

inTouch

YWAM ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



Hannah,
our youngest
reader

A Return on God's Investment

Jesus told the story of a master who had to leave on a trip. While he was gone, the master entrusted the care of his possessions to his servant. Unfortunately, the master was delayed on his trip, and the servant began to act up. When the master finally returned and saw what the servant was doing with his possessions, he had the servant punished. In concluding this parable, Jesus said, *From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.* Luke 12:48

When a person invests money in the stock market, in a building project, or in a trust fund – even in a savings account - that person expects to get a return on that investment. They anticipate that their investment will make a profit.

What has God given you as a result of your missions exposure and experience? What has he entrusted to you?

You will have stepped out and walked by faith. In the process, you have seen the reality of God, much like Peter did when he stepped out and walked on the water.

You also have had the unique opportunity of seeing and experiencing things firsthand that others only read about... or see on television. You may have lived in a foreign culture among people who think and act differently than you. As a result, you have changed; you are not the same person you were when you left for the mission field.

What is God's return on all that He has invested in you during your time on the mission field? How can you take the experiences of the mission field and see them multiplied for the kingdom of God? How can you transfer to others in your church what God has invested in you during your time away?

Be an Advocate (one who speaks on behalf of another; pleads for, defends, recommends publicly). You can become an advocate for the people group – or nation – where you have served.

Be Informed. Continue to take an interest in the people with whom you worked while on the mission field.

Be an Intercessor. While on the mission field, you probably felt the reassurance of knowing others were praying for you. The work of the missionary and the work of the intercessor go hand in hand.

Be a Giver. While serving on the mission field, you were probably the recipient of other people's generosity. Once home, one of the best ways to keep your heart tied to missions is through financially supporting other missionaries – and encouraging others to do the same. (*Where your treasure is...*)

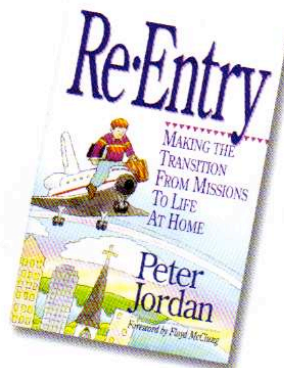
Be Supportive. Missionaries often need people back home to help with their financial matters, to send newspaper clippings, church bulletins, familiar food items, to copy and send out their newsletters - and hospitable people to stay with when they return home.

Be Part of a Missions Board. You will have fresh insights and up-to-the-minute experience and enthusiasm to offer a missions board. (Some churches have their own structure and requirements, so it may not be possible to be a member. However, you can pray for those on the board and offer to serve them in any way they may need help.)

Be a Recruiter. God may have called you home so you can be instrumental in sending ten more people to the mission field to take your place. You can mentor other Christians in how to become a missionary.

Stay Linked. Don't expect too much communication from the people with whom you served. They will continue to grow and change, and understaffing is endemic to missions – (Jesus said so! *The harvest is ripe, but the workers are few...*) You can initiate communication.

God would like to see a return on His investment in you... so be worthy of that investment, and be a **Missionary for Missions.**



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The Challenge of Submission



Here are some provocative thoughts from Margie Limberg of Germany, who wrote 'Fragrant in a Stinky World,' the front page article for inTouch last June...

A few nights ago, my daughter asked me, "When I become a Momma, will I know everything like you know everything?"

That is the thinking of a child. Children think their parents know everything and that kids are expected to obey their parents. With that same reasoning, in the minds of some people, followers are expected to obey their leaders (who must know everything!).

Now, that is *not* the teaching on submission that I heard from Loren Cunningham!

Sometimes the teaching on a submissive heart and attitude was translated by leaders into black and white: you're either submitted or in rebellion. There was little or no room to discuss or ask questions – even in the right attitude. And in some followers, there was a wide-open embracing of the submission principle, just like my daughter, who thought I knew everything – and that I made no mistakes.

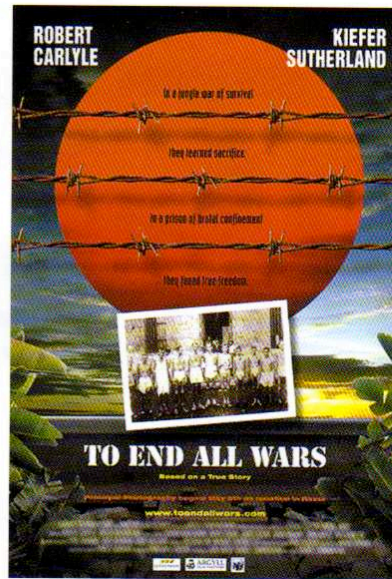
Were we not sometimes too childlike in obeying our leaders? And maybe when the leader shows his or her faults, we respond like teenagers who just discovered that Mom & Dad are flawed and can make mistakes.

I had a difficult experience in YWAM, and it could have hurt me. But being on outreach staff and being so often on my own with a team, I had to dig in and listen to God's voice and instructions, and He led me out of the fire. This is how it happened...

The outreach leader accused me of a major character flaw. I cried out in my heart to the Lord that this was wrong and asked Him how I should respond. The Lord said, "He doesn't know what he's talking about, but you respond rightly anyway." I did what the Lord asked of me, and for the first and only time, I prayed that the outreach would end early. God did it through no action on my part. Although it wasn't easy, I was able to walk away without being burned.

The Lord teaches us to walk through these things as followers; but it is necessary to see that leaders can make mistakes too, and to be able to trust the Lord in the midst of faulty leadership.

Ask the Lord how to respond in the midst of your 'fire.'



To End All Wars – UPDATE –

Last time, we featured this powerful new movie – directed by David Cunningham – about forgiveness, reconciliation and redemption. It will be released August 16 in New York City and Los Angeles, with wider release in September. For details: www.toendallwars.com (If you missed our article, go to www.ywamassociates.com and read all about it. The photos are pretty graphic.)

MARKETPLACE MISSIONARIES

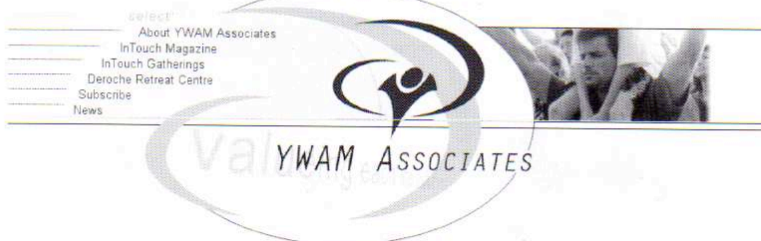
Business professionals from Singapore, who have attended our Camps and Gatherings over the past eight years, were informed by YWAMer Joseph Chean in 1999 about his orphanage ministry in China. To



date, 33 Associates have visited the orphanage which houses 300 children from 13 minority racial groups of that nation. Their mission? Simply to go and serve the children as uncles and aunts in true Asian tradition, playing with them, cooking for them, and teaching them language, songs and games – just plain loving them! During one such visit, 40 children felt the presence of God and received Christ!

Some have contributed practically by helping to fund a farm start-up which will provide food for the orphanage – enough to buy 400 chickens, plus pigs, fish and goats. One businessman Associate funded a tribal home – the House Of Grace – for the orphans of a tribe.

Singapore is a unique city-state, and YWAM Associates Asia, under the direction of Gwenda Loong, is actively partnering with YWAM Singapore in many other outreaches and endeavors to best use Associates' business and professional giftings to serve God.



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✉ I'm writing on behalf of my pastor, Darryl Webb, who is a YWAM Associate. He recently received the review of the movie TO END ALL WARS directed by David Cunningham. Pastor Darryl was very excited about the theme of this movie, as it relates to Japan and the war. It would be a most impacting movie for the Japanese and we would like to know how we could get the movie shown in Japan.

– Jasmine Yamaoka, Japan

✉ A group of us old YWAM gals meet on a regular basis... recently we were sharing about how much Joe Ferrante's article on "Spiritual Miscarriage" touched us right where we were hurting – thank you!

– Cathy Crowell, Canada

✉ Really enjoyed gleaning from the walk of YWAMers around the world. It inspires us to think back to the eternal relationships that we formed in DTS. Here's our new address (it will save my mother from having to keep passing it along to us!)

– Mark & Jo Nyhouse, Australia

✉ I learned many precious things in YWAM... generosity (have to keep re-learning that one!); a global vision; to step outside my own shoes; profound teaching on the Arts (my area); Father's Heart & Spiritual Warfare, etc. Five years later, the challenge is still to live it all out."

– Deborah Dunn, England

⊗ Occasionally we get discouraging letters too. We respond to each one, but we rarely receive replies.



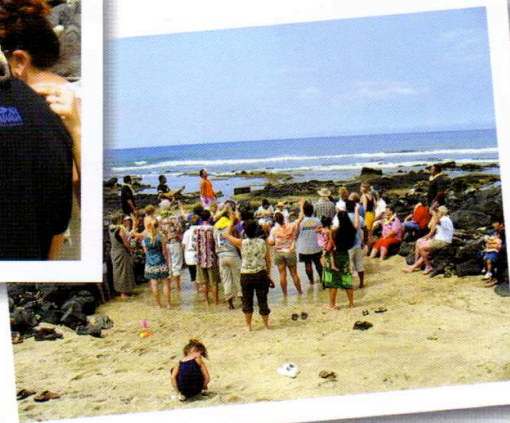
Worshiping beside the Pacific



Footwashing Hawaiian style



Prayer for Dan Sneed, our speaker



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Profound AND Pithy

some wisdom from somewhere

Some marriages are made in heaven, but they *all* have to be maintained on earth

A successful marriage isn't finding the right person – it's being the right person

To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you

You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck

You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven

He who angers you, controls you!

Wisdom has two parts:

1. Having a lot to say
2. Not saying it

Upcoming inTouch Gatherings PRAY & PLAN NOW!

Restenas, Sweden – July 7-12
with Joe Ferrante

Harpenden, England – Aug 11-17
with Reona (Peterson) Joly & Donna Jordan

Chatel, Switzerland – Aug 18-24
with Tom Bloomer, Peter & Donna Jordan (bilingual French/English)

Kona, Hawaii – Nov 17-23
with Bruce Thompson, MD. This specialized *Whole Person* Gathering is for those who are involved in healthcare and counseling

Matamata, New Zealand – Jan 5-11
with Peter & Donna Jordan

Near Sydney, Australia – Jan 12-18
Speaker to be announced

Gatherings led by Peter & Donna Jordan

At our inTouch Gatherings in Kona, we always ask Island Breeze to welcome us onto their land. Here are some snapshots of our March welcoming.

DONNA'S CORNER

Just Do It!

Do you do what people expect of you, or what God asks of you?

How much of what we are doing, is what Jesus asked us to do? Or do we do what *man*, or the institutional church have asked us to do? Do you ever think about this?

John 12:42-43 reads, *Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in Him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.*

How many of us are doing *religious* things because that is what is expected of us – rather than doing what the New Testament church did and what Jesus taught us?

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.
Proverbs 29:25

Let's follow Jesus' example in John 8:28-29:
Whatever He asks us to do – DO IT.
Whatever He tells us to say – SAY IT.

We want to see His Kingdom come, His will be done – wherever He is Lord.

Jesus said, *By Myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is just, for I seek not to please Myself but him who sent me.*
John 5:30... *I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me.* Jn 6:38

We are here on earth to do the will of Him who sent us – to *reflect* Jesus.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Cor 3:17-18

May the Lord give you – and me – revelation about what He is saying to us the church. We are His body, His bride. We are to reflect Him and do what He says.

Just do it!

Donna

Shorties

Welcomes. Although we are seldom invited *to go into all the world...* (usually we're sent), when we get to where we're going, it's hugely important to be welcomed. In some cultures, without a welcoming ceremony and protocol, missionaries have labored for years with little to show for their sincere efforts. Westerners are especially likely to bypass this simple yet vitally important key to people's hearts – which is where we really want to go. After all, which of us would barge into someone's house without a welcome? We call this *breaking and entering*, Perhaps we do this in missions. (See photos on Page 3 showing an Island welcome.)

Jesus the Joiner. We all know Jesus was a carpenter (a joiner, in many parts of the world, is a carpenter). But he was also a *group joiner*. He joined us – voluntarily – here on earth for 33 years. He joined a dozen misfits together, who while He was with them, didn't look like they would amount to much. He rejoined His heavenly Father, and we know one day he will rejoin us. I hear about a lot of non-joiners today, people who think they can make it on their own without being part of a group. Mistake. Big mistake. Are you waiting for the perfect group or church? You won't find it – Jesus didn't. We all need to be part of a group, in submission and accountable to one another.

Purple Hearts. In the U.S. military services, when a person is injured in the line of duty, they receive a medal – it's called a Purple Heart. (You may remember that Forrest Gump received one in the movie, but we better not go there.) If Purple Hearts were handed out to anyone wounded in the service of God, I wonder if there would be a higher or lower ratio of wounded to unwounded, than in the Armed Forces... What do you think? And what might you do about it?

Foxhole Friends. A foxhole is a pit that one or two soldiers dig for themselves to gain protection from enemy firepower. Close relationships begin this way, as men hunker down in safety. Deep things are shared. A DTS is sort of like that – it's a secure place (or should be); it is largely protected from the enemy; and deep and lasting friendships are formed.

Second Hand. Used cars (sorry, *pre-owned* cars); hand-me-down clothes; second hand smoke – all these have negative implications. But there's one second hand item that is better than new, and that is a compliment. If I see or hear you do something good, I should tell you – not to make you proud, but just to affirm you. But, if I also go to someone else and tell them what a great job you did, and it gets back to you (second hand praise), you say to yourself, "Wow! He really meant it when he said those nice things about me."



Who would've thought?



Peter