


## FISHING IS CATCHING

 In two separate occasions - after frustrating fishless nights - Jesus told His fishermen disciples to try again. Once He simply told them to cast their nets "on the other side."

Both times they were hugely successful as they changed the way they did things and followed the Master's instructions.

In this 'decade of change,' YWAM too, is going through changes, often spoken of as a paradigm shift (a fancy way of saying that we'll be doing things differently).

This means a re-orientation of the ways we apply our strategies in Evangelism, Training and Mercy Ministries. I believe that these changes are instructions from the Lord, and that they also apply to you as a 'former' YWAMer, both in how you are perceived and in how you see yourself.

What does this mean to you? Simple definitions of the three strategies might be, *Telling people about Jesus, Teaching people God's ways and Helping needy people in practical ways.* Telling, Teaching, Helping; each a demonstration of the gospel. If these become your motivation for why you do what you do, they can be applied as a value to every part of society that you touch. 'Casting your net on the other side,' then becomes, 'Go into the world of education, business, etc., and Tell, Teach, Help.

I see you not as a recipient of newsletters and updates; I see you as part of a sleeping giant, the largest ministry in YWAM (well over one million have

served). This giant is not more active, because there needs to be paradigm shift in the way it sees itself.

Imagine one million people worldwide, motivated to Tell, Teach and Help, all involved in their own 'arena' of society as plumbers, doctors, typists, carpenters, musicians and so on. You are part of that giant, you haven't left YWAM - your arena has changed. If you only 'cast your net' through the formalized strategies of evangelism, training and mercy ministries, then you'll catch very little. But if you 'cast your net on the other side,' if you Tell, Teach and Help in whatever you're doing, you'll catch plenty. Remember, fishing is catching.

Finally, I'd like to hear how you are doing, what's happening in your 'arena.' After all, you outnumber YWAMers 100 to 1. You are the net, you are the other side of the boat and you are still in the mission.



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his home, along with Sonia his wife and their two children, in Auckland, the largest Polynesian city in the world.

### Dear Ed...

*I'm always touched by the many letters I receive. Most are encouraging, but a few challenge me deeply. Read on for a small sampling from my mailbag. Ed*

*"I always look forward to InTouch and enjoy it from cover to cover... But... the last one's cover article, a good one, featured Paul & Peggy with Chad & Sean, but no last name! I searched and searched, thinking I knew Paul's last name (is it Cain?)."*  
 Mary Swirsky, USA

*Dear Mary, No, it's not Paul Cain: I thought EVERYBODY knew Paul Hawkins! Truth is, it's my mistake, blush, blush, sorry... Ed*

*"InTouch is so full of encouraging articles, with the right word at the right time... meeting needs in my life... praise God for this inspiring communication of God's love."*  
 Rosemary Pettit, South Africa

*"Thanks for continually sending InTouch. I usually let them sit around and sometimes never open them. (Ouch! That hurts... Ed.) After reading the last one, I feel a sense of belonging to YWAM again."*  
 Name withheld to save embarrassment!

*"Every time InTouch arrives, it's like taking a plane trip to visit friends - last time it was to the Hawkins family... thanks for your continued input into my life."*  
 Joy Barker, England



Dear Ed continued...

"Thanks heaps for keeping us in touch... my DTS was such a blessing. I'm studying nursing at Uni and get my degree late this year. I've often thought of going to a Renewal Camp - a great way to finish off 1996 and start 1997." Sonya Richter, Australia

"It was a very nice surprise when I started receiving InTouch... it really makes me feel cared for." Felor, Estonia

"I always look forward to reading InTouch because it's personal, witty, challenging and uplifting. It's neat to have a publication that's not pushing any product or service. Would you sign me up as staff for the Lunar DTS?" Peter Bruun, New Zealand

And now, excerpts from two aching letters, names withheld...

"Whenever InTouch comes, I dread opening it... Paul (Hawkins) asked a lot of questions (about how we're doing)... can I have his address? At the beginning of my DTS I enjoyed the teaching... but the outreach was the worst time of my life."

"Thank you for faithfully sending InTouch... We left YWAM (in the mid-80s), the Lord gave us grace and we were very successful in all that we did, until the day when (my wife) all of a sudden left and divorced me... listing all my character deficiencies. In several points she was right and I repented with all my heart, but she would not change her mind. The Lord is changing me through these difficulties and pressures."

### PROFOUND & PITHY

"I've been reading the Bible a lot; now I'm letting the Bible read me."

Recreation  
+ Relaxation  
+ Renewal

= InTouch Renewal Camps

(See Insert for more info)

Dear Friend,

I write to you the way Paul wrote to the saints in Philippi, *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart...* (Phil 1:3-7, then on to verse 11).

In early May I had a dream. The Spirit of God spoke clearly to my spirit, "The ministry of YWAM Associates International is to help My people fulfill My vision for their lives, through encouragement." Not man's vision, but God's vision.

I am so encouraged as I travel the world, to hear how former YWAMers are influencing their nations for God, just as we've been taught in YWAM - and Jesus himself said, Go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matt 28:19-20)

And you're doing it!

Early this year when I was in Samoa, I spent time with four pastors and their wives, all of whom had been through YWAM schools. One couple, Pastor Tino & Mine Pase baptized 25 from their church while I was there in the village of Nu'uli. I met with a large group of former YWAMers and we prayed for and encouraged one another. A woman named Tai is leading intercession groups in her home. Tala, a graduate from the Early Childhood course at University of the Nations in Kona, is heading up a huge preschool. These ones are influencing their nation through the church, the home and education.

Next I went to Tonga, where I met Meleana who is having tremendous influence in the education system of her nation; she is teaching teachers how to hear the voice of God. She said to me, "Jesus is the only answer for education, and when teachers know how to hear from God, they'll know what each child needs." Peni Finau, a dear brother and the former leader of YWAM Tonga, is now pastoring and

# A LETTER FROM DONNA

Donna's Corner has expanded to Donna's Page. She'll be back in her Corner next time! Ed

taking teams from his church out into missions.

Many former YWAMers have positions of influence in their nations and communities. Lynda Prince, of Canada's First Nations, is the elected Tribal Chief of her people, the Carrier-Sekani of British Columbia. She is frequently in Canada's capital, representing her people to the federal Government; and I know she administers her chiefly duties in righteousness and justice.

Tom & Mindy Buehring are serving as youth leaders in their church near Seattle. Tom is now also an influence in the media; he is a sports announcer for NorthWest Cable News, covering the three U.S. states of Oregon, Idaho and Washington.



Gwenda Loong



Tino & Mine Pase

In Singapore, Gwenda Loong is Director and General Manager for all of South East Asia, for a large company doing business worldwide. Her influence is in the high-powered world of business. Yet

she finds time to organize and prepare for our Renewal Camps in that region.

I could go on and on sharing how you, as YWAM associates, are affecting nations. So, don't throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay. But My righteous one will live by faith. (Heb 10:35-38)

I, and many others, are so grateful for all that you've given to the mission - in time, energy, giftings and resources; but we are also blessed and encouraged by the way you are affecting your nation for the Kingdom of God, through society's seven mind-molders: Business, Media, Education, Family, Church, the Arts and Government. No matter what you turn your hand to, you can influence your nation for the Kingdom, be it raising children, driving a taxi or serving as a waitress. Remember,

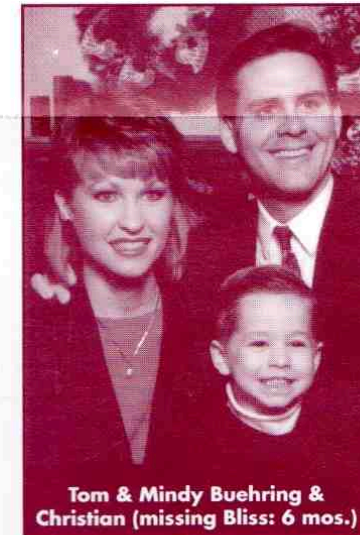
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Col 3:23-24)

Peter and I, our Staff and Board of Directors, want to know if you will partner with us as we attempt to encourage former YWAMers, particularly those who struggle to find their place after being in missions. There are somewhere between one and two million people who have served long or short term in YWAM. Currently we mail out 16,000 copies of InTouch to people in almost 100 countries around the world. You are one of those. How do we 'find' all the others so that we may serve them? Here's how you can help:

1. Comb your address book and send us names and addresses of your friends who served in YWAM. Keep your ears open -

every time you meet someone who was in the mission, ask them for their address. You never know, someone living on your street or in your apartment building, may have served - it happened to us four years ago. The couple living in the apartment downstairs crewed on the Anastasis!

2. We've had 22 miracles of provision over the last eight years - one for each edition of InTouch. It costs an average of US .70c per copy printed and mailed anywhere in the world. That's just over \$11,000 per edition, three times a year. Now we feel the Lord is asking us to actively seek help;



Tom & Mindy Buehring & Christian (missing Bliss: 6 mos.)

will you help us? Will you ask the Lord? It's His ministry and we're simply trying to be obedient because we love Him and we love you. (See the Partners card enclosed for some ways you can get involved.)

3. Renewal Camps are great vacations and a real encouragement to those who come. Some associates bring their friends and family (including non-YWAMed spouses!). At one camp in Sing-

apore, a woman brought her parents and her Dad gave his life to Jesus! So consider coming to a camp this year. I'd love to see you there!

4. Intercede for this ministry and also for all those 're-entering' from missions.

Finally, I would like to say that we need you and would love to have a response.

Love & Blessings,

Donna Jordan



## ...More from the Mail Bag

Dear YWAM Associates,

Thanks for InTouch, which we just received. We had read the book Re-Entry just prior to leaving Guatemala in late '94, and had often wondered how to get in touch with other former YWAMers, so it was a great surprise to hear from you.

We left our field of service for various reasons, and the last year and a half since we got home, has been a jumble of emotions and difficult adjustments. Our three kids have probably adjusted better and less painfully than we have.

We miss Guatemala, our friends and the activities we loved so much - and nobody really understands. We went from a lifestyle where our relationship with God seemed so intimate and moment-by-moment, to wondering where He went and why He stopped speaking to us. Yes, there's our church home, our terrific pastor and the brethren who welcomed us. Yes, there's our families, who have done everything possible to ease our adjustment and help us 'make it.' And God has blessed in amazing ways, and has never stopped providing for us. The 'blessing' stories could go on forever.

So why has it been so hard? We don't know. We spend countless hours wrestling with this issue. Having the Lord and each other has helped us to get through the rough times. Surely, being 'in touch' with a larger family of brothers and sisters who can relate to our struggles will be an added help.

Can you send us more information on the Renewal Camp in Kona? We'll send along names of other former YWAMers. Thank you again!

Que Dios les bendiga,

Jeff & Elizabeth Lyons (Malia, Stephen & Daniel), Honolulu, HI, (YWAM Guatemala, 1990-94)



## RECONCILIATION

We all need to be reconciled; man to God, man to man, husband to wife, parents to children, people group to people group... and on and on it goes.

One of the longest-standing unreconciled wounds on the earth, is as a result of the Medieval Crusades nine centuries ago. Thousands of well-meaning 'Christians,' making incredible sacrifices, tried to take back Jeru-salem from the 'infidel' Muslims, slaughtering them - and Jews - indiscriminately.

Something is being done to correct this. Over the next three years, and culminating in July 1999, the 900th anniversary of the capture of Jerusalem, thousands of Christians will be retracing the steps of the Crusaders. Instead of the sword they will bring the Spirit; instead of death, life; instead of the fist, they will present the open hand of healing, offering sorrow and repentance for what misguided men did when they corrupted the true message of Christ. This initiative is being coordinated by Lynn Green, YWAM's field director for Europe, the Middle East & Africa.

Participants in small groups, will move along the old Crusade routes, taking a week or two to contribute to the overall peace walk. *For more info write: Reconciliation Walk, Highfield Oval, Harpenden, Herts, England AL5 4BX.*

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House of Peace



## WHO'S IN THE HOUSE?

Our most recent staff blessing is Helen McLaughlin, returning to YWAM after eleven years, most of which time she spent in obtaining a degree. She joined YWAM first in Europe in 1977, then moved to Kona for five years, and finally to Hong Kong for one year. Her ministry is hospitality (minoring in office), and she expects to be with us for at least one year.

Helen joins Lilo Ainuu, Dan & Diane Dyck and Laurie Jordan, our other staff. We are blessed too, with others who regularly give of their time and gifting in accounting, computers and many other areas. These include Victor Kwee, Mark & Rebekah Lee and Wrenetta Sinclair.

And then we have all those who pitch in with us at our ILS (InTouch Lick 'em & Stick 'em) parties three times a year. We are truly blessed!



Helen McLaughlin

## ...AND FINALLY, A FEW WORDS FROM ED

Recently I was at an evening get-together of about 60 former YWAMers in Sydney, Australia. After we had eaten sumptuously, we watched Global Perspectives, the excellent 30-minute video newsmagazine that is produced quarterly. It contains news and reports from all over the YWAM world and is enhanced by the use of all the modern techniques we take for granted when we watch television.

Having seen this particular edition before, I watched the watchers. As I expected, people jumped, exclaimed and even squealed when they saw a face they recognized. What I wasn't prepared for, was tears. True, one or two of the items compassionately dealt with in the video, would naturally evoke tears from some. But I think I noticed tears of nostalgia too, tears from memories, tears of sadness and tears of lost dreams. Maybe some tears of unfulfillment. Loose ends. Unfinished business.

Later we went around the large room sharing. Sharing with each other our YWAM experience, how many kids we have, what we're doing now. Just simple stuff. Some laughter and more tears. It was a very moving and precious time.

Then, as I drew the meeting to a conclusion, I did something I had never done before. I don't know how it came to me, but I would have to say it was the Holy Spirit, because it was a new thought. I thanked them.

Thanked them on behalf of YWAM for their time, energy, sacrifices, resources. All that they had invested in the mission. It was a God-anointed moment. You could have heard a hair drop.

Such a simple thing, to say, "Thank you." Yet, I believe God brought healing to some hurting hearts that evening in Sydney.

So, thank you too, for your part in making this mission go. If you have 'loose ends,' may they - with God's grace - be tied up.

Peter 'Ed' Jordan

