

IN TOUCH

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"Dear Ed"

"Here's my new address and married name . . . I wouldn't want to miss out by not staying IN TOUCH . . . it's a blessing to read about other former YWAMers, causing me to think back with fond memories of people I knew and loved while a part of a FEET team in Singapore."

Margaret Vidarte Duncan, USA

"I liked the family picture 'From the gallery of rejected missionary prayer-letter photos' . . . it brought back many fond memories of my time in Kona back in 78-79."

Kerry Olson, Mexico



"It's interesting to meet former YWAMers and to hear their stories of adjusting back home . . . their struggles and wounds . . . we've been able to pray with some, encouraging them in their walk."


Mark & Anita Okazaki, USA

"The end of this year I will leave YWAM after seven years and many other involvements since 1983. Please send IN TOUCH to my home address."

Luise Wascher, Austria



LONELINESS



Joe Ferrante

Feeling lonely? So, what's new? The world has always been filled with the disease of loneliness. But often we're surprised that there's still so much of it going around! We think, surely by now, it ought to have gone away. After all, if we pray enough, love enough, then - poof! - it should be gone for good. But we find it's still there.

It's there at YWAM, and it's still there at home. It's there among strangers, and it's still there among our closest friends. It's there in the world, and it's still there in the church. It's there in our disappointments, and it's even there in our expectations. But worst of all it's *here!* *Here* where it hurts. *Here* in the heart where it was never supposed to be!

Whether it should or shouldn't be . . . loneliness *IS*. That's right . . . it just *IS*. And *IT* is because *WE* are. Yes, *WE* are the ones who are incapable of giving pure love to anyone else. Yes, *WE* are the ones who are incomplete because *WE* can never fully meet one another's deepest need for love and friendship. Loneliness reminds us that it is in fact, *our* imperfections that make us both the recipients and the givers of this disease.

But Wait! What is that Sound we hear reverberating in our lonely deep? Is it not the faint, almost-forgotten echo of the eternal Voice calling to us: "Adam, where are you? My child, where are you? My son, where are you? My daughter, where are you?"

Oh, help us Father! We didn't recognize that it was *Your* call echoing persistently in that lonely, hollow core of our being. We so feared being left alone that we tried to fill the inner emptiness with everything but You.

And forgive us Father. We *did* know that no gift, no place, no person, no accomplishment could ever give us enough satisfaction to eliminate our need for You. But again and again we have forgotten.

Now we understand why loneliness still *IS*. It *IS* so that we may never forget that *HE IS*. As long as this pain remains, we are driven deeper and deeper, day after day, into the depths of His love!!

Joe Ferrante, a pastor, is a much-loved DTS teacher who has been hanging around YWAM for many years. His big heart is tuned to the hearts of many. He will be our speaker at Riggins, Idaho Renewal Camp #1, next July. Joe and his wife Mary Jo, live in Santa Rosa, California.



"I'm going through re-entry and learning a lot. Funny 'cause I'm only really on furlough! Because this will be my residence even when I'm overseas again, joining the church, etc., has thrown me into re-entry - I'm experiencing some of the emotions of feeling isolated and less spiritual. It's good for me, God hasn't changed a bit - only my environment has. It's helping me sort through how dependent I am on YWAM and its visionary meetings, in order to keep my spiritual equilibrium! I have more admiration than ever for the layman in the sleepy church who hangs on to God with radical faith. All this will have even greater meaning when I head back to Europe this Fall."

Sarah Lanier, USA

"The Renewal Camp was 1000 times more than I could have dreamed or imagined . . . I try to hang on to what Dan (Sneed) and others spoke into my life . . ."

Lynne Baker, Canada

"Thanks for making IN TOUCH beautiful and provocative. All in our office read it; keep up the good work."

Arne Peterson, Kenya





FLYING WITH THE ANGELS

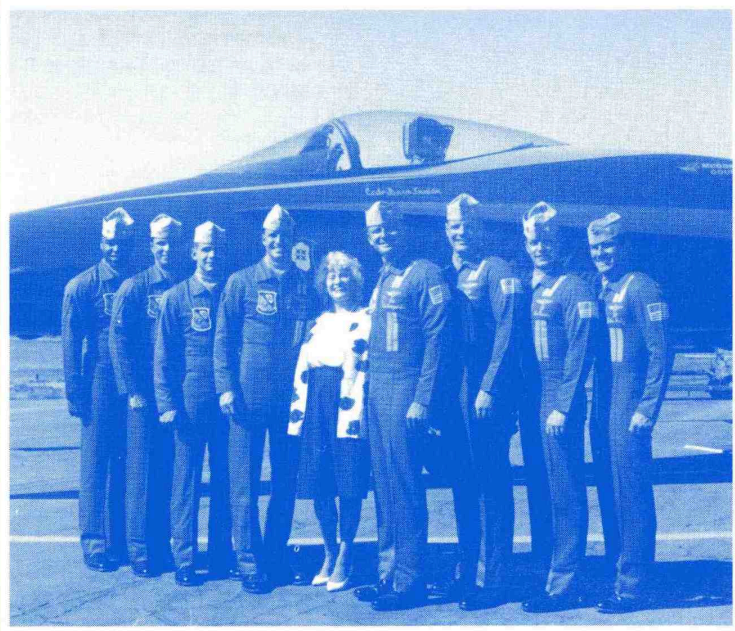
Back about 30 or 40 years ago when cool fighter pilots wore baggy flight suits (that would have been right around the time YWAM was being born), an aspiring actress had the enviable job of serving as publicist for the Blue Angels - the U.S. Navy's hot aerobatic team. Three times she roared off into the wild blue with them, even being allowed to take the controls of the supersonic jet.

Back in those heady days, Phoebe Allen's wildest imaginings wouldn't have included the crazy thought that one day she would be a missionary.

But that was to be her destiny. In obedience to God's call, Phoebe enlisted in a Crossroads DTS in 1981 and in short order served in Japan twice, Jamaica with Mercy Ships, Guatemala and in public relations at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

In May, Phoebe was hailed by the current crop of designer-suited "Blues." (They don't like to be called "Angels." Wonder why?) She was appointed an honorary Blue Angel.

Lately, Phlamboyant Phoebe, as she has been dubbed, confines her YWAM activities to attending IN TOUCH Renewal Camps and maintaining her ministry as one of YWAM's most enthusiastic boosters. She lives in Portland, Oregon, and enjoys an energetic life, content and relaxed in her seniority.



NEWS BYTES

THREE MERCIES

1 Did you see the pulse-pounding escape drama, "The Fugitive"? If so, you'll know something about artificial limbs! Three million amputees live in developing nations with little or no hope of enhancing their quality of life. Most lose a limb because of land mines, motor cycle or farming accidents. Mercy Ships' soon-to-be-launched, "Operation Sea Legs," is a mobile limb-manufacturing/evangelism ministry in a fully-equipped 40-foot container, able to travel aboard ship, rail or road. Limbs can be produced at cost, for US\$250 (usual price: up to \$5000). Like to know more? Contact prosthetist Paul Moehring, the man running with this vision, at: Mercy Ships, BOX 2020, Lindale, TX, 75771-2060, USA.



2 Imagine 31 tons of intravenous bags . . . that's what Medair, on three days notice, flew into Rwanda in August. Medair is a partnership of YWAM, Mission Aviation Fellowship and the French medical charity, Medicament pour l'Afrique, and its on-site seven-nation team, supervised the distribution of the supplies to medical squads throughout Rwanda. Drs Erik & Josianne Volkmar are YWAM's Medair leaders, based in Lausanne, Switzerland.



3 Did you know that Fidel Castro has black-listed YWAM? Along with several other well-known Christian ministries, YWAM made Cuba's "Not-Welcome Top Ten" list. This did not stop CARIBBEAN MERCY - en route to a medical outreach in the Dominican Republic - from hovering to, and rescuing a dozen Cuban refugees barely afloat on a ramshackle raft, tossing around in rough seas. Moments after being plucked from their craft, it sank.

PROFOUND & PITHY

"Success in grace, is simply receiving it."
Dean Sherman

"The ultimate goal of all (biblical) teaching, is the change of behavior, not the obtaining of knowledge."

"Faults are thick where love is thin."

"To hear God's voice,
turn down the world's volume."

"We live by encouragement
- and die inside without it."

"Arrogant Christians will never
win an arrogant world."

... and a couple of Winkie Pratneyisms ...

"God is God - and you are not!"
(The Bible in a sentence.)

"The world suppresses the truth."

IN TOUCH Renewal Camps

Here's the line-up for 1995! Plan NOW for a well-balanced vacation with meaning and purpose. All camps (except New Zealand) directed by Peter & Donna Jordan. For California and later U.S. & Canadian camps, a 10% Early-Bird discount is available if you register by January 31, 1995! (See enclosed Registration Form or write to Renewal Camp Registrar immediately for specific information.)

NEW ZEALAND South Island Dates: Dec 27 - Jan 2 or
North Island Dates: Jan 16 - 23.

Both camps with Frank Naea, YWAM NZ Director. Hurry! It's not too late. In New Zealand tel: 03 314-8750; fax: 03 314-8751

AUSTRALIA near Perth in a gorgeous holiday resort - **January 15 - 20**
Speaker: David Cole. Hurry! There's still time.
In Australia tel: 09 221-1217 or fax: 09 325-1830

FLORIDA aboard Mercy Ships' M/V CARIBBEAN MERCY - berthed in Jacksonville. **March 2 - 7** Speaker: Don Stephens

CALIFORNIA at YWAM's Richardson Springs convention center near Chico. **June 11 - 17** Speakers: Dean Sherman, Peter & Donna Jordan.

NETHERLANDS at YWAM Heidebeek base 1 1/2 hours by train from Amsterdam. **June 25 - July 1** Speaker: Dr. Bruce Thompson

IDAHO (2 camps) at YWAM's Rapid River Ranch in the solitude and ruggedness of the mountains near Riggins. Plus whitewater rafting!
Riggins #1 July 9 - 15 Speaker: Joe Ferrante (see page 1)
Riggins #2 July 16 - 22 Speaker: John Bills (YWAM U.S. South West Director)

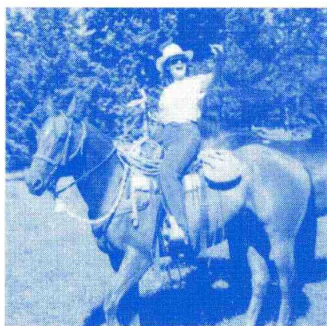
BRITISH COLUMBIA at YWAM's Winfield base near Kelowna. **August 6 - 12** Speaker: Paul Hawkins

BRANSON, MISSOURI in the Ozarks at the beautiful Stonecroft Conference Center. **September 2 - 8** Speaker: Dan Sneed

HAWAII, at YWAM's University of the Nations Kona Campus. **November 26 - December 2** Speaker: Floyd McClung (unconfirmed)

SOUTH AFRICA - tune in for further details next time.

Send for info to: "Renewal Camp Registrar" . . .
US address: BOX 2060, Point Roberts, WA, 98281-2060
All others: BOX 94187, Richmond, BC, Canada V6Y 2A3



DTS IN A NUTSHELL

One DTser's summary of the lecture phase:

Over 300 hours of instruction in 90 days 12 speakers from all over the world 1000 hours of contact time students from 16 countries age range, 24 - 74 more than 63 topics covered. Whew!

DONNA'S CORNER



Donna Jordan

These are exciting days in which to be *living* - if we're willing to *die*.

The Holy Spirit has come to mould us and refine us so that we reflect Jesus

"I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'" Zech 13:9

As gold is heated, impurities known as dross, float to the surface and are skimmed off. More and more heating produces more and more dross. The refiner knows all the dross is gone when he can see his clear reflection in the molten gold.

God is preparing and purifying those of His people who are willing to go through the heat - through tests, troubles and difficult circumstances. In these we are to rejoice, thus reflecting Jesus. And our faith will be proven genuine. (1 Peter 1:7-8)

Remember the righteous live by faith, not fear.

CAMP BORDERLINE

For the last 15 or so years, YWAM has been involved in Mercy Ministries in a big way. The major emphasis started with the Southeast Asian refugees, then spread to other needy hotspots such as East Africa. Mercy Ships has been in the forefront of the battle to bring practical help - along with the Good News - to the millions of people in crisis. Most times these desperate, homeless people were on, or near the border of a country from which they were fleeing; fleeing political or cultural tyranny.

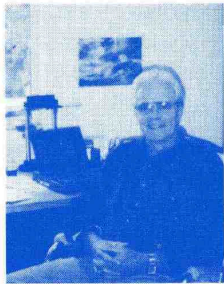
There have been ministry casualties too. But it seems that the casualties sustained by 'border missionaries,' who are usually medical personnel working in refugee camps, are of a more serious and debilitating variety than the more 'normal' wounds sustained by more 'normal' missionaries. Some of these folks sound like Viet Nam vets.

Wrote one vet, "The border did some hidden things to us endless numbers of people needing attention the shelling a team member abducted at gunpoint; three killed in the rescue attempt massive corruption and diversion of drugs a boy killed by a grenade just near our house new team members upset about a 'too restrictive video policy.'" That was life on one border. Other factors contributing to the wounding included: close and cramped living quarters, sickness, loneliness, insufficient pastoral care and unaccustomed continual heat.

Is it any wonder that these 'heroes of the faith,' come home bearing dreadful pain? We have met a few recently and there have been some good healing times - especially at Renewal Camps.

Are you a border vet? If so, what do you think of a gathering of vets sometime a year or two from now? Let's call it Camp Borderline. Would you write and let us know your thoughts? Who would you like as a speaker? Where? When? Write to Peter & Donna Jordan. (Address on page 1)





From Ed's Heart

Aviation has always been in my blood. One of my earliest memories, around age three in China, was hearing, then seeing, a droning old naval airplane winging its way overhead. The wonderment never left me. It was undoubtedly enhanced when I was eleven, by viewing through my window, several aerial battles to the death, between the Japanese and U.S. Air Forces near Shanghai, China. (But that's another story!)

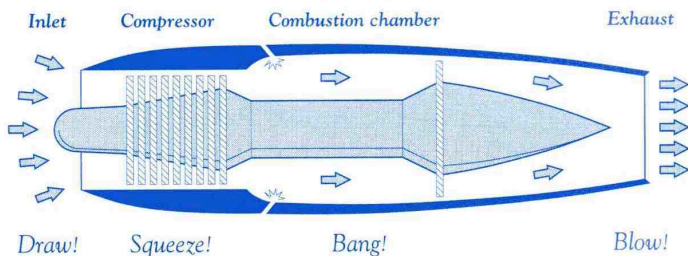
I wound up flying jets in the Canadian Air Force, then light transports in the Navy. (To complete the 'triple,' I was also in the Army, but that too, is another tale.)

Given my interest in things that fly, I tend to relate many of life's experiences to what happens to objects that can "slip the surly bonds of earth."* So when I think of a YWAM DTS, I think of a jet engine. A jet engine? Very simple.

A jet engine basically does only four things -

1. It **draws** in vast quantities of air
2. which is **squeezed**, then combined with
3. fuel and flame, and the resultant **explosion**
4. **thrusts** the airplane forward.

Here's what the inside of a jet engine looks like-



Well YWAM's DTSs are a bit like that. Lots of people are drawn to them. Many might say that they feel squeezed at some point (mind you, a good kind of squeezing, generally!). Then a fire is lit - the fire of "knowing God and making Him known." This fire in the heart, provides a large part of the thrust of YWAM's missionary outreach.

Then one day, comes separation; the realization that one has been violently thrust out into a cold and often uncaring world.

This can be difficult. Like a particle of air expelled from a jet engine, the departing missionary may feel cold, disoriented and 'left behind.' Meanwhile the YWAM airplane is a few thousand miles across the sky, roaring on to fulfill its mandate to reach the entire world. And sometimes there is little or no communication from the very ones who have 'taken you through' the jet engine. Relationships that were dear, often dissolve like vapor trails in the stratosphere.

We'd like to think that YWAM Associates can, in a small way, keep the relationship going - just for the sake of the relationship. Through IN TOUCH, Renewal Camps and the House of Peace, we want to be a support and an encouragement to those who once served and gave of their time, effort and resources, to help provide thrust for the YWAM jet.

Peter ("Ed") Jordan, Editor

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* from "High Flight"
by John Gillespie Magee

THE SHEPHERD'S HEART



Jim Dawson

ARE YOU FULFILLING YOUR DESTINY?

I want to talk to former YWAMers who left the mission with their vision unfulfilled. Your original dream of spending your life involved in mission enterprise, somehow didn't materialize. You were sure you were called of God to serve Him in YWAM, and for a while you did. But . . .

I hasten to add that I am in no way presuming that you left YWAM out of the will of God, or that you are out of His will now. But my question is, are you sure that what you are doing, is now part of fulfilling your God-ordained destiny? Each of us has one. Let's look at an example of change in Paul's life.

In Acts 16:7 we're told that he "attempted to go to Bithynia," but on the way was diverted by the Holy Spirit to Troas. Paul's vision was for Bithynia, but God had a greater ministry opportunity for him to discover in Troas. It was at Troas that Paul had the dream of a man from Macedonia, begging him to come over and help them. This was no small thing. Paul understood that it now meant taking the gospel from Asia to Europe and eventually to the whole western world. The course of church history took a dramatic turn as Paul obeyed.

Is it possible that where you are now is a 'stop-over' (like Paul's Troas), related to the fulfillment of your original dream? Could God now want to fulfill your vision by giving you a re-entry 'Macedonian call' into YWAM, or some other mission?

Your destiny could hinge on your prayerful consideration of these questions.

Acts 20:24 " . . . nor do I count my life dear to myself, but so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTORS . . .

It's almost 20 years since our first YWAM experience - a 1976 Leadership Training Seminar in Kona, Hawaii. Two generations of our family have been touched by the Lord as He taught us fresh spiritual principles through men and women of God; as He prepared us for ministry by breaking into our lives and changing us while we learned, applied and then taught others.

After all the rich teaching and training we've received, we sometimes wonder what the Lord is doing in *your* life? We hear bits and pieces from many of those with whom we served. But imagine will you, what it's like to try and locate, and then keep in touch with the hundreds of thousands who have had brief or long-term involvement in the mission.

It's a real challenge for Peter and Donna and their staff as they search the world over for each one who has served in YWAM, in order to serve them, by encouraging them in their present circumstances.

How can we all help? By keeping 'in touch' in our prayers and our support; and by being a link to those who need to be in touch, by sending in their names and addresses. Once a YWAMer, always a YWAMer, because of what the Lord has put within our hearts. "His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness is to all generations."

Dale & Evie were part of the first Crossroads DTS in 1978; then they led one in 1982. Their two sons, Dave & Tom also spent several years in YWAM. Now living in Arkansas and directing Crown Ministries International (Christian videos), the Buehrings are active in their community. Evie serves as the Arkansas Coordinator for Lydia Prayer Fellowship. Dale and Evie recently joined our Board of Directors.



Evie and Dale Buehring