

# IN TOUCH

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**HUMILITY CORNER** - Yes, we get complimenting letters, (blush! blush!)

"I think the first issue of IN TOUCH was outstanding. The more news about YWAM world-wide the better. Keep up the good job and keep me IN TOUCH."

FLOYD McCLUNG, Amsterdam

"Thank you for IN TOUCH. Bless you in your efforts . . . it is so important that this group of people be . . . woven more tightly to the mission."

RICH MACKEY, Mercy Ships

"Thrilled to receive IN TOUCH and announcement of YWAM Associates. What a wonderful vision . . . why didn't someone do this sooner?"

MARY MARGARET & MYRON MUSICK, Chesapeake, VA

"I just wanted to let you know how impressed I am with the first issue of IN TOUCH. What a great idea! You did a super job on the lay-out . . . keep up the good work."

DENNY GUNDERSON, Seattle

"Thanks for the first edition of IN TOUCH! I look forward to receiving future copies, it's an idea whose time has come!"

PETER BRAUN, St. Catharines, ON

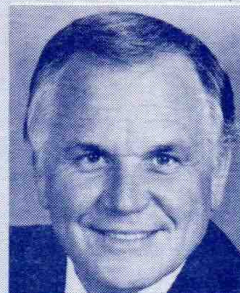
"I think IN TOUCH is fantastic. It really communicates the spirit of what you want to do - to reach out and bless and minister and challenge . . . it's got God's stamp on it."

SARAH LANIER, Amsterdam



FIRST EDITION

Dear YWAM Associate,



LOREN CUNNINGHAM

As you know, YWAM is, and always has been, a SHORT-TERM missions organization. While some are called long-term - others even for life - by far the great majority will serve for weeks or months, then go on as God directs. This is as it should be.

Those of us who remain in YWAM have no shortage of vision - especially for world evangelization! Right now, the great goal before us, and many others, is to complete the Great Commission by the year

2000. It can be done! But where does this leave you who have faithfully followed God into and out of YWAM? Is your part in winning the world over? Were we only interested in you while you were "in the ranks"?

Sadly, our communication has not always been what it might be, as we press on toward reaching the whole world. Perhaps you have felt "forgotten" once your service in YWAM was complete. Nothing could be further from the truth.

For the Great Commission to be completed in the next 10 years, it will require much more than present and future YWAM'ers. It will require the whole Body of Christ to rise up in faith and lay hold of the challenge.

I estimate that hundreds of thousands of people have had involvement with YWAM - from a weekend outreach all the way to those of us who have been around 25 years or more. If so great an army of potential intercessors could be mobilized, think of the effect!

May I ask you a couple of questions? How involved are you right now in your local church? Do you feel cut off from missions? Are you interceding for the nations on a regular basis?

YWAM Associates International is one way of keeping IN TOUCH with you: keeping you informed about missions: but also very importantly, encouraging you to "bloom where you are planted" should that be helpful. It is one way of maintaining our relationship.

We want you to be a faithful member of your local church, not forgetting what God put into you while with us. We need you to remain as part of the "team". Will you?

Together we can do it.

Your friend in Christ,

"Very much like IN TOUCH . . . get it out far and wide . . . news and info is fantastic - former YWAMer's say they miss that the most. Go on from the newsletter to a more personal relationship . . . we have not been good in YWAM . . . highly personal during the schools, then impersonal after. Human beings don't appreciate that!"

TOM & CYNTHIA BLOOMER, Lausanne

"It has been good keeping IN TOUCH. We do bump into YWAMer's out this way now and then . . . God has taken care of us. I'm just really frustrated . . . I haven't done what I wanted to do . . . I miss YWAM. Anyway, I think God has something on the horizon."

NAME WITHELD

"I pray that God will lead you to former YWAM young people and use you to charge them again with the great burden for a lost world. That hundreds of them will stand up and be World Christians and affect the life of their church, their pastors, their classes, and touch the lives of those in the secular world in a powerful way. I believe God wants to work a revival, start a new move, and He knows how to do it. I thank God that you are a part of it."

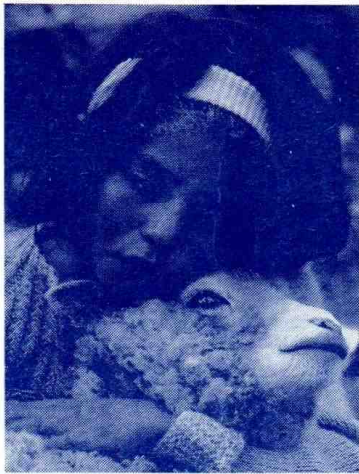
DICK HILLIS, Founder - OC Ministries, Modesto, CA

. . . and to keep things in balance, this came in . . . "I didn't like the bottom of the front page . . . too commercial . . . too confusing . . . not ministry oriented."

NAME WITHELD

We agree.





### ISRAEL SOUTH?

"... springs flowing in the valleys and hills: a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack for nothing; a land where rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills."

Sound like the Promised land? So it is, (Deut. 8: 7-9).

But there's another land that fits this description, half a world and a complete culture away from Israel. It is Chile. Santiago, the capital, is as far south of the equator as Israel is north and their climates are similar.

There are four YWAM Centers in Chile . . .

The main base is located in Santiago. Here three schools function; DTS, School of Biblical Studies (SBS) and a Pre-school. These programs operate on a shoe-string and in the tightest of quarters - a hundred people living in a space for thirty-five. But a building program is under way, and if you are a construction worker and available for 2 weeks to 2 months, God will use you in friendly Chile.

The schools have a great need for Spanish Reference Books. And did you know that the average monthly new-home mortgage payment in the U.S. and Canada, would send 3 or 4 Chileans to a DTS - including outreach?

If you would like to help in any of the above ways, write now to:

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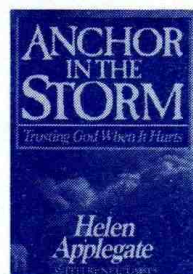
### THIS BOOK'S FOR YOU

A story of struggle and perseverance in the face of insurmountable odds . . . Helen Applegate weaves the true story of how she and her husband Ben, by God's grace, overcame unspeakable personal tragedy; yet for 20 years they held on to the dream God had given them for a ship ministry, a ship that would carry food, clothing, disaster relief and the love of Jesus to needy people all over the world.

Today that dream is being fulfilled. Ben is Captain of the M/V ANASTASIS, YWAM's flagship of Mercy Ministries. And Helen? She is the ship's 'Mom', welcoming guests aboard the true Love Boat, and sharing world-wide her dramatic testimony of how to trust God when it really hurts.

If you've had a relatively hurt-free life, get this book and empathize with those who suffer. If you've suffered through some deep things in your own life, you'll be encouraged by this book. And if you're still suffering, you need this book - it could be the means of leading you out of your 'valley'.

This inspiring book is your for a donation to YWAM Associates. (see order form)



### WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

YWAM Associates is a ministry of Youth With A Mission, for the purpose of keeping IN TOUCH with former YWAMer's. We believe in relationship for the sake of relationship and proceed on the assumption that all who have passed through the ranks of YWAM, want to keep IN TOUCH. We go about this in several ways:

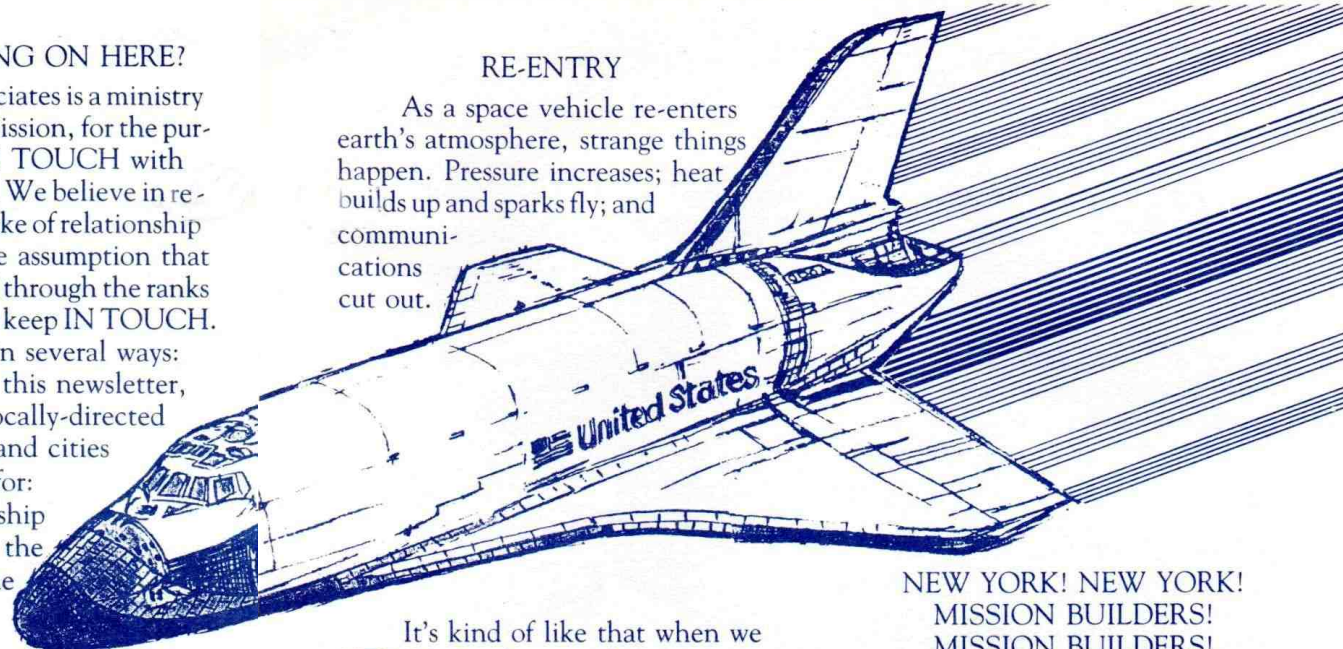
- Distribution of this newsletter,
- Formation of locally-directed 'groups', in towns and cities all over the world for:
  - Praise and Worship
  - Intercession for the local church, the city God has called you to, and missions - especially YWAM
  - News from missions frontlines
  - Local missions involvement
- Organization of regional seminars with YWAM speakers
- Collaboration with Night of Missions
- Dissemination of YWAM (and other) books and tapes

YWAM Associates is a faith ministry and does not charge for vices or materials provided. Donation are gratefully received and tax-deductible receipts will be provided. Receipting will be either from the U.S. or Canada, as appropriate.

A YWAM Associate is anyone who has been in YWAM, long or short-term, or is interested.

### RE-ENTRY

As a space vehicle re-enters earth's atmosphere, strange things happen. Pressure increases; heat builds up and sparks fly; and communications cut out.



It's kind of like that when we YWAMer's - long or short term - re-enter home 'atmosphere'.

Pressure increases as homecoming nears: expectations, perhaps unrealistic, rise with our anticipation of being reunited with friends and loved ones: we're bursting to tell all.

Arrival home may be accompanied by heat and sparks: people don't seem all that interested in our experiences, beyond what sort of weather and food we encountered: we may even start feeling that no-one else has grown spiritually during our absence.

And then to make matters worse, communications cut out. Friends, and even relatives seem to draw back from us. We begin to feel like aliens from another planet. And if that isn't bad enough, our close YWAM friends from the past few months seem to have cut us off too. What is going on?

Friends, we have entered the Tw'YWAM Zone.

David Swarr, who heads up YWAM Richmond, VA, has produced a videotape entitled "Re-Entry: Back from the Tw'YWAM Zone". In it he tells:  how to be fruitful in your local church,  why we should be committed and submitted to local church leadership,  how to build bridges and unity by serving in your local church.

If you would like this video, contact:

David Swarr, YWAM  
Jubilee Center Offices  
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Richmond, VA 23223  
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### NEW YORK! NEW YORK! MISSION BUILDERS! MISSION BUILDERS!

A beautiful hotel facility has just been purchased by YWAM, to be used as the Center for Urban Missions. Located just across from the familiar Manhattan skyline, it is strategically placed to mobilize Christians from New York City, to go into all the world; and to bring Christians from other nations to that desparately needy megalopolis of 18,000,000 souls.

Several of the hotel's nine floors need renovation. If you are skilled in carpentry, plumbing, painting or as a general laborer and can give one or two weeks or more of your time to this project, contact:

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Youth With A Mission  
Box 11064  
Hauppauge, NY 11788  
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### WHELMED & GRUNTLED!

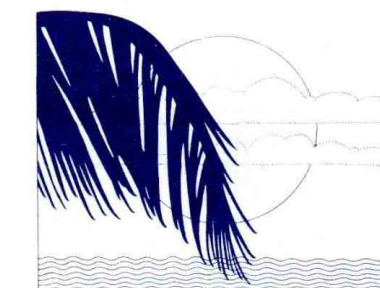
At present YWAM Associates is a Mom & Pop ministry. Mom prays and exhorts, while Pop plans and licks stamps, etc. It has been a whelming and gruntling start and we're thoroughly blessed by the positive response from far and wide.



Peter & Donna Jordan

With many Associate groups starting, and IN TOUCH now on the way to thousands, we're in danger of becoming OVERwhelmed, (but never DISgruntled!) Help is what we need.

Pray with us for:  committed city group leaders - all over the world, so that we'll stay 'personal'  a secretary who can help order our office  God's will for each step as the ministry grows  the 'wherewithal' wherewith to pay bills



### FEEDBACK

In our last issue of IN TOUCH we told of South Pacific Islanders who were finding an open door to work with the Native Peoples of North America. One team is already ministering in B.C. and \$150 was given to them. The other team, comprised of Cook Islanders and Samoans, is preparing to come to North America this summer. As of April \$766 (CND) has been donated to them by readers of IN TOUCH. Thank you.

### Profound & Pithy

Discouragement is the illegitimate child of false expectations.

Is your prayer life fundamental or supplemental? Is it the engine of your car, or the windshield wiper - only needed in a storm?

Discipleship is 90% encouragement.

There are two reason for preaching - to comfort the afflicted, or to afflict the comfortable.

The truth suffers from too much analysis and not enough application.

Faith leaps to the voice of truth and responds to no other sound.

God does not necessarily give us overcoming life, but He does give us life as we overcome.

### PACU DIES! LONG LIVE U OF N!

On June 2nd 1989, YWAM's Pacific & Asia Christian University ceases to exist - in name only. Out of the ashes of the old name - PACU - rises a world-embracing new concept: University of the Nations.

Don't mourn for PACU. Rejoice that God has taken a good thing and made it better. For more information write to:

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A GOOD FIRST  
MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE?  
(or "How was it for you?")

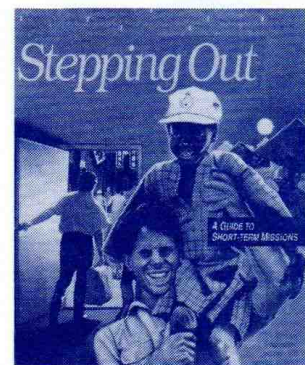
We're told that 25% of those who go short-term, end up as long-termers. It behooves YWAM, and others, to do all we can to make that FIRST missionary experience a good one. Not just so that people will come back for more, but that they will infect others with the missions bug.

Perhaps your first trip to the mission field wasn't all you expected. Maybe it was a disaster. Possibly you're still 'bleeding', or know someone who is.

Hudson Taylor's introduction to missions was rough. It was a good thing he didn't rely on fellow missionaries for encouragement, because they pretty much cut him off. But he persevered and founded the China Inland Mission, whose fruit, to a large extent, we see in today's 50,000,000 Chinese believers.

Another one who had a rotten first term was Dick Hillis, (see Letters column). He went to China with the C.I.M. in 1935, and after a year or two, got so discouraged, he almost quit. Today he is a missionary statesman, having founded a new ministry when China closed down in 1949.

If you still have a bad taste in your mouth from something that happened - or didn't happen and haven't been able to give it to the Lord, would you write and tell us about it? Or perhaps encourage someone else who's still struggling, to contact us. We care.



One way to help ensure a good first short-term experience, is to obtain a book called "STEPPING OUT". A guide to short-term missions, it is aimed at those about to step out for the first time. This manual will prepare the prospect for just about anything (or anybody), to be encour-

The Second Issue

This, the second issue of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Alan Williams, a man of fire and passion - and compassion; a man of steel and full of love for the lost; but most of all a man of God.

On March 3rd, 1988, while teaching in a New Zealand DTS, Alan went jogging and ran right into the arms of his Savior. He had succumbed to a massive heart attack. Succumbing though, was not Alan's style while he lived on this earth. No spiritual challenge was too great for this giant of the faith, who stood all of 5'7" and weighed in at 146 lbs. In his younger, unredeemed days he sometimes tried to prove, with his fists, that he was a match for men much larger!

That was Alan. Once a Christian, nothing and nobody were too great a challenge for this feisty little bantam-weight. The Greek Government even tried to lock him up for giving away a Bible.

Pray all night? - count on Alan.  
Under spiritual attack by the enemy?  
- call for Alan Williams. Need someone to speak prophetically into a situation? - Alan was your man. (His

friends used to joke that when Alan was away from the base, it became a 'non-prophet' organization.)  
He only feared God.



ALAN WILLIAMS

Fay, his precious wife of 27 years, is in ministry at PACU, Hawaii. One thing she is deeply involved in right now, is finishing a book about their life. Started 4 years ago, Fay simply could not end the book - something seemed to be missing. On March 3rd, 1988, the final chapters started coming into focus.

If Alan Williams ever 'touched' your life, Fay would value a letter from you. (c/o PACU, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740)

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