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YWAM ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL • KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

frank Naea is a giant of a man (6'4"), but he's not sleeping. As the incoming President of YWAM, he brings with him some baggage – good baggage, 'carry-on' baggage. Frank is carrying on after Jim Stier, who has more than ably filled the President's office for several years. This role of President, which lasts for 2-4 years, is a vital position; it provides us with young leadership; and it enables Loren Cunningham, the Founder & Chairman of YWAM, to concentrate on his mandate to provide general direction, and as chief spokesman, to motivate believers worldwide into missions.

Pray about coming to Frank's Inauguration Party – it's called a 'Hui', and it'll be in Auckland, New Zealand Aug 31-Sept 4. It'll be a blast – like nothing you have ever experienced – as Frank is ushered into his new position with unique and wondrous expressions of his Maori-Samoan cultural heritage. We'll be there. Will you? Ed

by FRANK NAEA

Last year someone asked me, "How do you view YWAM Associates?"

What occurred to me was that YWAM Associates International is the largest ministry in YWAM. People tend to focus on ministries like Mercy Ships and Kings Kids because of the huge numbers they mobilize annually. A few years ago, we estimated that approximately 2-3 million people have been through our training schools, outreaches or other ministries of YWAM. That's you. That's YWAM Associates. That's the giant.

From a few dozen who came to serve on summer outreaches in the 60s, there are now 12,000 full-time workers in YWAM. If our goal is to have 50,000 full-time workers, that would produce about 10-12

million Associates in a few years. Now that really is a giant!

Over the past few years, God has given us understanding about various arenas of society... Arts, Business, Healthcare, Church, Government, Communications & Education. You may not realize that when you left YWAM, God was placing you in one of those arenas. Who better than you,

the Sleeping GIANT



who knows the mission and its values?

YWAM Associates is a sleeping giant – sleeping because of a lack of definition. It can't be managed like a structure or an organization. It is an *organism* based on relationships, and it needs to know that it has not left the thing that gave it value, identity and merit; but that it is growing and multiplying, cell by cell, and must become aware of its heart, its spirit. Value, merit and identity are why you can meet people from other nations who have a totally different language and culture, yet there is a sameness. It is in the spirit.

In order for you to accept your new identity, you need to let go of who you *think* you were, and take hold of who you *know* you are. There is a process of change. There are three stages involved in change:

1. The end of the old
2. The transition
3. The beginning of the new

The book of Joshua begins, *Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore arise...* Change can take three days or 40 years. Don't be like the Israelites – they wrestled with the transition. For the next 40 years, you could reminisce and live in nostalgia; or if hurt, you could remember the grievances and the love-hate relationships.

Are you yoked together because of the past – or because of what is to come?

You can keep looking back historically, or you can take up the challenge for the new.

You have greater freedom by not being in the YWAM structure.

What is the nature of the new thing that God is calling you to? There is no other group of people like you on the face of the earth. You know where you came from. Do you know where you're going? Jesus multiplies through discipleship, bringing about exponential growth.

If each person who ever served in YWAM was to disciple 12 people, what a growth movement that would be!

The giant will have awakened.

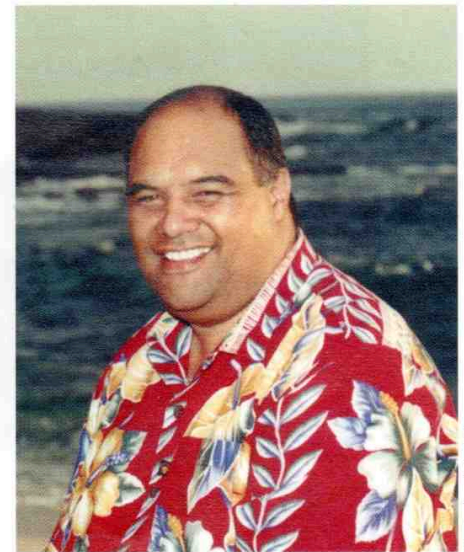


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[when tom bloomer speaks, i listen. ed]

the latest *intouch* was great, as usual, thanks. *except* for one glaring exception, the quote from flannery o'connor in *Profound & Pithy*, "faith is what you have in the absence of knowledge." faith and knowledge are not mutually exclusive! and should never be dichotomized or opposed. if we understand God, then faith becomes the most reasonable way of life. if we grow in true knowledge, the knowledge of God, then our faith should grow also. please, don't set us back 30 years here. thanks.

– tom bloomer, switzerland (p.s. spare capital letters, and conserve electrons!)



I receive your *InTouch* magazine. It helped me a lot! When I walked in the valley, when I got lost, I was encouraged. *InTouch* has only

four pages, but it has God's touch. And it is so sweet, so strong, so wonderful.

– Soochang Lim, Seoul



Responses to Ron Smith's 'Grace' article...

I want to thank you for mailing *InTouch* to me faithfully... the articles are always so full of gracious teaching . . . "The Scandalous Grace of God" [shows that] sometimes serving God becomes such a burden because we come to feel we *have* to do it - even in YWAM, in a living-by-faith context - otherwise we will not be accepted by Him. His Grace is really extravagant!

– Rita Moura, Brazil



Please don't belittle the lessons on obedience that were taught to my generation

of YWAMers (1970s)... I clung to Joy Dawson's teaching (on obedience, etc), and did not turn back from what God had called me to do, despite the loneliness, harassment, scorn and rejection...

– Hazel Bird, Antigua



It was a significant day for me when I was introduced to *InTouch* at a friend's house. I was more than pleased to find that there is a YWAM 'alumni' magazine and even more to read Ron Smith's 'The Scandalous Grace of God.'

– Steve Carder, England

[Steve continued in his long letter, to share how he missed out on grace during his time in YWAM back in the 80s. After two tough years at home, the revelation of grace broke through. Now he is serving amongst the poor and needy – a ministry he first experienced in the favelas of Brazil, while on his DTS outreach. Ed]

Some of our associate Associates...

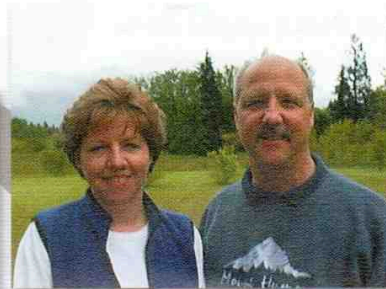
...who help us in a myriad of ways!



Mark & Kirsty Lee, with Jesse, Nicky and new daughter Hayley



Dwight & Bobbie Greiner



Mike & Debbie Adams



Dawn-Michelle Newsham



More of our willing helpers

Thank you!



Cultivating Thankfulness

a precious gold nugget to me is Psalm 50:23, *He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.* It is often a sacrifice to be thankful because we don't always feel like being thankful.

So it has to be a deliberate choice. It costs something. It's precious.

Though we might be sick or having lots of problems, we are to *give thanks in all circumstances.* (1 Thess 5:18) This may seem hard, but God doesn't tell us to do things just for the sake of it, or because He thinks they're a good idea. They're for our good. He wants the very best for us because He loves each one of us. We are the ones who benefit from obeying God and being thankful, even when we don't feel like it.

I love gardening, and it is now Springtime. I often think that our hearts are like gardens where seeds are sown and take root and bear fruit. Gardens that are frequently cultivated, don't allow weeds to grow.

Thankfulness cultivates the soil of our hearts, making it soft and pliable. It is impossible to be thankful while full of the weeds of self-pity, anger, bitterness, complaining, discontent or pride. Thankfulness prevents those weeds from taking root in our hearts. *Above all else guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.* (Prov 4:23) Being thankful is like putting a guard around our hearts.

One Monday morning at our staff meeting we sat around talking about all the things we can be thankful for. God really spoke to me about being especially thankful for the relationships He has given me.

God wants us to learn to be thankful in every situation. One day as I was leaving a large department store, I got thinking about all the lovely things I had seen and the fact that I had no money to buy them. And very clearly I heard God say to me, "Be thankful for what you have and don't dwell on what you don't have."

That old song, 'Count your blessings and it will surprise you what the Lord has done,' rings true. As we cultivate thankfulness in our lives, we give opportunity for God to work *in us* and *on our* behalf, and we prepare the way for Him to move right into our sometimes difficult circumstances. Perhaps He'll change our circumstances; or perhaps He'll change us, so that we can cope with them.

My prayer for each of us is, that like gardens well-cultivated with thankfulness, our lives will produce abundant harvests of good fruit.



Welcome!

Janet Chan, long-time YWAMer from Singapore, has joined our staff family. Among other things, she has taken on our accounting; her heart is for outreach amongst Canada's First Nations people.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

One hundred (100) focused intercessors – see Donna's Corner on page 4

Profound & Pithy

Marriage is not about finding the right person. It is about being the right person.

Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job.

I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.
– Eleanor Roosevelt

A lie has speed; truth has endurance.
– Edgar Mohn

Beware of the half-truth. You may have gotten the wrong half.
– Croft Prentz

Renewal Camps for 2000 – and Beyond!

Restenas, Sweden – July 9 - 15 with Kel Steiner and Donna & Peter Jordan

Riggins, Idaho – **2** Camps! Aug 6-12 featuring Donna Jordan's series, 'Listening to God,' Aug 13-19 Writers (& Aspiring Writer's) Interactive Camp with **3** well-known authors – Geoff & Janet Bengé along with David Hazard. Come to **one** or **both** Camps.

Singapore/Malaysia – October 22-26 with Tamara Winslow

Kona, Hawaii – November 12-18 with Dan Sneed

Matamata, New Zealand – January 7-13, with Dan Sneed

Near Sydney, Australia – January 14-20, with Dan Sneed

Camps hosted by Peter & Donna Jordan

DONNA'S CORNER

You, and millions of other YWAM Associates are called by God to be salt and light, and to be nation-disciplers through one or more of what Loren Cunningham calls, "society's mind-molders." Frank Naea talks about you on Page 1.

We are *all* called to be intercessors – for our leaders, our families, our friends, our neighbors and the lost. We can either be intercessors or accusers. Used mightily by God; or used mightily by the enemy!

Peter and I, along with our staff, are asking the Lord for 100 committed intercessors, who will pray for the ministry of YWAM Associates International; and with whom we will regularly communicate. Everything you and I do should be birthed out of prayer – not out of someone's good ideas.

We need each other. The reason we send you this magazine, is to encourage you.

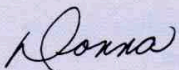
We plan Renewal camps to take you back into the Lord's presence, so you can hear from Him and be renewed.

Peter and I, our staff who live with us, those who help us in other nations, our Board and our Advisors – all of us – need prayer. And now especially, we need it.

I'm sensing it's time to bring in a new generation for this ministry; it was conceived 13 years ago, born in 1988, and has been growing; but there is so much more. God will do it, but we need intercessors to help us as we enter this time of transition. We are the 'spiritual parents,' and have sought to be led by the Spirit of God; now we are praying for a new generation to carry the flag and run the next lap.

Will you ask the Lord if you are to be one of the 100 committed intercessors? If you are, write to me or email me at: ljordan@rapidnet.net

Love & Blessings,



Words Unsaid

before and after Jesus' birth, His mother Mary pondered and treasured the great and mysterious things that were happening to her. In today's world, it is hard to imagine *anyone* keeping *any* supernatural event a secret. Broadcast it, build on it, expand it, become famous on it. Even grow rich on it.

Mary pondered and treasured. Nowadays we tend to blurt out and devalue.

Jesus, when falsely accused at His mock trial, remained silent. Think how easily He could have defended Himself and His reputation. It's hard to imagine Jesus (He who never said anything without checking in with heaven), asking, "Father, give Me the words to demolish these pitiful accusers."

Jesus remained silent before His accusers. The power of silence.

A good friend of mine who once battled with anger in his life, told me that *anger expressed* grows stronger. (*Anger repressed* also gains ground.) Unkind words and bad attitudes spoken out, are fruit from a 'diseased' tree; ...*his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.* (Luke 6:45)

Evidently my heart still harbors some 'disease.' Unkind words still leap from my mouth, usually aimed at the ones I love most – a sure sign that some rottenness remains. There are so many words I would like to have back!

Let me hasten to say that there are many times when we *should* speak out – but don't. Fear, disobedience, hesitation and unbelief can all stop up our mouths. But perhaps there's a kind of silence that is 'golden.'

Recently I was in a gathering of spiritual leaders – nothing to do with YWAM – when I felt like the Lord gave me a 'word' to share with the group. Not being the quickest arrow in the quiver, I pondered it, weighed it, thought about it, and decided, yes, this is from the Lord and needs to be spoken out.

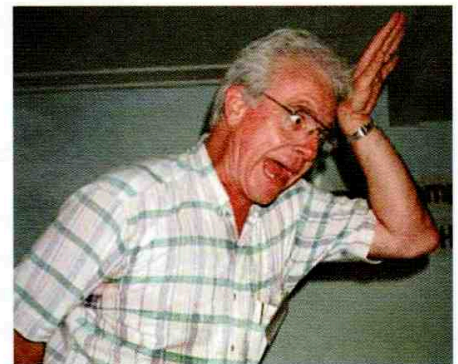
By the time I was ready to seize the moment, somebody changed the subject and the moment passed by, unseized. I was disconsolate, and sat there stewing in condemnation over my hesitation to speak out. My pride was hurt; these people needed to hear *my* word from the Lord; why did they move on so fast? How insensitive of them!

Realizing my wrong attitude, I repented and then a strange thing happened. I sensed the Lord say, "Give it back to Me. It *was* from Me, and it was more precious unsaid." Lord, what are you trying to teach me? And the answer came back, "Listening to My voice is even more precious than speaking My words."

Wouldn't you know it? Much later in that meeting, that subject came up again and I felt a nudge by the Holy Spirit. It was time to speak.

Mary pondered. Jesus stayed silent. Can we can learn from that? A word from the Living God is a most precious thing; speaking it out from a wrong heart motive or in the wrong timing will rob it of its value.

Those who talk much, say nothing. *In quietness and trust is your strength.* (Is 30:15)

What's Ed up to? Most creative answer wins...