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YWAM ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



Truly Mine

by DONNA JORDAN

At the end of each year, I like to ask the Lord what is on His heart for the church in the coming year. This is what I sensed Him say for 2003.

“There’s never been a day like today in the church. I’m separating the sheep from the goats (Mt 25:31-46). Those who are Mine will be very obvious, as will those who pretend to be Mine – but in name only (Mt 7:21-23).

Those who are *truly* Mine, will want to see Jesus’ prayer in John 17 answered. They will do everything they can, to see true unity in the church, just as Jesus prayed.

“I’m doing a new thing in many lives. Many are in transition because I’m trying to get My people into place. I’m giving more and more revelation to those who are listening to Me and walking in obedience. I know it hasn’t been easy, but My people must trust Me. My sheep listen to my voice and follow Me; they do not listen to the voice of others, they only listen to Me (John 10:27).

“My people’s journey begins on earth and continues into eternity when they will see Me face to face. Ask My people to please live for eternity, not just for here on earth, but for when they will see Me face to face (Heb 11:13-16; Phil 3:20; 1 Peter 1:17 & 2:11-12).

“I never created organizations and religious institutions to just raise or make money; they are ‘tools’ to disciple My disciples, so that they in turn can disciple others. My people have become more interested in their institutions, programs, giftings and titles, than they are in their relationship with Me – and with others.

“Jesus cared about the individual and He reached thousands - and I have called you to do greater things than He did while He was here on earth (John 14:11-14). You are called to disciple disciples and disciple nations by being ‘salt and light’ wherever I have called you (Mt 5:13-16; 28:19-20). By the love you have for Me and for others, people will know you are My disciples.

“Many of My true shepherds will not even be called to stand

behind a pulpit, but will be shepherds in their own homes, or shepherds with their fellow employees, fellow students, with patients or business associates; they will be shepherds at a lunch table, or while fellowshiping in a living room, in a ‘car pool,’ or at a sporting event. All of this through modeling and speaking *only* what the Holy Spirit tells them to speak.

“Every born again believer has gifts of the Holy Spirit that I have given them, and they need to be used – on the streets, in the hospitals, shops, schools, businesses, governments, media, homes and local churches. Everything they do should be spiritual. The Kingdom of God is not divided into secular and sacred; *all* that My people do, is spiritual, as long as they are being led by My Spirit (Rom 8:14-18).

“I want to see My Kingdom come, My will be done on earth as it is in heaven. I want My people to reflect Me in every sphere of society (2 Cor 3:17-18). There is not enough time to just use My gifts in the local church; every person must represent Me and reflect Me wherever I have called them; and use those gifts I have given them, in love, purity and deep humility. There is no time to compete and compare; instead, encourage one another, as the time of Jesus’ coming draws near.

“Yes, there will be persecution, but it will be different than what you think. Every person’s security must be *in Me*; in no one else, *only Me*; in nothing else, *only Me*. Remember, the righteous live by faith not by fear (Heb 10:35-39); and without faith it is impossible to please Me (Heb 11:6).

“You who have ears to hear, listen to what My Spirit is saying; have faith to believe and walk in obedience.”



The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins... Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4: 7-11).



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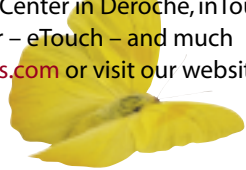
YWAM's Founder, Loren Cunningham, is establishing a web-based ministry that has as its goal the evangelizing of millions – and the discipling of all nations! Would you expect any less from Loren?

YWAM Associates International is fully cooperating and partnering in this new initiative – and perhaps you will want to see how you might get involved. Loren maintains, "Once a YWAMer, always a YWAMer." So, this new tool is primarily for current YWAMers and DTS grads.

Does this mean that ywamassociates.com will be replaced by YWAMconnect?

No. The two visions are different but complementary. YWAM Associates will continue to expand and add new features to our website in the coming months.

We're excited to continue to serve you via the electronic medium as it's such a great communication tool. If we don't already have your email address, please send it to us so we can keep you informed about all the new happenings that are coming up such as the ground breaking for our new Retreat Center in Deroche, inTouch Renewal Gatherings, our email newsletter – eTouch – and much more. Contact us at: info@ywamassociates.com or visit our website: www.ywamassociates.com



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Re-Entry

As I write this on February 1st, the sad news on TV is all about the seven astronauts who perished in the scorching re-entry and break-up plunge of

the space shuttle Columbia. After gravity and the hazards of blast-off into space have been overcome, re-entry is the next most dangerous aspect of space flight. For Columbia and her crew, something went terribly wrong in their fiery re-entry phase. And so it can be for returning missionaries...

"Like the astronaut guiding his craft back into the earth's atmosphere, returning missionaries must negotiate many potential hazards. They too must cover dangerous territory; dangerous in terms of the emotional, spiritual and relational damage that can occur if the process is not handled correctly. Indeed, if the process is not handled correctly, the returning missionary may barely escape with his or her emotional well-being and faith intact." Page 13 of 'Re-Entry, Making the Transition from Missions to Life at Home.'

While deciding if I should include this, it occurred to me that perhaps I'm being opportunistic in its timing. As far as I know, that is not in my heart. – Peter

LETTERS



& EMAIL

✉ We both really enjoy *inTouch*. Sometimes it's a comfort, sometimes a kick in the pants. Either way, keep up the good work!
– Daniel & Gloria Hess, Switzerland/USA

✉ When I returned to Lima 2 1/2 years ago, I entered my apartment, burdened with my luggage and the feeling of having abandoned life in YWAM Switzerland. As I came in, I saw *inTouch*. After living out of Perú for 12 years, *inTouch* was God's touch for my heart. You did not know me, nor my condition, but the Lord did. And His divine arrangement for me to get *inTouch* was an expression of His heart of love. Thank you for your obedience and for your work for Him and others like me, who dare to step out of safe and known structures.
– Ana Roncal, Perú

✉ "WOW! Our hearts were thrilled to know that we are remembered after having spent 8 years in YWAM. Thanks a ton for *eTouch*. Many times we are sooo alone in the things we believe and the principles we're teaching and training our children in.
– Bob & Jane Glick, USA



From the
Home of...

THE DISH

...to the Newest
Nation on Earth

Did you see the movie, 'The Dish?' The story centers around an enormous dish-like radio antenna, located near the Australian outback farming town of Parkes; it was built for NASA and used in 1969 as the key communication link between Houston and the first astronauts who walked on the Moon. Great little film – rent the video.

Well, out of Parkes and the surrounding communities, has sprung an outreach focus to the newest nation in the world. Know where that is? Read on... Several who have been part of these outreaches, are former YWAMers who attended our *inTouch Renewal Gatherings* in the Blue Mountains near Sydney, over the past few years. They took back to their local churches in Parkes, a little brochure with a cry for help from a YWAM base. Others rallied round.

Team leader, Geoff Steventon reports, "A time of prayer in our church service took on a life of its own. God spoke to us about getting practical and we did. The brochure proclaimed, *YWAM-JOCUM Dili, East Timor – Prayer Points and Practical Needs*. East Timor is half an island that was ravaged by war in the late 90s, and it lies just north of Australia. The first team – farmers, apprentices, a teacher, an occupational therapist, a public servant and a chiropractor – was soon on its way to serve in that newest of all nations.

"The need seemed almost overwhelming, with row upon row and street after street of burnt-out houses; people living under rusted roof iron, with the economy and employment destroyed. What could we do to help?

"The work was diverse but the results were phenomenal. Our church got behind us and the whole Parkes community backed us financially and with materials.

"The church has caught the vision – yes we can make a difference! We can encourage the young YWAM team members who are there for the long term. We can even make them more comfortable by repairing, building, and teaching them our skills.

"One of the greatest spin-offs has been the lasting friendships we've made with the team in Dili. This ongoing partnership is bearing fruit, as other churches come on board and send short-term teams to help. When God moves, everybody gains, and it all started at an *inTouch Renewal Gathering*."

Want to do something like these this? Go for it!



AND Profound Pithy

some wisdom
from somewhere

A 'religious' spirit honors what God has done, but resists what God is doing.

Mountain climber's motto: When you reach the mountaintop, you're only halfway.

When you walk close to Jesus, you love what He loves and hate what He hates.

Upcoming inTouch Gatherings

Singapore/Malaysia – April 9-13

With Frank Naea, Peter & Donna Jordan
Contact: mohcher@singnet.com.sg

Richardson Springs, CA – June 8-14

With Donna (Listening To God)
& Peter Jordan
Contact: info@ywamassociates.com

Restenas, Sweden – July 6-12

With Kel Steiner & Donna & Peter Jordan
Contact: christinet@swipnet.se

England – July 20-26

With Dan Sneed & Peter & Donna Jordan
Contact: PSNJ1234@aol.com

Switzerland Family Camp – July 28-Aug 3

With Donna (Listening to God)
& Peter Jordan
Contact: jem_intouch@swissinfo.org

Chatel, Switzerland Adults – August 17-23

With Reona (Peterson) Joly
Contact: jem_intouch@swissinfo.org

Kona, Hawaii – Nov 16-22

With Reona (Peterson) Joly &
Peter & Donna Jordan
Contact: info@ywamassociates.com

New Zealand – Jan 4-10, 2004

With Reona (Peterson) Joly

Australia – Jan 19-24, 2004

With Reona (Peterson) Joly

Gatherings led by Peter & Donna Jordan

and FINALLY...

FRIENDLY FIRE

Part 2



Remember the song from way back in the mid-20th Century? *You only hurt the one you love, The one you shouldn't hurt at all...*

A couple of years ago (*inTouch* 37), we had an article on 'friendly fire' – that horrendous phenomenon of war, when friend fires at friend. This occurs when combatants mistakenly shoot at – and often kill – their allies, the very ones who are on their side. When this happens – and it happens in all wars more often than we know – everyone loses except the enemy. Attempts are often made to cover it all up and pretend that it never happened, but in today's world that is rarely possible.

In early 2002, there was a nasty case of friendly fire in Afghanistan. Four Canadian soldiers were killed by a 'smart' bomb while on a planned 'live-fire' exercise – all allies having been notified. The pilots of two US Air Force F-16s, patrolling overhead, saw the muzzle flashes of the guns below, made a snap judgment that the fire was directed at them, and unleashed their deadly weapon with tragic results – four young men were blown into eternity and several others injured.

The two pilots are now undergoing a military trial. What will likely happen to the pilots and the families of the victims? How will this tragic mistake affect the relationships between two friendly nations? How can we personally turn this

kind of thing around when the specter of friendly fire threatens us daily? Ultimately the solution is simple and applies to our personal relationships, just as it does in the case of this unfortunate incident. Some questions and suggested answers...

1. How might the grieving families of the victims respond (in this day when the solution to all wrongs is to sue)? One family has essentially offered forgiveness and wants to put this tragedy behind them. The others would do well to follow suit.

2. What would be a good resolution for the pilots who dropped the bomb in error? They have already suffered much for their poor airmanship. Ideally they would visit the victims' families, ask forgiveness, weep with them – and not fear the ogre of a lawsuit; unlikely, I fear, in a suing society.

3. How could Canada and the United States come out of this as stronger friends than they already are? Allow justice to take its course, re-affirm their friendship and do all they can to compensate the four grieving families – and money isn't everything.

Friendly fire is not limited to firing from airplanes, tanks or ships. As followers of Jesus, we're in a 'war,' but our war is not against other people or other countries or other religions; our war is fought on a different level, a spiritual level.

Our war is an unceasing fight against the forces of evil, the forces that constantly challenge you and me, especially in the

area of relationships; our war, has for its weapons, bullets of miscommunication, bombs of reaction, torpedoes of judgment and kamikazes of unforgiveness. To live in, and survive this war we need the ability to walk consistently through the adversities of life. Many of the 'adversities' we face are wrapped up in our reactions and responses to relationship issues.

And finally, how can you and I stop this nonsense of firing at our own 'friendlies'? The simple answer is, "Don't." But the potential is there for us to blow it every day – a quick reaction, a sharp word, an unforgiving spirit, or a snap judgment based on an incomplete view of the way things really are. The list goes on. When attacked by others, respond in the opposite spirit. Forgive. Jesus did.

To avoid getting hit by friendly fire, we must be willing to counter all 'incoming artillery,' with forgiveness; we must determine to forgive all real – and apparent – wrongs that are done to us. Forgiveness is the most powerful force for good available to mankind today. Forgiveness is not always easy, but it's simple.

Want peace on earth? Want peace in all *your* relationships? Try forgiveness.

