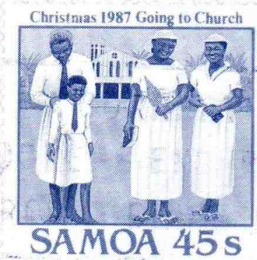


IN TOUCH

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"I was in YWAM 1980-82 in Thailand...left to marry a man in another mission here in Bangladesh. I still feel like a YWAMer at heart and am pleased to be a YWAM Associate. Please keep sending IN TOUCH..." *Jan Thorpe, Bangladesh*

"I appreciated "Donna's Corner" on encouragement, perhaps I'm still experiencing culture shock studying in a little college...-skepticism seems overwhelm-



ing...the spiritual warfare is heavy...pray for our steadfastness..." *Leslie Kucinskas, USA*

"Very sorry for late reply to your newsletter...got to wait for my wages to come, thought I'd bless your work with a gift... I do pray for the mission every morning..." *Daisy Luru, Papua New Guinea*

"I am in the Air Force...it gets real gloomy in here, but I was so encouraged to get IN TOUCH...to hear how God is working in and through YWAM..." *Mark Logan, South Africa*

"Thanks for IN TOUCH, I thoroughly enjoy all of it...been in and out of YWAM several times in five years...always feel a little awkward and uncertain adjusting to a



BLOOMING OR DROOPING?

YWAM always has, and always will be, primarily a short-term missionary organization. As Loren Cunningham so concisely puts it, "YWAM is like a bridge, easy on and easy off."

I like to make an assumption, and it's this: that everyone who gets off the YWAM bridge, after short or long-term service, does so *in the will of God*. And furthermore, I assume that everyone is blooming where the Master Gardener has planted them. To assume otherwise would be presumptuous. If not worse.

Some may have left the mission outside the will of God; and some may be drooping instead of blooming. It's not for me to judge.

To be in the will of God, not only must one be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, etc., etc.; but one must also be in right relationship with *everybody*, as far as possible. Right?

Now I come to the hard part. As I travel, I find to my great consternation and sorrow, that some who were in the ranks of YWAM, are not in right relationship with their pastor or church.

Can I let you in on a little secret? Not all pastors really understand YWAM. Some do, but the vast majority simply have not experienced it for themselves. Therefore, they may not entirely understand you. Because you changed.

Yes you! If you're finding it hard to 'fit back in', or 'find the right church', or 'relate to an understanding pastor', would you try something? Not for my sake, or YWAM's, but for your sake and the Lord's. Would you?

First, make absolutely sure you're in the church to which God has called you. Next, make an appointment to see your pastor, and do this:

-give him an account of what *God did* in you during your time in YWAM, not what *you did*.

-make three commitments to your church:

- to attend regularly,
- to tithe faithfully, and
- to serve loyally.

Your local church needs you, and you especially need your local church. It may not be perfect, but neither is YWAM! So bloom where God has planted you. Don't droop!

by Peter Jordan

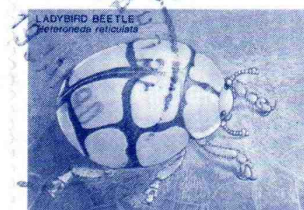


very different world, alone on the outside..." *Patti Kidd, Canada*

"I'm here at CBN and find America to be a land of much freedom and opportunities...temptation can be very subtle...I need your prayers to keep my eyes on Jesus." *Rosalind Yap, Singapore*

...and these painful letters

"A friend sent me the story "I Went, I Returned, I Fell", (IN TOUCH #4), and it really ministered to me and I can relate... though I fell *first*, and then returned...I miss my YWAM family a lot...please send me IN TOUCH." *Name withheld*



May '90: "Please remove my name from your mailing list, thank you." July '90: "Just received your letter of concern...IN TOUCH was a painful reminder of what I had hoped my life would be...in YWAM I expected to find a place to serve the Lord for the rest of my life. I found I didn't have the heart for the work...felt I had denied the Lord and now he could never use me...a total failure...the healing has taken a long time... but all things work together for good..." *Name withheld*



MERCY!
See next
page for
wide report on Mercy.



SAMOAN MISSIONARIES IN YWAM

From the two little South Pacific nations of Western and American Samoa, with a combined population of less than 200,000, scores of missionaries are serving in permanent positions all over the world. For the most part, their home church is unable to support them, so how do they manage?
That's one of God's miracles!

Profound & Pithy
"We're human beings, not human doings."
"A child's mind is like a bank - whatever you put in, you get back in 10 years, with interest."
Frederic Wertham

"You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving."
"A TEST can be the beginning of a TESTimony."

WE NEED YOU! Grabba Cupua Java Springs your letter to YWAM friends addresses. We'll send an IN TOUCH. Thanks

842 ORDERS FROM THE BOSS
(compiled by Norman Lea)

In the New Testament there are 842 imperative STATEMENTS, COMMANDS, INSTRUCTIONS and ADMONITIONS for the people of God;
2% tell us to evangelize those outside of Christ
4% advise us how to handle money and things
6% instruct us how to cope with Satan and his troops
21% commend good attitudes and actions toward God
25% counsel healthy attitudes toward myself
43% give instruction concerning good attitudes and actions toward all men, especially those of the household of faith

What does this mean? That only 2% of our time should be spent in evangelism? Of course not! Jesus' implication in John 17 is, "to the extent that His disciples", (that's you and me), "have good attitudes and actions toward each other", (that's unity), "to that extent, will unbelievers know who He is", (that's evangelism).
So, "good attitudes and actions toward all men" is at the heart of evangelism, and therefore missions. And isn't that what DTS was mostly about?



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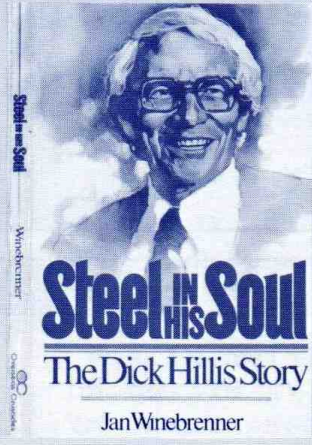
(Do you remember the Cook Island Team? (IN TOUCH #1, #2 & #3.) Vae, Nga, Volley Debbie, Aroti, Julie and Allan - five South Pacific Islanders, a Canadian and a full-blooded Native; who last year, ministered among the Native Canadians of British Columbia...well, eight Native young people gave their hearts to the Lord, five of whom are right now in DTS in the Cook Islands!
To top it off, Vae the team leader, married Julie, who just happens to be your editor's daughter. They plan to continue discipling South Pacific Islanders and leading them out in missions. Allan, nicknamed "Chief", is heading to DTS in Kona.

CONFERENCE FOR DEFEATED MISSIONARIES

Yes, there really was one! Central China, 1935; a single 22-year old American missionary is about to quit. He's had more than his fill of loneliness and discouragement. No-one speaks English, and it takes days on a rickety bicycle over muddy, rutted cart-tracks to reach his closest associate. After only two years, the China he'd come to save, is swallowing him up and about to spit him out.
Read his own desperate words: "My spirit had withered and dried up. Praying became a whirl of thought that swept through my mind but never left my lips. I read the Bible as one would read a popular magazine. I preached with no inspiration. Confusion and guilt played havoc with my emotions....I was ready to declare my failure and concede defeat. It was in this hour of contemplated retreat that a telegram arrived: 'Ten-day conference for defeated missionaries being held in Shansi.'
"It would mean a three-day bike ride followed by two days on a train to get to the conference. It would mean the admission of my desperation and loneliness. "I went."
The rest is history. God moved powerfully amongst a group of broken missionaries from all over China. As they humbled themselves in defeat, God broke through and brought cleansing and wholeness and restoration. A woman slipped off her engagement ring, confessing that the relationship was not God's will, and that she had said yes because she was lonely. Another sobbed that he did not love China or her people.
And so it went, with tears of confession and repentance washing away guilt and failure: with



freedom and acceptance replacing condemnation and the fear of rejection.
It was kind of like some days in a DTS.
Our young man too, had a major breakthrough with God, turning himself over to the Holy Spirit, no longer trying to do things in his own strength.
Who was he? Today we know him as Dick Hillis, missionary statesman. Back then, he was a rookie with China Inland Mission; who, as a boy had wanted to seek his fortune in China so badly, that he stole money for the fare; who after being ousted from China by the Communists in 1949, founded Overseas Crusades, a major force for missions in Asia to this very day; and whose biography, "Steel In His Soul", you can read.
Ponder this; if a conference for defeated missionaries was announced today, would anyone go? (It would take a double dose of humility, just to register!) And yet, there are some bleeding and



wounded ones out there. How can we help them to wholeness? Perhaps there's another Dick Hillis, just waiting to be released from the crushing jaws of defeat.

DONNA'S CORNER



Remember... God sometimes conceals His purposes so that we'll live on His promises. It's between the promise and its fulfillment, that we grow.
Try not to become impatient - only God can keep His promises... so don't look to man to meet them. Isaiah 64:4
Remember too... that God is the Creator of the universe, our Heavenly Father, our Best Friend and our Employer. (And as our Employer, He has the best insurance policy & retirement plan available 1 Cor 2:9.)

He gallops again! Starting Sept 17th, The New Graham Kerr Show airs daily (Monday-Friday) on North American TV. Produced by Treena, it's righteous gourmet superfun in the kitchen. Check your listings, then watch and pray for these, your YWAM Associates.

R I D D L E

A Bible character without a name, Whose body into corruptible came; Who died a death no one ever died before, Whose shroud is found in every grocery store. Who am I?
(Submitted by Joy Datoon, YWAM Singapore)

A free book by Floyd McClung, to the first 10 people who send in the correct answer.

Know any good Bible brainteasers? We'd like to use them!

YWAM NEWS ROUNDUP

For almost the last two years, a seven-person prayer team in Fiji has maintained intercession for the nations non-stop. Each member makes a six-month commitment, and 15 have gone out into world missions! Does that say something about prayer - and missions?!

Flags of the USSR and Estonia were triumphantly raised in Kona recently, in honor of University of the Nation's first two Soviet students. Rein Uuemois and Peeter Vosu, both of Tallinn, attended the LTS.

One in three of the street people who come for help in Amsterdam, are infected by the AIDS virus.

Teams are now being trained to minister to these needy latter-day lepers.

Utah, perhaps the least evangelized state of the USA, will see a permanent YWAM center established in September. Two DTS's a year will be held in Salt Lake City, the core of this Mormon stronghold.

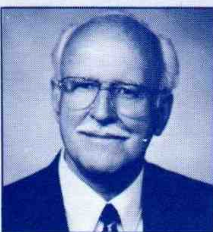
In 1974 there were no known Christians in Afghanistan. Today they number in the thousands. One of the two YWAMers serving in that nation, tells of a man who became a Christian a year ago, and who recently asked to be taught everything about baptism - he had led two of his friends to the Lord, and wanted to baptize them!

NEEDED IN THAILAND

A request has been received from a worker in a YWAM library in Phanat Nikhom Refugee Camp, for SECOND-HAND BOOKS...study books, books with many pictures about different countries... even old books...the library contains 3000 books, but there are 10,000 readers a month! If you can help, send books directly to: YWAM Libraries, P.O. BOX 18, Phanat Nikhom, Chonburi, Thailand 20140.

STOP PRESS! First YWAM Associates Renewal Camp just finished more next time with details of 1991 Camps

CARRY A LITTLE HONEY



This was Jacob's sage advice to his sons as they fearfully returned to Egypt to buy food, during the terrible famine, (Gen 43:11). Sad time for Jacob as he cried out, "Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin"

Jacob felt like everything was against him. He instructed his sons to "carry a little honey". We too, should "carry a little honey", for our own sake. The prodigal son's older brother needed "a little honey". Our heavenly Father expects us to carry sweetness, to be second-mile Christians and "carry a little honey", for others. Many are weighed down with the worries, anxieties and cares of life, and desperately need "a little honey".

Let's be generous with our honey, giving honest appreciation, sincere thanks, a "God bless you!", a helping hand. "A little honey" is the "plus" sign in a Christian's life.

Let's be "honey-carrying" Christians!

Pastor Scratch, though not enjoying good health, daily "carries a little honey" to shut-ins and the sick in his neighborhood.

A YWAM ASSOCIATES FIRST?

Sherri Rempel (Maui, etc.) and Reinier van de Poll, (Belize, etc.) met at a YWAM Associates meeting Nov 15, 1988, and were married April 7, 1990, in Vancouver, BC. Congratulations!



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IN TOUCH

Help yourself to anything from this publication that may be useful.

Pray with us as we prepare for the December - March edition; it's a 'special' on Mercy Ministries. IN TOUCH is written and edited by Peter Jordan, (to the worshipful strains of TIMELESS, an album of gentle piano music for meditation; produced by David Garratt of Scripture in Song).

Thanks to Bill Cozens for the layout.

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This, the sixth edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Ofa Taninoa, of the Kingdom of Tonga

THE CALL

As a new Christian growing up in Tonga, Ofa had an impossible dream that one day she would travel to far-off Africa. That dream started to become a possibility when, in 1983, YWAM's Mercy Ship, the M/V ANASTASIS, hove to, just off the sun-drenched capital of her tropical home. Along with other Island young people, Ofa responded to the call to go into all the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

THE TEAM

Traditionally, missionaries were expected to *come* to places like Tonga. But here, a little band of Islanders, was launching out in world evangelism. A ship's team named South Sea Waves was formed, enabling these Polynesians and Melanesians, clad in authentic island costumes, to express the Gospel through their own native dance and song. With her love for people and desire to lead them to Jesus, Ofa had a "vehicle" for her ministry.

THE MINISTRY

In three short years, Ofa and her team served in nine nations on three continents. Ministry among the Native Canadians on Vancouver Island, was notable only for its apparent lack of results. What Ofa may not have realized, was that good seeds were being planted. Later, other Island teams would come and water those seeds. It took five years from seeding to the start of harvest. [In 1989, the fifth Island team led eight Native young people to Jesus, five of whom are now in DTS in the South Pacific! See Update- Page 2]

FINALLY, AFRICA

In seeking the Lord, the team felt they were to go to Ghana and Kenya in

1987 - Ofa's dream of going to Africa was to come true. Once there, they saw literally hundreds won to the Lord, with many more responding to the missions call. Sickly since arriving



in Africa, Ofa was diagnosed as having hepatitis and typhoid, and was admitted to hospital in Nairobi, Kenya.

From Ofa's diary, May 25
"Today I'm getting down again. What am I here for? But somehow nothing could take away the joy and peace of God in my heart. I'm thinking a lot about Jesus today."

On June 13, 1987, despite three weeks in hospital, Ofa went home to be with Jesus. Fifteen young Africans gave themselves to missions at her Memorial service in Nairobi, while at her funeral in Tonga, fifteen pastors representing several denominations, issued a missions challenge to Tongans. In life, Ofa exemplified today's thrust of Third World missions; in death, she was the seed which fell into the ground, continuing to bear much fruit.

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or anyone whose name and address is misspelled, misdirected or otherwise mutilated; we'll make the changes - just send us your corrections, changes of address and/or marital status. (Thanks from Laurie, who has to do all this stuff!)