

# INTOUCH

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## Is There Life After YWAM? Graham Kerr

**W**ell really . . . is there? After almost three years, we can raise a somewhat tattered standard and weakly cry, "Yes". In rash moments we might even mutter, "Hallelujah!"

YWAM is warm, wonderful, intense, and committed, so unlike any other day-to-day Christian experience, that leaving, is like charging into deep snow directly from a sauna. Perhaps from a spiritual perspective it's actually worse.



GRAHAM AND TREENA

Treena and I missed the prayer support very much. In YWAM we prayed about everything and listened to God and to each other. To use another analogy, it was like jumping out of a burning building into a fireman's circular net, held by very dear friends. When we left YWAM, it felt like looking down and seeing only a

couple of mildly supportive figures - holding just one side of the net!

It wasn't all that difficult, because we had learned the principles of listening to God for direction, and we continued to press in as a couple. What was difficult, and this was a battle zone for which we were totally unprepared, was the return to the 'commercial life'.

We had absorbed and believed - and still do - that God owns everything and that nothing for a Christian, is 'secular'. Our problem arose in the way we applied this truth!

In our involvement with TV and Radio, we attempted to use every subversive opportunity to sow good seeds, and prayed constantly to be good witnesses. Our 'hidden agenda' clashed with the media's policy that JESUS has become an important commercial opportunity. It's not that the media is hostile to the Gospel, it is simply that Jesus has become good business for them!

After many, many months of pressured misunderstandings, we had a major breakthrough. By

switching our commitment to being the best of servants in our given task, and leaving the work of evangelism to the Holy Spirit's prompting within us, we have become far more effective in both our

witnessing and in our commercial work.

So, I would say, be very good servants to whomever you serve, and pray for the Holy Spirit to keep you sensitive to those who are ready to receive the gift of life. Work well with your local church as an encourager to others.

Just one last note . . . we've maintained our close

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### Pacific Island Team Update

## Second Wave of Missions



**S**oon after white missionaries evangelized the Cook Islands more than 150 years ago, islanders went from those shores to other island nations. That first wave of radical missionaries did not last long and it has been decades since Cook Islanders have thought of themselves as a missionary sending nation.

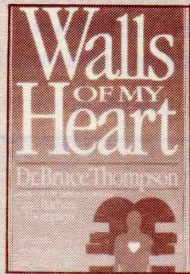
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# Check these out!

## **A Missionary Training School in Your Church?**

- \* Have you ever wondered how your church could train and send a team of their own on a short-term mission?
- \* Have you ever wanted to find special training for your church that would emphasize "mission-minded" discipleship?
- \* Have you ever wished your church could be vitally linked with missions organizations and outreaches worldwide?

## **This Book's For You!**



"And the walls came tumblin' down", might be the background music to this new book by Dr. Bruce and Barbara Thompson. Dr. Bruce is Dean of the College of Counseling and Health Care at University of the Nations, and his teaching and ministry have been embraced by literally thousands - in and out of YWAM.

Now comes the book, the compilation of his teaching on 'The Divine Plumbline'. Derek Prince says, "With a physician's sure touch in 'Walls of My Heart', Dr. Thompson dissects the deepest problems of human personality. But this serves as a merciful prelude to healing and restoration."

This premium book is yours for a donation - see Order Form.

Then the Mission Bridge concept is what you've been looking for!

If you're serious about this, we'll send you the Mission Bridge manual (US \$4.50 value) **free** because we so believe it holds the answers to the questions posed above. (You might throw in a dollar for postage.) See order form.

## **Join Mylon Lefevre & Broken Heart's Big World Tour**

300 - 400 counselors needed for mass concerts in Manila, Philippines Jan. 3 - 14, 1990. A great outreach opportunity! For tour registration call: (612) 522-0860 or 1-800-45-MYLON (except in 612 area). YWAM Manila also involved.

## **20 Hours a Week for Missions**

InterVarsity Missions is looking for volunteer Regional Missions Counselors - including experienced former YWAM'ers - who can provide answers to college and university students' missions-related questions. Most contact will be by phone and all expenses incurred in counseling will be reimbursed.

Approved applicants will attend a training workshop, probably in Madison, WI, all expenses paid. Here's an opportunity to serve the whole Body of Christ, putting to good use your missions experience.

For a Job Description and further information, write to: Bill Leick, InterVarsity Missions, 6400 Schroeder Road, Box 7895, Madison, WI, 53707-7895.

## Profound & Pithy

It takes courage to give up what you are, in order to become what God wants you to be.

*What has money got to do with the will of God?* (Joy Dawson, Dec 2, 1985)  
Fish and houseguests smell after three days. (Old Chinese proverb)  
*The devil may not be able to kill you, but he'll sure take the credit if you destroy yourself through sin and wrong choices.*

True giving and forgiving have this in common: both the gift and the offense **must** be forgotten.

*Love talked about is easily brushed aside.  
But love demonstrated is irresistible.*

The road to hell is paved with Honorable Mentions

## Second Wave

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Thanks in no small part to readers of IN TOUCH, who provided half of their airfares, the Second Wave of missions is rolling. Four 'Cooks' and their Samoan leader Vaeluaga, joined by one 'palangi' (white person), are now ministering in Native Indian reserves in B.C., Canada and being wonderfully welcomed. They spend a good part of their time living right in the reserves, developing one-on-one relationships and discipling those who want more of the Christian walk. One young Native Canadian, led to the Lord by Vaeluaga and some Maoris a year ago, has joined the team and is hoping to go to a DTS - in the Islands!

A Wycliffe couple who has labored for 28 years among these Native Canadians, has taken the team under their wings, and is thrilled at the rapid progress being made. What's ahead? More teams planting permanent works: Native Indians attending DTS's and then becoming cross-cultural missionaries themselves. How about this? North American Indians to India!

## Sacrifice

Bob Fitts at his best



Bob's latest album, features nine of his new songs, including "Is that really You, O Lord?" written in honour of Loren Cunningham; "Sacrifice", wonderful lyrics about Abraham and Isaac; plus "Good Good Lord", "Let all Creation Sing", and "Holy Lamb of God" to mention just a few. To obtain this for a donation, see the Order Form.

## Your Turn

"It was neat to be remembered . . . my stay in YWAM for 2½ years was unforgettable . . . I received full acceptance that has ministered healing from the scars of rejection, hurt, bitterness and confusion . . . I long to go back to YWAM in His right time."

DEOGRACIAS MACHITAR,  
Philippines

"Greetings from Down Under . . . thanks for IN TOUCH - a great idea . . . I left YWAM last year intending to just take a break after 8 years. But as I started to settle a little, the Lord began to lead in a very unexpected direction . . . to stay put and sink my efforts into a local church. Re-entry was not a totally pleasant experience, but none-the-less profitable in my walk with the Lord . . . I had to mature on my own, without friends all moving in a common direction."

ROSALYN FITZGERALD, Australia

"Thank you for IN TOUCH. We just received it and enjoyed reading it from cover to cover . . . may the Lord bless YWAM Associates."

JON and BECKY BENEDICT,  
Yokahama, Japan

"Your heart for people can be felt in the news bulletin IN TOUCH . . . thank you . . ."

WENDY MAHBERT, India

"Desejo receber uma assinatura do jornal IN TOUCH."

DEBORA DA SILVA, Brazil

"I returned to Sarawak to work with my church . . . was sad to leave YWAM, but the Lord confirmed it was right . . . my work involves setting up new churches and

training local native workers . . . I am pastoring the church we planted in 1987 as well as 6 longhouse churches along the main river . . . I have a 20 year old girl working with me . . . should you feel the Lord leading you to send a team to help us, feel free to contact me!"

GEOK LIAN ONG, East Malaysia

"I was greatly encouraged as I read this second edition of IN TOUCH. I don't know who gave you my name, but God bless them! For nine years I was with YWAM, nine great years, and one of the hardest things about being out is no communication with YWAM as a whole."

SHERI MAGNESS, Philadelphia, PA

"THANK YOU ever so much for the ministry and service you are doing for us. We really appreciate IN TOUCH - it keeps us challenged and informed. God bless you!!!"

AGNES and SVEIN LID, Norway

"We were so thrilled to hear that we aren't the only ones in the Tw'YWAM Zone. It is two years now since we completed our DTS and we are still waiting, somewhat impatiently, for God's leading to send us back to the mission field. We are finding it extremely difficult to find those who can relate to the enthusiasm we have for missions. Therefore being IN TOUCH is a great blessing to us. I believe God wants all ex-YWAM'ers to know that we haven't been forgotten in His plan. Thank you for being obedient to His will."

GLEN and JUDY MICKELSON,  
Canmore, AB

"IN TOUCH" is really superb . . . always excited to hear more about YWAM's activities . . . after a 3-week outreach in '87, I'm off to Kenya for my DTS."

SUSIE MAPLEDORAM, England

## Donna's Corner

"REMEMBER the words that were spoken beforehand" Jude 17



It's only what we do for Jesus that will last  
Our chief purpose in life is to glorify God  
Relationship is the motivation to hear God's voice

A YWAM'er (or former YWAM'er), is one who:

- \* hears from God
- \* has faith to believe what He says, and
- \* is obedient to do it . . . that's all!

Are you recognized as having been with Jesus? (Acts 4:13)

### Announcing

## University of the Nations

(formerly Pacific & Asia Christian University)



DARLENE AND LOREN CUNNINGHAM, HOWARD MALMSTADT, DAVID BOYD

What's in a name? A name is an identity. Pacific & Asia Christian University accurately identified a geographical area of focus and ministry, and encompassed all locations in that region of the world. But with campuses and extension schools springing up in Europe and Africa as well as North and South America, the need for a name change became obvious. Consequently, on June 2nd in Kona Hawaii, amidst appropriate festivities, and witnessed by a great gathering of YWAM'ers and local dignitaries, the new carved and gilded University of the Nations sign was unveiled.

Now, in a single university, a student may for example, take a foundational DTS in Uganda, second level courses in Switzerland and England, practical courses in Central and South America, finishing up his studies and obtaining his degree in Hawaii; or any of thousands of other combinations and permutations of courses and locations. Think of the cross-cultural experience encompassed in such an expansive odyssey of missions education!

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relationships with many of our old friends still in YWAM. We pray for them and support them financially . . . it feels so good to know that when they look out of their 'burning building' in some remote difficult place, they will see our upturned faces saying, "Jump!"

Yes . . . there is life after YWAM!

## IN TOUCH

Is published 3 times a year.

Pray with us as we prepare for the December - March issue.

Editor/Writer - Peter Jordan

## The Third Issue

This, the third issue of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Joe Ito. That is not his real name, and you shall see why.

I travelled with Joe on a mobile team, soon after his six-month stint in YWAM, during which the Lord had done wonderful things in his life. After DTS, God had called him to full-time ministry in his home church. Now he had taken a few weeks leave to travel with us on the mobile team.

Athletic and musical, Joe had a great love for Asians, planning to return as a missionary to the Far East location of his DTS outreach. But that was not to be. Coursing through his veins, lurked a silent, deadly assassin. Joe was an

unknowing host to the lethal AIDS virus.

Our mobile team concluded its ministry and we all went our separate ways. When next I heard of Joe, he was in hospital with pneumonia - the killer had come out of hiding and the word was out. Then we met unexpectedly at a wedding. (Question: "Is it OK to hug someone with AIDS?" Answer: "You'd better!") He asked if we could talk. Sadly, we never got together.

News came that Joe was back in hospital. Upon calling, I was informed that he had been

released, his whereabouts unknown.

What transpired next came to me from a friend who visited Joe, by now at home with his loving family, awaiting the inevitable outcome of the withering plague. When asked what he would share with a group of people given the opportunity, Joe gave a clear reply: "To Christians, 'holiness is no option': and to unbelievers, 'there are no riches like the ones that are in Jesus.'"

Hours later, Joe passed into the presence of his Savior, to enjoy those eternal riches.

## Y W A M NEWS Roundup

### Jamaica Reconstruction Team

Hurricane Gilbert left 500,000 homeless in Jamaica . . . YWAM's IMPACT team from U of N built 20 homes and even more relationships . . . the local churches took the initiative, deciding who would receive a house . . . by the end of the project, ten young Jamaican men with no construction skills, were able to build a 12' x 16' home by themselves.

### Congratulations!

Don Stephens, Director of Mercy Ships, was recipient of the "Two Hungers" award, which goes to the individual whose ministry does the most in a year to meet the world's physical and spiritual needs. Previous recipients include Jerry Falwell and Ben Kinchlow.

### "Project Vunayasi" in Fiji

A 12-acre cane farm is being purchased by YWAM Fiji as a U of N extension campus . . . in addition to the current DTS, there will be a school of Frontier Missions and later a Community Development School . . . this property will be a launching pad for Pacific Islanders to be trained and released into missions world-wide . . . total price is only \$50,000. Would you be part of this project,

in prayer - and financially? YWAM Associates will issue receipts and forward all gifts. For details see Order Form. Thank you.

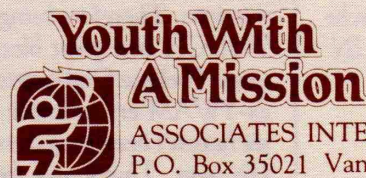
### King's Kids

This year, 12,000 children ministered (and are ministering), in 86 countries of the world. One group gave a concert in front of the Leningrad Museum of Atheism for a

crowd of 500 people! Rad! Another team headlined the Opening and Closing ceremonies before 3000 delegates attending Lausanne 2 in Manila.

### First DTS in Arab Middle East

An Orthodox monastery in Egypt was the locale of this unique school, made up of 27 students, 20 from the Middle East.



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