

# IN TOUCH

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## THE MOST STRESSFUL FACT OF LIFE

"One of God's main purposes in ordaining marriage and the home, is not primarily for pleasure, as is ordinarily supposed, but to decentralize the self, to teach agape love. The stresses of marriage and the home are designed to produce brokenness, to wean one from self-centeredness, and to produce the graces of sacrificial love and gentleness.

The home is the logical place to begin a course in learning agape love. Dr. Lovett has said, "Marriage and the home is the center of life on earth...it is a complete laboratory with all of the stresses and strains, trials and pressures packed under one roof...Everything needed to produce Christlikeness in us can be found in the home. Marriage is the most stressful fact of life. If the whole of life is stress, then marriage is the center of stress."

from  
 "Don't Waste Your Sorrows"  
 by Paul Billheimer  
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## Profound & Pithy

*A law that permits abortion, presupposes that "life somehow gains value as it matures". This leaves open the question "does life lose value as it ages?"*

"One thing Scripture does not say is "understand one another". When we try to understand each other we tend to "judge one another" - and we're not to do that."

*"God's call is not primarily locational, but relational."*

## THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

By Jimmy and Carol Owens

YWAM - and especially Crossroads DTS for us - can be a dangerous experience, and definitely retirement-threatening. Especially if you're about ready to nestle down and rock your way off into the senior-citizen's sunset. Before you know what hit you, you may find yourself un-nestled and working away in Europe or Asia or South America. We found ourselves in Singapore!



Jimmy & Carol Owens

And that's just for starters. With DTS as the jumping-off point, we've found our own "yellow-brick road" that leads to the completion of God's purposes for our lives, and we're travelling it, making music and praise and worship all the way.

We have developed a "shallow root-system" that allows us to go to God's next assignment, and then the next and the next. We see the "road" to the U.S.S.R. coming up over the hill, and from there it leads off to England. After that, we see several exciting "road" signs already beckoning us.

In fact, inspired partly by DTS, one of our major "avenues" of service, is to start six-week Schools of Music Ministry which will help Christian musicians - instrumentalists, singers, songwriters, worship leaders, music evangelists - to achieve both technical excellence and spiritual effectiveness in ministry. And then for these students to become teachers, thereby multiplying the ministry throughout the world.

Of course, there are obstacles along our yellow-brick road. But with a YWAM support system in intercession, and the spiritual support of our friends and home church, God has provided us with a covering to protect us and a cushion to rest us.

And then we have God's Word: "Do not be afraid of the enemy; REMEMBER THE LORD and imprint HIM on your minds, great and terrible, and take from Him courage to fight..." Nehemiah 4:14 (Amplified.)

So like those other characters on that other yellow brick road, we have asked for new hearts, renewed minds and courage for the task: "for it is GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU both to will and to do His good pleasure."

*Jimmy and Carol Owens, musicians, authors and writers of "Come Together", "If My People", "The Witness" plus many other musicals for young and old, are spiritual parents to scores of established-and struggling-artists in the Christian music world.*

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## LOST & (MAYBE) FOUND

Are you out of touch with your DTS tentmate in Timbuctoo? Still Searching for Suzie who suffered the sandflies with you in Ouagadougou? Do you need to make restitution with your snoring bunkmate back in that '72 SOE? Should you write to Don Stephens and apologize for being seasick in the bosun's locker - and not cleaning it up? Well friends, we may be able to help you! Write to our "Lost and (maybe) Found Dept.", and we'll see what we can do. No promises! (Please note: this is NOT a match-making service - although we'll be happy to take credit for any successful SRs.)

# SMITH'S BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Ron and Judy Smith are Bibleholics. They simply can't kick their habit. Over the past 19 years they have each imbibed the Bible 30 to 40 times. For quick "hits", they've guzzled Galatians and tiddled Titus four or five hundred times!



Ron and Judy Smith

Flashbacks are common - whole books can be recited from memory. They're hooked on His Word; inductive addicts; Bible junkies. And furthermore they're enticing others to pick up their habit.

As a new Christian, Ron heard about fasting and thought he should try. So after three days without food or water, (but still smoking cigarettes!), Ron woke up one morning with an insatiable hunger for the Word of God. It has never left him, though the craving for nicotine did.

At Gordon-Conwell College, while taking his Masters of Divinity, he met Judy who was majoring in Missions: an alliance of their lives and ministries began.

After two years of pastoring a church in New England they joined YWAM in Hawaii for their DTS and SOE. Burning within them was a desire to bring a greater emphasis on God's Word into the Mission.

Invited by Loren Cunningham to start a School of Biblical Studies, their first class graduated seven students in 1982. From such humble beginnings the school has multiplied out to South Africa, England, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Chile, Honolulu, Singapore, India, Hong Kong again (Cantonese) and Australia, with one thousand already

trained. And new schools coming soon to Uganda, New Zealand, American Samoa, Philippines and Kenya.

The inductive approach to the Scriptures is used, whereby the student observes what the text says and lets it shape his beliefs, (as opposed to the deductive method, where

one comes to the Word with established beliefs, searching for support for those beliefs). In the course of nine months each student will read the Bible through five times!

As Ron and Judy well know, knowledge by itself puffs up and makes proud. For that very reason, application of the Word is given major emphasis - allowing God to change the heart and life of the learner. As a wise old preacher once said, "The more I read the Bible, the more I see the need for change in me". That sort of attitude, embodied in Ron and Judy is what fuels and fires the School of Biblical Studies.

As we all know, Japan doesn't seem to need much help. Cars, watches, cameras, T.V.'s, and

## JAPAN INC.

electronic gadgets of all kinds, flow from this enigma of a nation.

But they **do** need help! And not only because they're one of the least evangelized nations in the world, with only 2% of the population Christian. Part of the reason they need help is that most churches are small and do not have their own building. The

cost of land and construction being what they are, it is almost impossible for a small congregation to build a church even though it is desperately needed.

And this is where you may be able to help. Qualified construction workers are needed - there are standing orders for twenty church buildings. An organization

has been formed to help small congregations with their building programs. Airfare and accommodations

will be provided for carpenters who volunteer for six weeks or longer.

For further information, write to:

**Japan Church Building Project**  
c/o IMPACT  
University of the Nations  
75-5851 Kuakini Highway  
Kailua-Kona, HI, USA,  
96740

## YOUR TURN

"As Ralph Olson's only brother (IN TOUCH 4th Edition), I was moved by two things that I never knew regarding his death - that God had shown Loren Cunningham there would be deaths in the mission; and that Ralph was the first YWAMer to die...I am reminded of Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, where many did not receive what God had promised, so that God might provide something better for us...(Ralph could not easily have foreseen how others are being made perfect, through his death.)"

Kenneth L. Olson  
Pomona, CA



"Would you include me on your mailing list? I was delighted to hear about your publication - I have been craving YWAM news for a while now. God bless you... Tammy-Lynn Parlee  
Ucluelet, BC



"Thank you for IN TOUCH... though it's been three years since I've been with YWAM in L.A., I still feel that I belong to it...your newsletters are really encouraging me to move on and maybe get involved in Urban Missions... Margit Klumpp  
West Germany



"Please don't stop sending IN TOUCH. It makes the world seem so much smaller when we read YWAM's current affairs." Joan Foster  
Australia



"My heart has not returned home with me - I left it, not meaning to, with a small band of people on a hillside in Hawaii. I felt so much a whole person there and need to figure out how to translate that to this place, this people. Name Withheld

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# FROM BITS TO BYTES

Carpentry to computers, handsaws to hard-disks - that's the missionary odyssey of Gene (Dr. Hacker) Hackett.

Montana-born, Gene and his family joined YWAM in 1978 in Kona, Hawaii. There, he worked in his area of training and expertise, as a carpenter. Yet he never really found fulfillment.

One thing evident to his colleagues in Hawaii, was that as a carpenter, Gene made a better artist. His woodworking was flawless, his creativity unique. Yet he still struggled - with himself, and with others, not sure that he was in the right area of ministry.

Renovating one apartment took two whole years! The result, after months of frustration and delays, was perfection itself. The suite had been transformed into a colonial home with custom-made knotty-pine and cedar cabinets, and a compact kitchen that was the envy of all. Satisfaction however, remained elusive.

So Gene took his family back to Big Sky country,

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GENE HACKETT

# Donna's Corner

Do you like to be **encouraged**? I do! Many times in the Bible, God talks about **Encouragement** - "giving one another courage". (**Discouragement** is just the opposite - "stealing courage from one another".)

Encouragement is spiritual warfare - the accusing enemy is defeated in our lives when we encourage and affirm and praise one another.

The Holy Spirit is an Encourager - the One who "comes alongside".

Here's a couple of thoughts from the world - and a question - to end on:

"One kind word can warm up three months." *Japanese proverb*

"I could live three weeks on a compliment." *Mark Twain*

Do you find it easier to praise God, than praise God's family?



Donna Jordan

## THE COST OF SUPPORTING A MISSIONARY

Did you ever wonder how many people it takes to support one missionary? A businessman in Oakville, Canada did some research amongst a few churches and denominations and came up with rather startling statistics. These figures are by no means comprehensive, but should provoke some discussion.

CHURCH/DENOMINATION	MEMBERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT ONE MISSIONARY
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS	2000
ALL CANADIAN PROTESTANT CHURCHES	1000
FELLOWSHIP BAPTISTS (CANADA)	100
PEOPLES' CHURCH (TORONTO)	20
BETHANY FELLOWSHIP (MINNEAPOLIS)	0.7

Before you cry "Foul!" or "Unfair!", remember this is an informal survey, intended to make a point. Peoples' was the first church to have a million dollar missions budget and Bethany Fellowship is a close-knit family of believers who are highly motivated towards missions.

## We Commend To You...

Ethnic Chinese, born and raised in Calcutta, India, Ian and Sandra Liu are long-term committed missionaries with YWAM.

Ian joined YWAM in 1983 at the first Indian DTS in Calcutta. Later he did an SOE in Singapore and an LTS in Kona, Hawaii, all of which prepared him for his present responsibility as the YWAM Madras Base Director and a member of the National Council for India.

Madras is the headquarters for YWAM India, and as such is a communications and administrative center for over 200 full-time workers in India.

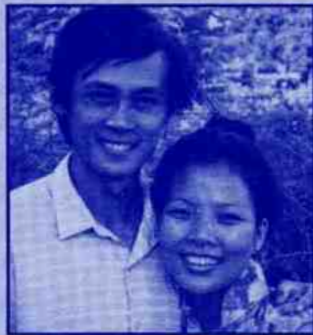
Ian and Sandra, married in 1988, are expecting their first child this year. They have no consistent and regular means of support, yet the Lord has sustained them all this time. With their family expanding, there is no reason to believe that God will fail now. But perhaps His plan of sustenance includes us.

Would you consider:

- ... praying for them,
- ... writing to them,
- ... **regularly supporting them?**

We will be happy to forward your gift if you need a tax receipt (for North Americans). Otherwise you can write directly to:

**Ian & Sandra Liu**  
8 / 17 GST Road  
St. Thomas Mount  
Madras, India, 600016



Ian and Sandra Liu

## U OF N GRANTS AMNESTY

All former YWAMers may receive credit for past YWAM \* un-registered schools, UP UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1990. After that date, it is **too late**. In other words, if you wish to receive University of the Nations credit for your past YWAM schools, you must do so before the end of this year, and under the following conditions:

1. You must take the initiative to write to the Registrar's Office in Kona and request to become a degree candidate. You should include as much documentation as possible concerning the YWAM schools you wish to receive credit for. If no formal documentation exists, contact your past school leader (s) to obtain the relevant data. School dates, number of full learning weeks, number of outreach weeks directly related to the lecture phase, name of school leader, and content covered all must be documented. Full credit will be granted for past YWAM schools, based on the number of full learning weeks, where full documentation is forthcoming, and if the past school fits into the student's program.
  2. An evaluation of your work as a student must be provided. Since in most cases this was not done formally, the school leader, or assistant, should be tracked down. A letter from the school leader evaluating the student's work must be provided for the degree file.
- \*All enquiries should be addressed to:
- THE REGISTRAR**  
Universtiy of the Nations  
75 - 5851 Kuakini Highway  
Kailua-Kona, HI  
U.S.A. 96740

## FROM BITS TO BYTES

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disillusioned, and altogether unsure that he "fit in" as a missionary. Wisely, he and his faithful wife Kit, committed themselves actively to ministry in their home church. Happy as they were however, missions seemed to keep "pulling" at their heartstrings. After a couple of years, back around the mountain they went, first to a crisis home ministry on the island of Oahu, then again to Kona, uncertain of what the Lord had in store.

Provisionally, Gene got involved with computers, and quickly found himself hooked. Dbase, DOS, Wordprocessing, networking, PC, RAM, and such "today" words, became the lingo of his livelihood. Finally, he had become a round peg in a round hole. Gene discovered that he had a natural aptitude for this electronic world, and that in addition he was gifted as a teacher.

Life and ministry took on new meaning, as Gene became an integral part of the complicated computer operation at University of the Nations. On call 24 hours a day, he found himself in constant demand as a largely self-taught computer whiz. Today, Gene and his family reside

near Seattle, where he partially supports his ministry to missions by accepting occasional outside computer-related contracts. He still considers himself a full-time missionary. Call him anytime with a glitch in your hardware, (or your software), and likely as not he'll bail you out.

In addition, Gene and Kit serve a valuable role as area representatives for YWAM Associates. As such, they co-ordinate Associates activities in the State of Washington. If you live in the neighborhood, call them at (206) 742-5698, for the latest planned get-togethers.

## YOUR TURN

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"Thanks a lot for your care to be a part of the big mission calling. It is my great interest to read IN TOUCH, please do send."

Abel Lotha,  
Nagaland, India

"Y'all will NEVER know, (or do you?), how this ministry is so needed and appreciated. A drink of water in a dry and thirsty land...Keep going on..."

Sharon Stanford,  
Bremen, GA

# P.S.

Often when my prayers aren't answered, I ask, "Why, why Lord?" Can you identify with

this question?

I note that numbers of people in the Bible asked the same question - "Why, Lord?" - and many times there came no answer from any source.

Still, maybe there is an answer. James said, "The trial of your faith produces endurance (or patience)"; then Peter added, "that is more precious than gold."

The joy of the Lord is your strength. In trying times, be like David - encourage yourself in the Lord. You and I may ask questions, yet we do have confidence in God, "Who does all things well."

*Pastor Scratch, and his wife Enid,*

*are the much-loved parents of Darlene Cunningham.*



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

## THE FIFTH EDITION

This, the fifth edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Heather Duffin of Sydney, Australia.

Trained as a Registered Nurse, loved by all she knew, Heather had a call to missions that led her into DTS in September 1984 in her native land. A seven-week outreach to India in early '85, gave her a love and compassion for the teeming masses of the subcontinent, and a desire to return.



HEATHER DUFFIN

After a few weeks of nursing at her Alma Mater - the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Sydney - Heather enrolled in the Canberra SOE.

Heather's parents, Roy and Marj Duffin, attended the final Love Feast for the SOE in early August. Her Dad remembers the occasion vividly, particularly one song - "Whether by life, or whether by death, I will serve the Lord." Heather put her head on her Dad's shoulder, and sang it to him. Soon afterwards, Roy and Marj released their daughter to the Lord.

Shortly before departing on outreach - once again to India - Heather had a dream. She was in prison, afraid, when a voice said "Look at the light!" Recalling the whole dream for her Mother, she said, "Mum, you should see the man the Lord has for me!" About that time, a friend had a dream in which Heather died, although no special significance was given to it at the time.

As she kissed her parents goodbye at Sydney Airport on August 9th, she recounted the words of the Apostle Paul: "For to me, to live is Christ, to die is gain." And off she flew to meet the man of her dream.

Five weeks later, at 1700 hours on September 15th, 1985, in the town of Lonavila - near Bombay - Heather met the Light of her life. She died as a result of complications from fever, dehydration and shock, despite the best available medical attention.

The theme for her Memorial Service was "Counting the Cost." Heather had already done that.

*Roy and Marj Duffin, along with YWAM Australia, have established the Heather Duffin Memorial Fund. All gifts received will go to the support of national Indian missionaries, so that the grain of wheat that was Heather, may bear much fruit, within and out from the nation for which she gave her life. For North Americans requiring a tax receipt, see Order Form for details. All others please send your gift directly to :*

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