "HEAL THE NATIONS", graphically shows the medical ministry of Mercy Ships. See Insert for details on how to obtain it.]

## FOCUSING ON FAMILIES



The United Nations has declared 1994 as the International Year of the Family. YWAM's Family Ministries, under the leadership of Larry Ballard, is calling upon all families throughout the world to set aside September 25th, 1994 to honor the Lord in their families. (And keep on honoring Him in this way!) With so many families in such disarray, let's join in this commitment to the Lord. We're all part of some family.

### PROFOUND & PITHY

"A meal is not complete without rice."  
So says Ed - & more than half the world's people agree!

"The reward for work well done, is the opportunity to do more."  
Jonas Salk

"Giving to the poor is an act of mercy - and mercy is never deserved."  
Loren Cunningham in *Daring to Live on the Edge*

Overheard in a DTS,  
"Don't be so humble. You're not that great!"

"Most people judge others by their actions,  
and themselves by their intentions."  
Edwin L. Cole

"Urgent things can wait. Important things, do now."

God is real!

He is aware of every thought and hears every word (Ps 139:1-4). He brings understanding and gives revelation by the Holy Spirit.

As I write this, we are about to start our fifth Renewal Camp this summer. We manage the camps, but it is the Holy Spirit who leads them.

He makes the Word of God become life (2 Cor 3:6). He counsels (Jn 14:26). He heals the broken-hearted (Ps 147:3) and those who are physically sick (James 5:16). He renews and restores mentally, physically and spiritually (2 Cor 4:16-18).

He weeps with us (Rom 8:26-27), rejoices with us, and through us, and over us - with singing! (Zeph 3:17). He speaks to us, gives us hope and renews our vision.

Each morning when you wake up, ask Him to fill you and lead you through that day. Then let Him!

Meditate on John 14, listen to what the Spirit says, have faith to believe what His Word says - and then simply be obedient!

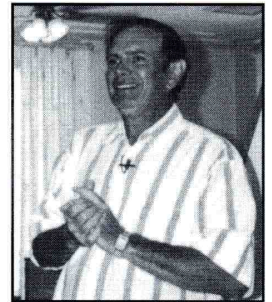
Our God is real!



Donna Jordan

## SIX UPCOMING Renewal Camps

- HAWAII
- SOUTH AFRICA  
(two camps)
- NEW ZEALAND  
(two camps)
- AUSTRALIA



Winkie Pratney at 1994 California Renewal Camp.

There's still time to take a warm-weather vacation during the next few months. Plan now for Renewal • Relaxation • Recreation

### Kona, Hawaii

Nov 27 - Dec 3 with Dean Sherman, Dan Sneed, and the Jordans  
for info: write to IN TOUCH (address on Front Page)

### Stilfontein, South Africa

Dec 9 - Dec 16 with Peter & Donna Jordan

### Muizenberg, South Africa

Dec 16 - Dec 23 with Peter & Donna Jordan  
for info on South African Camps: Renewal Camps,  
YWAM, BOX 129, Muizenberg, Cape Town, 7950, South Africa

### near Christchurch, New Zealand

Dec 27 - Jan 2 with Frank Naea

### Rotorua, New Zealand

Jan 16 - Jan 23 with Frank Naea  
for info on New Zealand Camps: Renewal Camps, YWAM Associates,  
Beach Rd, #1 RD, North Canterbury, Amberley, New Zealand

### Perth, Australia

Jan 14 - Jan 21 with Peter & Donna Jordan  
for info: Renewal Camp, BOX 8501,  
Stirling St, Perth, 6849, Western Australia

Overheard at a recent camp, "A fellow would pay a million dollars and drive a thousand miles, to come to one of these things!"



## A bit more about us . . .

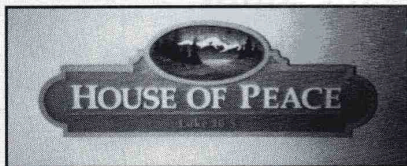


We bid fond farewell to **Patrick & Inneke Elashuk** who gave us the first year of their marriage. They served in administration and hospitality and have just returned to DTS staff at Winfield, BC. Thanks, you guys!



**Leon & Natalie Boushee**, another newly-married couple (who met each other at a Renewal Camp hint! hint!), have spent almost a year with us, and are now moving on. Leon, who can fix anything (and has), built most of our beautiful new YWAM Associates office. Natalie has a servant's heart and pitched in everywhere.

While on the subject of our new office, great appreciation and thanks go to **Rob Vogt**, who designed and spearheaded the whole office project. He and his wife **Alice**, have also completely redecorated one large bedroom in the House of Peace.



In March, **Wanda Carter** joined us after apprenticing (just kidding!) in Loren Cunningham's Office in Kona for a few years. Hers is the cheerful voice you will hear when you call our office, in which she serves in a multitude of ministries.



And finally, **Laurie Jordan** now heads up the whole ministry of the House of Peace. This appointment and recognition of her readiness for this role, comes at the suggestion (and almost insistence) of our Board of Directors, who are:

**Dale Buehring, Bill Cozens, Fred Harris (Sec/Tres), Graham Kerr, Bill McAllister, Jerry Praetzel & Dan Sneed.**

We are very grateful for these men and their wives, each of whom takes their position seriously; each of whom will speak strongly into our lives and into the conduct of the ministry. It is a great security to know that godly men and women care in this way.

*Peter Jordan (Pres & Ed)*

*If you enjoyed this edition of IN TOUCH please recycle it along to an 'Associate' you know.*

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## THE SHEPHERD'S HEART



*Jim Dawson*

Many YWAMers, present and past, learned of Joy's illness and major back surgery through Peter Jordan's compassionate report in the last **IN TOUCH**. So many sent her loving get-well cards, letters and phone messages, that acknowledging each one individually became an impossible task in our present circumstances. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to express Joy's and my heartfelt thanks for your concern and prayers. Believe me, we have been deeply ministered to and encouraged. Thank you, precious friends.

Joy's surgery was in February - over six months ago. She has not yet recovered, and still experiences frequent pain. Consequently she can only sit, walk or stand for brief periods of time. Recent X-rays also reveal degenerative disc arthritis.

But we are looking expectantly to the Divine Physician for this severe trial to eventually pass. Joy keeps worshipping God and trusting in His flawless character, desirous of learning all God has to teach her through this, the greatest-ever testing of her faith and endurance. Your on-going prayers would be greatly appreciated.

If you have been going through a prolonged trial or suffering, without understanding why there is no release, take comfort and encouragement from Isaiah 50:10. "**Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God.**"

Also remember the apostle Paul (2 Cor 4:8) ". . . was afflicted in every way. . . and perplexed. . ." By embracing God's sovereignty, and receiving His grace, there came a greater manifestation of the life of Jesus in him to others. (see verses 11 & 12)

And that's what makes it all worthwhile.

*[You can still send your words of encouragement to Jim and Joy at: Box 296, Sunland, CA, 91041 USA]*



*From the gallery of rejected missionary prayer-letter photos*