

# IN TOUCH

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"God loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7(b)



*Intrepid 1990 campers undergoing one kind of renewal.*

## RENEWAL CAMPS

The 1990 IN TOUCH Renewal Camp at Riggins, Idaho, with Loren and Darlene Cunningham and Denny Gunderson, was so well received that we believe we are to press on and have four camps in 1991, making them more accessible to more Associates and friends. Here's the line-up:

JUNE 15 - 23

YWAM Richardson Springs, California.

JULY 7 - 19

YWAM Riggins, Idaho. (12 day camp)

JULY 27 - AUGUST 4

YWAM Neah Bay, Washington.

AUGUST 10 - 17

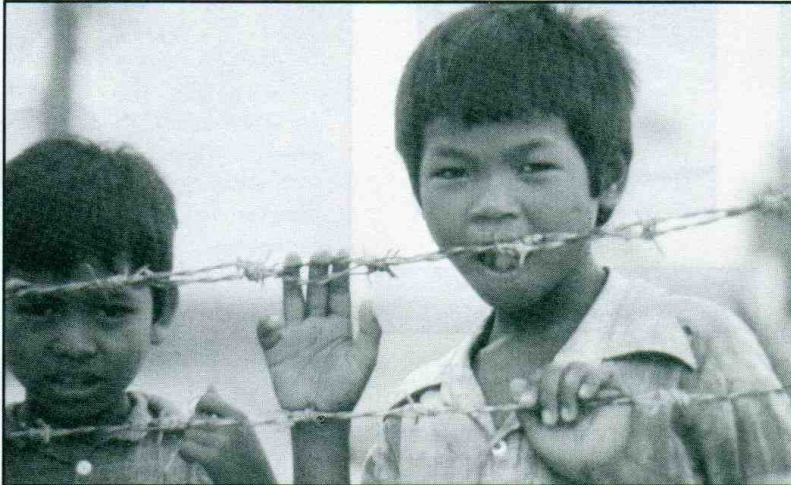
Oak Hills Retreat Center, Bemidji, Minnesota.

JANUARY 1992, Down Under?

Dr Bruce Thompson, Dean of the College of Counselling & Health Care at University of the Nations, will speak at all four camps. In addition, Floyd & Sally McClung will be at Riggins. These camps are designed with **your vacation** in mind, thus all-round renewal is a priority for the whole family.

If you'd like a brochure describing the camps in greater detail, just drop us a note.

"You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land." Deut. 15:11(b)...read verses 7 - 11



## More Than Words Can Say

by Don Stephens - President, Mercy Ships

Every one of us knows how painful it is when someone says, "I love you," while their actions don't show love. Most have been so disappointed by hollow words of love that we would rather not hear those words than to be repeatedly disheartened by unfulfilled expectations.

For generations the world has listened to the Christian church proclaim, "God loves you and so do I." I look at our world today and wonder if our words have healed or wounded, if our actions have backed up our words of love.

The Bible says in Matthew 5:14, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Good works. It seems something almost makes us want to push those words away. Since the Reformation, the church has avoided anything that might look like we're trying to earn our salvation.

As a result, we have not only abdicated our responsibility, but also the privilege of showing God's love for the world. We've almost come to expect the government to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and provide health care for the sick. Unfortunately, the government's "good works" do not cause people to glorify God in heaven. However, when we combine actions of love to our words of love, we open opportunities for the unbelieving world to praise our Heavenly Father.

I'm encouraged as I see more and more Christians waking up to the fact that "faith without works is dead." I'm seeing more "good works" than ever — homes for unwed mothers, feeding programs for street people, shelters for the homeless — that are flowing out of a living faith. Love is becoming a lifestyle in the body of Christ.

There are opportunities all around us to demonstrate the love of Christ. Will those good works save us? No, but others will be saved because of them. Let us step out and grasp opportunities for good works so that our Father in Heaven will be glorified.

"Question: "What was the sin of Sodom?"  
The clue can be found in these pages.

### A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

This edition of IN TOUCH is almost entirely devoted to Mercy Ministries, which alongside Evangelism and Training, is the third 'arm' of YWAM. Our intent is not simply to give reports on what is happening in this realm of the YWAM world; but to kindle within you, dear reader - if it isn't already there - the same fire that burns within the ones you read about. And you don't have to relocate to do it! Just look around your community, and you'll find a veritable ocean of anguish - a sea of need and pain. Jump in! Get your feet wet!

"The man who fears the Lord... gives freely to the poor." Psalm 112:1(a) & 9(a)

## A Modest Proposal

*We had hoped that donations to IN TOUCH would be sufficient for its support, without fundraising appeals. Our policy is to send books and tapes to whoever orders them, regardless of the amount of their donation. And we'd like to be able to continue that. Some folks evidently think we obtain these materials free! Over the past two years we have purchased and distributed \$45,000 worth of books and tapes. Donations have fallen short by \$6000.*

*Our 'modest proposal' is this: would you pray about partnering with us and sharing the load, each time IN TOUCH hits your mailbox? (If only two percent of our readers sent in \$40 each, we would just about cover costs. Obviously everyone can't send \$40, but every gift helps.)*

*What is God saying? Is this ministry on God's heart? Is a need being met, or is this "dead works?" Should we continue IN TOUCH? Are changes required? Would you seek God on our behalf? May we hear from you?*

*Peter, Donna and Laurie Jordan.*

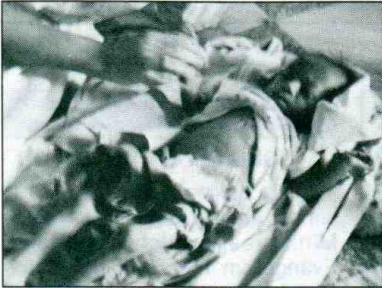
"Instruct those who are rich... to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share." 2 Tim. 6:17(a) & 18(b)



"He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed."  
Proverbs 19:17

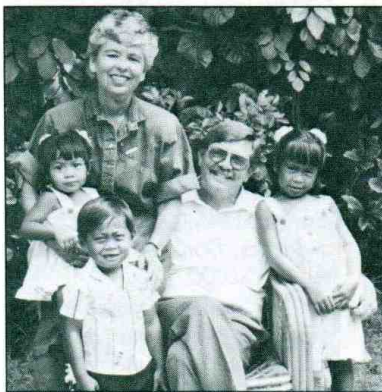
## RECYCLED PARENTS

Third degree malnutrition, pneumonia, low-grade fever. Some bargain is eight-month old Eva Mae, weighing a less than robust nine pounds. Placidly she lies there, in her grimy swaddling rags, hopelessly awaiting certain death in a Manila hospital.



But a bargain she is for Henry and Dorothy Shrock, ten-year YWAMers whose own children are grown and gone from the nest. Visiting the hospital two years ago, Dorothy spied this pitiful bundle of skin and bones, lying pathetically unattended. Miraculously released into their loving custody, Eva Mae rapidly blossomed. Five months later, the Schrock's big hearts reached out to include Eva Mae's older brother and sister as part of their second family.

The children's natural mother, unable to care for them because of chronic TB, is thrilled about their future prospects. Pray for Henry and Dorothy as they wade through the morass of sticky red tape, required for foreign adoptions.

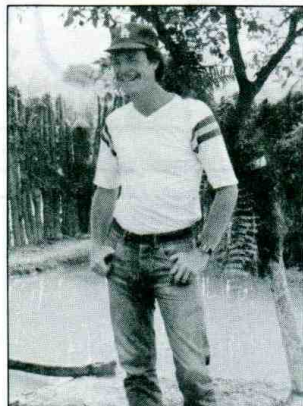


The Shrock family, Second Edition

## UNSUNG

Mark Barnes went to Brazil in 1983. Since then, he has organized community development schools and sent teams out to work amongst Indian tribes along the Amazon; established an orphanage and a day-care center; and planted and maintained a very large garden. Recently Mark returned from Mozambique, where a team will soon be sent to work among refugees. A friend says of Mark, "His success is due to his child-like faith in Jesus...his obedience to the call of God on his life. He is joy-filled...enthusiastic...a pleasure to be with."

Mark writes, "I love my job...we are currently sailing through financially uncharted waters...sounds like a keen adventure in God, but it does put pressure on the captain." Mark can be encouraged at: Utilidade Publica, #7.489 - MG, Cx.P. 2024, 30.161 Belo Horizonte, Brazil.



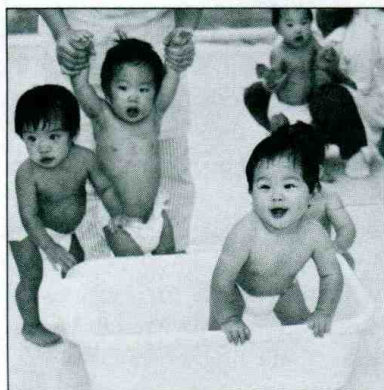
Mark Barnes

"I was a father to the needy..."  
Job 29:16(a)

## MOTHER'S CHOICE GOD'S CHOICE, TOO

Imagine for a moment that you are a 15-year old girl, born and brought up in Hong Kong. Something is wrong, your tummy has started to swell, you haven't been feeling well. Taken to the doctor, you discover - to your surprise - that you are six months pregnant.

"This is quite a typical scenario," says Helen Stephens, Founder and Director of Mother's Choice, a 2 1/2 year-old ministry to unwed mothers and their babies. "Because of lack of knowledge or shame, the problem does not get dealt with until well along in the pregnancy. We provide a loving home for the girls, an alternative to abortion, and tender care for the babies."



Some of God's chosen jewels

Soon Mother's Choice, now able to hold only 24 infants, will have facilities for 60. Ninety percent of the babies will be chosen for adoption, (half of those going overseas), all done through the Hong Kong Social Welfare Department. But until they are matched up to their new parents, Helen and her staff of 30 full-time, and 140 part-time workers, care for these precious jewels.

## PROFILE

### From Pot to Pol Pot

"YWAM found me on a park bench in Apia, Western Samoa, in February 1977. I was enroute to Asia, a tired hippy fleeing a collapsed marriage, drug dependency, and failure in business and education. An outreach member from the '76 SOE in Kona, asked me home to supper. I stayed for two. Decision time brought me immediately to the first DTS at King's Mansion in Kona.

"I think I really came to the Lord during the DTS. At least that's when Jesus revealed to me the reality of the cross as the only way to know Him. Times of openness and brokenness, and the following release of freedom, are memories which stabilize my faith even today."

After three years in Kona, John joined a team headed for Thailand, just across the border from the Killing Fields of Cambodia. Words cannot describe the human tragedy as 500,000 refugees, innocent pawns in Pol Pot's chess game of terror, streamed into hurriedly thrown-together camps. YWAM teams gained an entree into the camps through a willingness to serve other organizations.

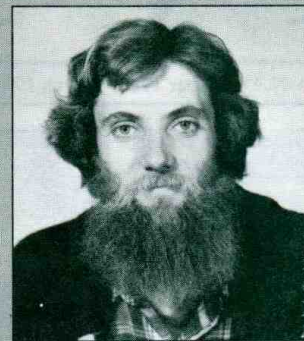
For eight years John worked in the camps, becoming coordinator of all medical and other projects in the border camps. During this time, a Norwegian preschool teacher named Tove, hove into John's view. They were married in the camp church, so that their refugee friends could attend.

John continues his story, "Tove and I...had been going and going and going, and longed for some reflection time. We seemed to be going so fast, that we never took time to learn from our mistakes...the demands of living, worshipping and working within the same team amplified tensions which arose. By this time we had two children, one of whom had been quite sick. It was time for a change.

"But what does one do after 11 years in YWAM? Is anything of what one has learned, transferable to that

'other' world? If we left, would we be failing God? Backsliding?"

These and other questions nagged John and Tove, as they struggled to know if they were to stay in YWAM. Following School of Biblical Studies

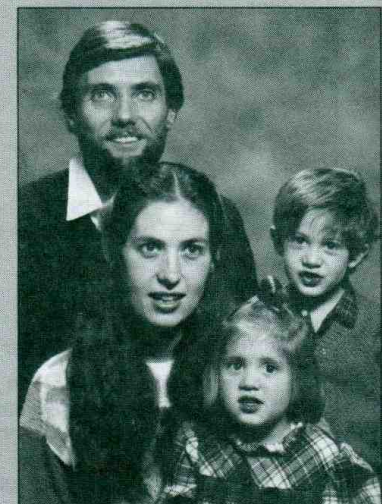


John Paddon, 1976

in England, the Paddons 'stepped out,' where they found that 'the other world' required greater faith. They discovered that they had to some extent, been living on 'team' faith. Believing within the group was easier than all alone.

John concludes, "We returned to my native Canada for three reasons: neither of us had a church background; we needed to build relationships for prayer and financial support; and Grannies had lacked time with their grandchildren.

"The return was more than reverse culture shock. We'd changed through our overseas experience, and so had our perception of the West. It wasn't just re-entry, but 'exit' from the YWAM culture and all that it signifies, vis-a-vis social needs, spiritual support and commonality of interests and values. These last two years have not been without struggles, what with continuing sickness, three moves and the pressures of Western society. But the bottom line is still, 'God is faithful.'"



The Paddons now live in Mississauga, Ontario. John works with World Vision, where his experience in soap-making learned from a Vietnamese refugee! -opened the door for him to pass along this and other skills, in Malawi and other countries in Southern Africa. It is in their hearts to return to YWAM.



## PRO-VALUE

Pro-life, pro-choice, anti-abortion, anti-choice. Confusing, isn't it?

Bev Kline is pro-value. She believes that all of us have God-given value, right from that mystical moment of welcome in our mother's womb, and on through all the days that are planned for us. And she believes it with such conviction, that she's doing something about it.

At her YWAM Texas base, Bev has established a three-fold ministry center, now in it's ninth year, and known as Living Alternatives. Pregnancy-testing, Mom's Home, fully-licensed Adoption Agency - these three, the one following the other in natural sequence.



Bev Kline

From the time a troubled girl walks through the doors and into the tastefully-appointed center, she becomes aware that Bev and her staff really care. And if her worst fears are realized by a positive pregnancy test, she finds that this care extends not just to her baby, but especially to her. Furthermore she'll discover that the caring includes others, such as - her parents, the father of the child - even his parents.

If she moves into the Mom's home, our mother-to-be will be subjected to no pressure to put her child up for adoption. The decision will be hers. Many opt to keep their baby, and help is available on a continuing basis for mother and child. In the home, emphasis is put on spiritual growth, personal discipline, and preparation for what lies ahead. "Clearly," Bev says, "adoption is as much of an emotional trauma to the mother as having an abortion. In either case she is going to have to deal with her rejection of the child."

Dozens of loved babies have been carefully placed for adoption, and 70 counselling centers have been 'birthed' from Living Alternatives in Texas. Training seminars are available - 120 have already taken them - what about you? Does your church have a vision for such a ministry? Do you? If we the church, don't rise up and do something, butchers are still waiting, who will.

Write to: Beverly Kline, Living Alternatives, BOX 131466, Tyler, TX, 75713-1466, USA, for more information on how you can get started. A wonderful, high quality, 30-minute video, suitable for showing **anywhere**, and presenting the scope of the ministry, can be yours for a donation of \$15.

"For the Lord hears the needy..."  
Psalm 69:33(a)



Johan & Friends

### WHERE DO YOU START?

Of Brazil's eight million street kids, 30% die before age 18. So where do you start? Johan and Jeanette Lukasse from Holland, start by rescuing, then restoring. Based in Belo Horizonte, the nation's third largest city, the 'House of Rescue' is the first step. Showers, meals, handicrafts, playtime and the gospel, soon reveal which kids are serious about wanting help, and they are invited into the 'House of Restoration.' Here the children learn job skills and are led toward the Lord through Bible study and personal discipleship. Johan and Jeanette's big vision, 'see's' rescue and restoration houses in all the big cities of Brazil.

## ADOPTION OPTION

Adoption is a mercy ministry. (After all, we as Christians have been adopted into God's family. If that isn't mercy, what is?)

Given that there will always be orphans, (fatherless, the Bible calls them), do we as Christians, even have the option of not considering - and praying about - adoption?

Loudly we denounce abortion as 'rape of the womb;' boldly we march for life; intrepidly we participate in 'rescues;' and unwaveringly, some even pay a huge price by going to prison for the unborn.

A prison term, hard though it may be, is still a short-term commitment. Who is ready to pay the price of long-term commitment?

Adoption is a long-term investment in life. It is fraught with uncertainties, costly beyond measure, sapping of emotions and haunted by the fear of eventual rejection.

But oh! the rewards of nurturing a spurned life, of bolstering a sense of value, of fostering hope - of simply obeying God, who tells us over and over again, to care for the fatherless.

Caring for the fatherless is one of God's commands, kind of like the Great Commission. Only He said it more often. It's a light load, (the burden;) a heavy cross, (the responsibilities;) but an easy yoke, (partnership with Jesus.)

### PROFOUND & PITHY

"Christ preferred the poor. So do I. The rich, judge and measure how much of Christ they can take and keep without committing themselves; the poor, how much of Christ they can have to comfort them in their sorrows." John Nelson Darby

## DONNA'S CORNER

The Christian life isn't easy. But God's grace and peace and power, are available in every difficult situation, (e.g. Paul in 2 Cor 12:9). We must keep our eyes on Jesus.

Adversity is a reality that none of us can avoid. It's our response to adversity that counts, (2 Cor 12:10).

Here are some questions we should ask when in a predicament:

1. What would Jesus do?
2. What did Jesus do? (This requires meditation in the gospels, and understanding what God's Spirit is saying.)
3. What would Jesus have me to do, in this situation?

Few are Christ-like according to God's Word, because few are willing to pay the price it takes to represent Jesus.

One last question. Has adversity in your life strengthened your faith, or weakened it? (If weakened, the remedy may be the power and continual filling of the Holy Spirit.)



Donna Jordan

## VIGNETTE

### OPEN MY EYES

**"Open my eyes Lord, I want to see Jesus..."**

The familiar melody poured forth from the car's stereo. The only other sound was the cooling blast from the air conditioner, laboring to overcome the oppressive afternoon heat in a desperately needy megacity, somewhere on the sub-continent of India. My host was showing me around his town.

**"To reach out and touch Him, and say that I love Him..."**

We talked about this and that as my friend, well-off by local standards, proudly showed me the sights. Snarled in traffic, I noticed a bedraggled-looking woman approach the driver's window, hand held out, in the classic beggar's salute.

**"Open my ears Lord..."**

With a casual, and evidently practiced wave of his hand, my friend dismissed the beggar. I observed this little scene, comforted by the reasonings of my rational mind. 'He's just dealing with a daily irritation. She's probably a 'pro.'

**"And help me to listen..."**

To my horror and huge discomfort, there came a tap at my side window. Eyes fixed straight ahead, I knew. 'Please traffic, move!' Not a chance - we were well and truly 'socked in' now, with stalled cars on all sides, and scores of unhurried pedestrians weaving between vehicles.

**"Open my eyes Lord..."**

What to do? Clearly the word came to me;

"Open your eyes! Your spiritual eyes! Silver and gold you may not have, but such as you do have..." I had the answer - I could roll the window down and pray for her! Just then the car moved forward, released from the traffic jam. The woman disappeared as the song ended...

**"I want to see Jesus."**

I had missed it! I had passed up an opportunity to see Jesus, by not doing something for 'one of the least,' as though I was doing it unto Him. "I'll try to be ready next time, Lord."







Pastor Scratch

## THE FIXED HEART

"My heart is fixed O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise." (Ps 57:7) A fixed heart is prepared... established... worships God. David, a fugitive from Saul, was under great pressure at this time in his life, cowering in Adullam's cave, "his soul among lions."

Overcome by fear, David finds rest and assurance, "My heart is fixed O God, my heart is fixed."

An unsettled heart brings fears, complaints, loss of its song. A fixed heart, a heart that sings, gives praise and is established, has confidence in God.

A fixed heart is surrendered to God, and knows His ways are best.

With God's help, may we all be able to say with David, "My heart is fixed O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise."

[Editor's note: Out of Adullam's cave and David's fixed heart, comes Brent Chambers' song of praise, "I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord among the people," - an all-time YWAM favorite.]

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Please pray with us, not only for the next IN TOUCH due out in April, but that all bills for this edition will be paid. Circulation is at 8000 worldwide, which allows our faith to be extended! Your donation will enable us to continue.

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## CALL SHIRLEY

Hassled by your pimp?... Tired of working the streets? Ready to make a change in your life?.....call Shirley at 895-4744.

Shirley Martin is a YWAM soldier in war-torn Miami, Florida, where the war on drugs is real, and where drug-related arrests have doubled in three years. She is believing God for a healing home for former prostitutes - eleven received the Lord in one recent month! BOX 611467, North Miami, FL, 33261

Clue to question on page 1: Ezekiel 16:49

"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat... Lord when did we see You hungry...?"  
Matthew 25:31-46

## HOUSE CALL

Some house! Some call! Come with us as we take a meal to the 'home' of a Wanchai street-sleeper. His 'home' is a sidewalk, in the very shadow of the fanciest apartment tower in Hong Kong.

Beneath a ragged coat and tattered piece of sacking, lies the form of a human body. Peering up at us with untamed eyes, his hair long and matted with what appear to be great globs of evil-smelling tar, his face ingrained with years of grime, he snatches the proffered meal without a word, scrambles to his feet, and carefully places the still-hot box lunch in a nearby trash can. Then this piece of human flotsam - or is he jetsam? - lurches abruptly into the busy street, and disappears.

It's his daily routine, we are told. Later, he will come 'home' and reclaim his meal. Can you believe that even in this most abased estate, lurks the demon pride?

Formerly operated by YWAMers, this selfless ministry is now carried on by Jackie Pullinger and her team.

"He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him." Proverbs 14:31

## AIDS FOR AIDS

It appears that there are only three possible solutions to the AIDS problem:

1. A cure.
2. Immediate commitment to long-term monogamous relationships by absolutely everyone in the world.
3. Full-scale testing, with complete isolation of all who prove to be HIV-positive.

The first solution doesn't appear close, the second would seem unlikely, and the third heartless. (What about those with AIDS from blood transfusions - especially hemophiliacs; what about babies born to infected mothers, and other tainted innocents?)

How can we reach out in mercy to the plagued? What is the church's response to be? What is our response to be?

One Associate wrote to us, "We have been amazed at the various reactions of people (in our church), to old friends who suddenly appear with the plague. Are they damned? No - they're born again, new creations and still have AIDS. Certainly...we have not come to terms with AIDS. We are surely missing the boat."

Is this unspeakable plague, judgment to the principal propagators - the homosexual, the promiscuous and the main-lining drug addict - or is it mercy? Could it be mercy? Perhaps. With the sentence of death already pronounced, the condemned one has time to reflect on eternal values. So yes, it could be mercy.

Point to ponder...  
'We're not here just to make someone's road to hell more comfortable.'

## SIERRA LONELY

Scott and Erika Morey and their three kids live and work in Sierra Leone, a West African country so cut-off, that to visit from the nation next door, it's easier to fly to Europe first! Once there, you'll find a country so poor, that refugees from troubled neighbor Liberia, are better-off. A country with rampant corruption at all levels of society, so that lying, stealing, cheating, and immorality are normal behavior. You can trust **no-one**. Inflation is 200%. The litany of woes is long, and gets worse.



Scott, Erika and kids

The Morey's ministry of mercy amidst the grinding poverty of a 'least developed nation,' is at the most basic of levels - discipleship in the dirt. To simply exist is a daily challenge. Suffice to say, this is one of the loneliest posts in YWAM, and compounding their isolation, Scott estimates that only 60% of their mail gets to them. Dear Reader, would you pray how you might encourage this vulnerable little pioneer family? Their address is: P.M.B. 978, 37 Fraser Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone. And if you write a letter, pray that it gets through.

"They only asked us to remember the poor..."  
Galatians 2:10(a)

This, the seventh edition of *IN TOUCH*, is dedicated to the memory of Annette Gaiche, who briefly touched YWAM's world, and whose picture we can't locate.



Annette volunteered short-term with the ANASTASIS, and ended up long-term with Jesus. Having a strong desire to work with the poor and needy, she enlisted with one of the ship's construction teams in Mexico.

Conditions in Mexico aggravated an hitherto undetected blood disease, that in all probability, lay dormant in her body. Ten days after returning to her California home, Annette died. Building temporary shelters for the homeless, she moved into her permanent mansion in Heaven.

During her Mexico ministry days, Annette told one of the crew members, "I've learned that God walks with me daily and orders my steps." True then, and true now.

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