

# IN TOUCH

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"I really need to keep the Lord's focus on the world... thanks for helping me... here's my new address so I don't lose you... or so you don't lose me!"

Holly Ziegelbaum, TX

"Don't know how you got my name, but really glad you did... I'd like to hear from anyone at Holmstead Manor 78-79... also Morocco 73-74... Rocky, Robert, Richard, Gerry & Robin..."

Maggie Watson, England

"Thoroughly enjoying IN TOUCH... now pastoring here in Farmerville... excited about reaching this town for Jesus... we have been enriched by five years in YWAM..."

Randy & Felicia Chappell, LA



"You guys saved me from a boring afternoon. (with your last edition.) Photo Riddle: Frank Walker, Bob Fitts, Peter Jordan, Kalafi Moala... either imitating pigeon calls or posing for Mr Universe..."

Mary Somers, Hawaii

[Sorry Mary, you lose on two counts - it was Ralph Bromley, not Frank, and it was a cherry-pit spitting contest in 1987. Several correct answers were received, along with some outrageous ones! Winners received free copies of "Nine Worlds To Win" by Kalafi.]

## ON WELFARE? YOU SHOULD BE!

"For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

I know, I know, you've heard that before! And like me, you've probably quoted it many times - especially in times of uncertainty and indecision. That promise, and it is a promise, was spoken to Israel at a very unlikely time. While our circumstances may be different, we YWAM Associates, scattered all over this globe, can learn something very important from the Israelites' predicament.



Dan Sneed

You see, they had just been forcibly taken from their homeland, and were being held captive in Babylon - on foreign soil. Jeremiah's letter arrived. God's prophet! Surely good news that they would soon be on their way home in triumph! But no, God said they would be captives much longer. And furthermore, God Himself had sent them to wicked Babylon in the first place! It was not the work of the enemy - what a shock!

How could God have put them in such a wicked, ungodly place? Sound familiar?

Jeremiah gave some specific instructions that I think, speak to many of our situations today. **First**, they were there by Divine Appointment - God had sent them. **Second**, they were to settle and become part of the community - identify with the people and let their influence and presence be felt. **Third**, they were to be productive and multiply.

**Fourth**, even though they were in a place they didn't want to be, they were to seek the welfare of the city. Hold on! Seek the welfare of a place you hate? Even the name Babylon spoke of confusion caused by Godlessness. **Fifth**, they were to pray on behalf of the city. There must be something redeemable, so God directed them to pray.

**Finally**, perhaps the most challenging concept of all - "for in its welfare you will have welfare." Not only did God give them a promise, but He told them how to walk it out.

Could it be that God is speaking those same words to us? As YWAM Associates, with training in schools and on outreaches, is it possible that He has placed us where He wants us - where we can be most effective?

Here are some hard questions that must be answered:

- Do you know that God has placed you where you are?
- Have you become a 'part' of it? (Or are you still on the sidelines wishing for something better?)
- Is the well-being of your place vitally important to you?
- Are you praying on its behalf?

God has called us to be world-changers. That starts right where you are NOW! Remember His promise - PLANS FOR WELFARE!

Dan & Bev Sneed, along with their kids, attended Crossroads DTS in 1986. Dan continues his teaching ministry worldwide, and he will be a speaker, Lord willing, at one or more of our 1992 IN TOUCH Renewal Camps.



"Thanks for IN TOUCH... could you do a big favor and correct our address... the street number is wrong and we keep disturbing a nice little old Dutch lady..."

Cheryl Gagliasso, Netherlands

[A good time to remind you, dear reader, to make sure we have your name spelled right and correct address.]

"...reading IN TOUCH always makes me cry... a nice kind of cry... I can never read it dispassionately and carelessly... thought of a bunch of my classmates... here are their addresses and another gift toward future expenses..."

Janet Parker, BC



"I asked you to 'de-subscribe' me... the reason is purely a financial one - on your part, (finances being what they are)... if you send it, I'll read it, (I'm a YWAM fan)..."

Richard Hurn, NZ

[Thanks Richard for being sensitive... we'll keep sending.]

"Thank you for the ministry of IN TOUCH... it does encourage my heart each time... the messages speak so to my heart. This little check is a thank you gift."

Pam Watson, TX

**PITCAIRN COUNTDOWN**



M/V PACIFIC RUBY

As we go to press, Loren Cunningham and a team of YWAMers will be on Pitcairn Island, the only country in the world in which YWAM had not ministered. In our last edition, Loren gave his vision of taking the Gospel to every country, and we suggested he might appreciate being in on that final 'milestone.' He has the desire of his heart.

The ship for this historic voyage is none other than YWAM's newest fleet member, M/V PACIFIC RUBY. Based in New Zealand, this rugged, business-like little 140-footer, displacing almost 500 tonnes, is well-designed for her mission: to bring the Gospel and medical assistance to island peoples throughout the enormous expanses of the South Pacific Ocean.

With a range of 6000 miles,

onboard satellite navigation, radar and radios, the "RUBY" will be able to go where few others can venture. This June, she took a medical team to the seven northernmost Cook Islands, where no airplanes land, and visitors are rare. More than 500 islanders received medical and dental care, while a kids evangelism team worked with hundreds of children in schools and churches.

In January 1992, a DTS will be held on board, thus giving this little "Gem of the Pacific," full-orbed YWAM ministry: Evangelism, Training and Mercy Ministries.

And furthermore, The RUBY will be featured at the first New Zealand IN TOUCH Renewal Camp, January 20 - 27, 1992. Participants will be able to enjoy afternoon cruises, as well as the ministry of Floyd McClung and John Dawson. See below.

**IN TOUCH RENEWAL CAMP  
DOWN UNDER IN NEW ZEALAND**

January 20 - 27, 1992 at Orama Christian Fellowship, Great Barrier Island, (near Auckland)

**SPEAKERS:** Floyd McClung, YWAM's International Executive Director; John Dawson, Director, YWAM Los Angeles

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Brent Chambers, songwriter, (Scripture in Song)



A Summer holiday for the whole family among friends and friends-to-be, all of whom share the experience of having served in YWAM, (or would like to!) Great swimming, boating, fishing, tramping, (for North Americans read 'hiking!'), full

children's programme and afternoon cruises aboard the M/V PACIFIC RUBY, (donation basis.)

To reserve your place, write NOW to: Paula Richardson, Kia Ora House, 1 Parliament Street, Thorndon, Wellington, NZ

Early Registration Fee: \$20, or \$40 per family, (before Oct 1).

Full costs of Camp, plus all pertinent information will be sent to you immediately upon your response.

(For information about other camps in North America and elsewhere, write to: IN TOUCH Renewal Camps, BOX 35021, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6M 4G1.)

**UPDATES**

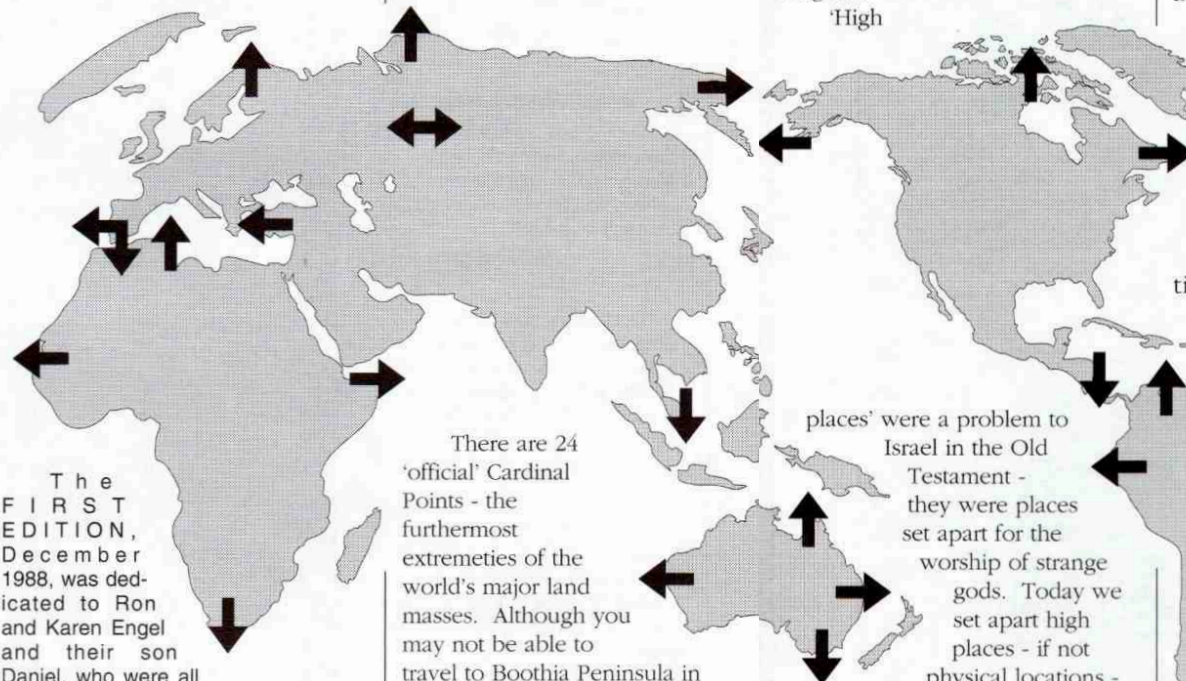
Here's some follow-up to items we've reported over the past three years...can it really be **three** years since the first IN TOUCH?... Time flies when you're having fun!



The Engel Family

**"Ask of Me, and I will give You nations..."**

Would you like to be part of the world's farthest-flung prayer meeting? Would you like to lay claim to the promise of Ps 2:8, to see the nations as Christ's inheritance and the **ends of the earth** as His possession? Would you like to be part of a group that will 'surround' the world? You can!



The **FIRST EDITION**, December 1988, was dedicated to Ron and Karen Engel and their son Daniel, who were all

injured when hit by a drunk driver in Kona in 1987... Karen most seriously, paralysed from the waist down. But Karen is a fighter, and with loving care from church and family - especially Ron who has built a house perfectly suited to her needs in a wheelchair - she continues to be an encouragement to all she meets.

We concluded our little story back in '88 asking our readers to pray for this little family, that God's grace would be their portion. God has answered, and now Ron and Karen have a miracle baby girl, Patrice, born in April! Rejoice with them - and keep on praying.

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In the **FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH and SIXTH EDITIONS**, we reported on a little team of Pacific Islanders named 'Second Wave,' who felt called to work with North American Natives. They are now permanently based in Canada, their team approaching twenty members. Half are Native Canadians, who came to the Lord through the team's early days of ministry, went to DTS, and are now back ministering to their own people. The other half - islanders all - hail from Samoa, Niue, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Hawaii and the Philippines!

**GOING TO EXTREMES**

Cardinal Points Prayer Meeting  
Saturday, September 21st, 1991

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the day at the 24 'official' worldwide continental Cardinal Points, plus many more local ones. For more information on how to get involved, call the closest YWAM base.

In this connection Bob Fitts, with Hosanna! Music, has recorded another live worship album, "The Highest Place." (You'll remember Bob's first with them, "The Lord Reigns.")

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There are 24 'official' Cardinal Points - the furthestmost extremities of the world's major land masses. Although you may not be able to travel to Boothia Peninsula in the far northern Canadian Arctic, or Cape Agulhas on the southernmost tip of South Africa, you can still get involved right where you live - in your country, state, province or city.

There will be four main emphases: **Thanksgiving** - for the great gift of salvation; **Praise** - to the God of the universe; **Spiritual Warfare** against the powers and principalities of darkness; and **Intercession** for the lost, that there will be a great harvest of souls in this decade.

On September 21st, teams of YWAMers and others will spend

places' were a problem to Israel in the Old Testament - they were places set apart for the worship of strange gods. Today we set apart high places - if not physical locations - places in our hearts, where we worship strange gods: the gods of materialism, knowledge, sports, TV, music, position and more. We must place the Lord Jesus - only - on the highest place.

Bob has made special arrangements for pre-release of this album, so that it can be tied in with the Cardinal Points Day of Prayer. You can obtain your early copy, by dropping us a note and enclosing US\$10 - CAD\$11 - and we'll mail it right out to you. (For overseas mailing, please add \$1 so we can send it by air.)

**YO! ALL KING'S KIDS  
- PAST AND PRESENT!**

Greg & Beth (Krupp) Bachran want to 'find' you and let you know some exciting news, as well as to hear what's happened in your life. Send them your current address, along with any other KKs you know, to: King's Kids Alumni, BOX 3051, Salem, OR, 97302, USA.

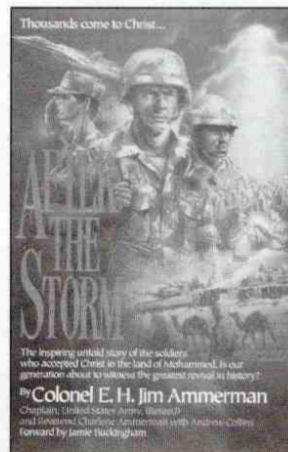
**AFTER THE STORM**



Charlene & Jim Ammerman

Colonel Jim Ammerman was a Chaplain in the US Army, and is a YWAM Associate. (Many Associates will remember back in the '70s, how Jim worked with YWAM, facilitating the wide distribution of The Living Bible to US troops in Europe.)

Well Jim's still in action. This time he's written a book called "After The Storm," the inspiring account of how thousands came to Christ, and were baptized, right on Islam's front porch; right in the midst of Desert Storm! As you read this book, you'll live with Chaplains and the US Military in combat, feeling the deep emotions that open people up to the Spirit of God. To obtain this book, send \$10 to Jim at: 2721 Whitewood Drive, Dallas, TX, 75233.



*Donna's Corner*

We are called to live by faith, and faith comes by hearing the voice of God - the 'rhema', the living word of God that gives us life (Rom 10:17, Gal 3:5).

'Living by faith' is not defined by the presence or absence of a salary, but by obedience to: 1. the call of Jesus: 2. the voice of the Holy Spirit: and 3. His written Word.

In 1842, George Mueller wrote, "When we forsake the ways of the Lord in the hour of trial, the food for faith is lost." We must not shrink from faith trials, but embrace them as opportunities to see the hand of God stretched out (extended?) in help and deliverance.

When a trial of faith (our hour of trial?) comes, we are naturally inclined to trust in ourselves, in others or in the circumstances, rather than in God's living Word and the unchangeableness of His character.

Let's be known as men and women of faith - people who really trust their God, people in whom God places His trust.



Donna Jordan

*Profound & Pithy*

- "Some are so loving, they don't speak the truth...others so truthful, yet don't speak with love." *Dr Bruce Thompson*
- "Before you 'level' with someone, make sure you love them." *BT*
- "Integrity is when you live up to what you know."
- "The frequent sins of the few become the corporate sins of the whole." *Floyd McClung*
- "God doesn't want to hurt your pride. He wants to kill it."
- "To 'sit on the fence' is easy. To be balanced, takes much more effort."
- "It's not so much seeking His will, as being His will." *Oswald Chambers*
- "To be born again and Spirit-filled is a good place to begin, but a poor place to stay."

**CAPTIVE OF A CONGO CULT**

Congo, deep in the heart of Africa, has been a communist state for twenty years, during which time few missionaries have been permitted entry.

Imagine her surprise, when Hazel Bird. (Crossroads, Kona 1979), felt the Lord directing her to go to Congo - and deliver a message from God! Hazel lives on the tranquil island of Antigua, West Indies, where she ministers



Hazel Bird

full-time for the Lord through Word of Faith Ministries. Congo was not on her list of 'favorite places to go.'

But go she did, taking a friend, and making contact - quite miraculously - with Salu Ndebele, YWAM leader in neighboring Cameroon. (Salu, some will remember, spent many months in a communist Mozambique jail in the mid-70s.)

Amazingly a visa was issued, and Hazel and friend were off with

joy in their hearts to share the Good News with the people of Brazzaville, capital of Congo. But it soon became evident that they had landed in a hornet's nest - right into the middle of a cult with a Jim Jones-like leader.

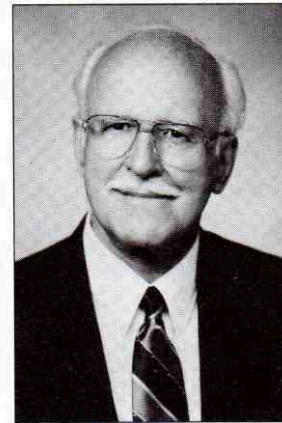
For several stressful days the women were prisoners, one moment lionized, the next moment reproached; one moment God was

being praised, the next a man was being exalted. Finally the Lord enabled them to escape the clutches of this cult, into the arms of some genuine Christians. There, Hazel was able to give her message, with the result that hundreds came to know Jesus.

Exciting story? Yes. But put simply, it's the account of a woman who heard from God, had faith to believe, and obeyed. Isn't that what life is all about?

P.S.

### SIX DOWNS OF THE LORD



Pastor Scratch

1. He **looked down** from heaven upon the children of men...they are all gone aside...and none that doeth good... no not one; *Ps 14:2-3* ... the wickedness of man was great; *Gen 6:5*.

2. He **came down** because of what He saw...to call sinners; *Lk 5:32* ...to seek and save that which was lost; *Lk 19:10*...that they might have life more abundantly; *Jn 10:10*.

3. He **laid down** His life for us, so that we can know His love; *1 Jn 3:16*.

4. He **went down** and took from Satan the keys of death, hell and the grave, so that we can say, "O grave where is thy victory, O death where is thy sting?" *1 Cor 15:55*.

5. He **sat down** at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having by Himself purged our sins; *Heb 1:3*.

6. He is **coming down** in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven; *Acts 1:11*...

*Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*

## IN TOUCH

IN TOUCH is a labor of love, principally intended for those who have given to YWAM - of themselves and of their resources; and is published three times a year. Editor: Peter Jordan; Layout: Bill Cozens, the guy who makes this thing look good. Girl Friday, (and all the other days too): Laurie Jordan. Finances: the One in whom we place our faith, and you our beloved reader. (It now costs US\$6000 to print and distribute IN TOUCH worldwide.)

Overseas mailing costs being what they are, (US .50c per copy,) we wonder if there would be those who would take on the burden for their own country. We'll let you know the numbers involved. Mailing could be either from the US, or we could bulk ship IN TOUCH with labels, to you. We'd love to hear from you!

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A typical missionary family in China, circa 1936. (Please note the confident, visionary gaze of the young man seated on his mother's knee. He was destined to become editor of IN TOUCH.)

### PETER LAWRENCE CLOSE, Age 27

This, the ninth edition of IN TOUCH, is dedicated to the memory of Peter Close, Australian YWAMer extraordinaire; who despite physical and learning handicaps, learned to cope and be a blessing; who while on a King's Kids relief team helping rebuild the flood-devastated town of Nyngan, New South Wales, passed into the presence of the Lord he so loved.



Peter Close

Excerpts from two letters written to YWAM, eloquently express how people saw Peter...the first from Bruce Harris, a leader in Nyngan; the second from his parents, Kevin and Ann Close of Surrey Hills, Victoria...

"...I would like to express mine and all Nyngan's deepest feelings of sorrow...with all the tragedies we've been through, we never lost one life...your dearly departed friend, who unselfishly gave his time, and it seems his whole heart to our cause, without regard to his failing health, he was a real man.

"I am not a religious person, but I know he will find his greatest reward, and peace with his maker. I hope you keep up the good work you are doing and carry the torch of love and hope...whatever you do, don't let Peter's name be forgotten...

"You are always welcome to come and stay in our humble town...

"I have a request...it would be a tribute to Peter if you had a special service for him in public, so all Nyngan can show their respect for this young man who gave his life to Nyngan."

...and some thoughts from Mum and Dad...

"We appreciate that Peter's death was a great shock to you folk and you grieve for losing him, as we do...the Memorial Service was a wonderful experience. Peter's brother said that Peter would have approved...we wanted to celebrate his life and love of the Lord...the music would have had Peter on his feet...

"You encouraged Peter to sharpen his living for the Lord...with his mind so set on knowing God and serving Him, it sure helps to mellow our grief over losing him...that he is with the Lord is so good, it is easy to be envious..."

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