

# IN TOUCH

Youth With  
A Mission

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Do we love hearing from you?  
Try us! Here's a sampling from  
our mailbag...



"Life on 'the outside' certainly  
is very different with all its social  
pressures, and we were very  
thankful...and encouraged to  
receive IN TOUCH."

Glenn & Anne Forrest, Australia

"We had five challenging,  
exciting, fruitful, rough, tough and  
tearful years ...back in the  
'pioneer' 70s...we keep IN  
TOUCH with many still in YWAM,  
and others like us, who are  
pastors of churches..."

David & Darlene Brett, NZ



"Thank you for IN TOUCH...  
this past issue especially... news  
of Scott & Erika Morey who led  
the base in Lausanne... and John  
& Tova Paddon whom I knew in  
Thailand... what a blessing!"

Lori Rimar Nguyen, USA

"I was with YWAM in Britain,  
and since coming home my  
'touch' seems distant... receiving  
IN TOUCH keeps me up to  
date... and I do add people and  
situations to my prayer times..."

Linda (Schutz) Hoffman, Australia



## GOD IS FAIR DINKUM

Tom Hallas



Diana & Tom Hallas

In Australia we would say that  
"God is fair dinkum about His  
promises." He is truly genuine, as  
good as His word, means what He  
says. That He has unchanging  
purposes even for us today, 'the  
heirs of the promise.' In fact, God  
was so fair dinkum, that He "swore  
by Himself" about one of His  
promises (Heb 6:13).

That promise, that  
unchanging purpose in God's heart, was first given to Abraham,  
father of the Jews (Gen 12:2-3). God promised to bless Abraham  
and his children, and through them all the peoples of the earth.  
Today, all Christians are Abraham's children - fellow heirs - having  
been grafted in to his family tree (Rom 11:17). Therefore God wants  
to use all believers to bless all peoples of the earth.

Is that something you can wholeheartedly commit yourself to?  
Does it mean you must 'get up and go' - again, if you've already  
been? Can you only bless the peoples, (families, tribes, people  
groups) of this earth by physically being among them?

I am writing this in Indonesia where there are 1,200 such  
'families.' Some like the Sundanese who are 38 million strong, know  
little or nothing of the blessing that awaits them. Others of these  
'families' are tiny by comparison. Many have no church among  
them and have hardly anyone even praying for them. In all the  
world there are thousands of these family groups.

Wouldn't you like to be coupled to the unchanging purpose of  
God? Wouldn't you, right there where God has called you, want to  
be a link in the 'chain' of blessing? You can.

It is my conviction that former YWAMers especially - individuals  
and families - could adopt one of these groups of people that have  
not heard about the blessing that is 'on hold' for them. This would  
be something between you and your adopted family. A commitment  
you would make.

Once adopted, you could pray for, gather information about, and  
seek God's blessing on your new family. Then, "This hope we have  
as an anchor of the soul" (Heb 6:19), may become their hope. The  
blessing you have so freely received, could release God's promise,  
that "He swore by Himself," upon them.

For information about unreached people groups, write to: US Center for  
World Mission, 1605 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, CA, 91104, USA

Tom is Field Director for Asia and the Pacific, residing with Diana and  
their four children, in Canberra. He is the most recent addition to YWAM's  
International Council.



"Just finished my DTS...  
heard about YWAM Associates  
on Floyd's video, [Global  
Perspective]... therefore I am  
asking if you would send me IN  
TOUCH..."

Name withheld by request  
(Count on it...)

"Thank you so much for  
keeping me IN TOUCH - it's  
almost like receiving a letter from  
home..."

Eliza Du Toit, South Africa

"I was surprised when I first  
got IN TOUCH...I thought me,  
why me? I felt special... part of a  
family... I sure am encouraged by  
each issue and comb it front to  
back... keep it up."

Murk Post, Canada



"I read IN TOUCH and I really  
felt the touch... how important it  
is to keep us informed... to learn  
of others' experiences... for the  
encouragement..."

Oloivera Nataniela, Fiji

"I too left YWAM feeling a  
failure. My heart was in it 200%,  
but my body could not withstand  
dengue fever... at times my heart  
still aches to return to my YWAM  
family... I've been asked to be on  
our church's Missions  
Committee... how exciting!"

Debby (Myers) Skokut, USA



## PITCAIRN COUNTDOWN

Almost lost in the vastness of the far reaches of the South Pacific, is tiny Pitcairn Island - the world's smallest country, with a population of under 70. Survivors of the mutiny on HMS Bounty, these hardy people are cut off from the rest of us. Ships visit infrequently.

Pitcairn is the only country in the world in which YWAM has not yet had the opportunity to minister. No missionary organization has ever worked in every nation of the world. Yet Jesus said, "Go into all the world."



Loren Cunningham takes that seriously. "We feel that there is an authority that God wants to give us by responding to His command," says Loren. "It is not something we have set out to achieve through pride, but because we believe God wanted us to do it."

A YWAM team is right now in Tahiti, looking for a ship to take them to Pitcairn. Don't you think Loren would love to be part of that culminating cruise? Stay tuned for further developments.



"Who is this man, and what will he be doing June, July and August?" For answer, see page 3.

## A MORE THAN MODEST RESPONSE

In the last Edition, we presented 'A Modest Proposal,' in which you were invited to partner with us, by sharing the load of producing and then mailing IN TOUCH around the world. (We're closing in on 10,000 Associates in more than 60 countries!) We mentioned that we were laboring under a \$6000 shortfall, and asked if the ministry of YWAM Associates was really on God's heart.

The response was more than modest! It was downright humbling. Phone calls and letters came in from all over this planet. Without exception, people said things like, "Keep going," "Don't give up, and "We need this." One wrote "I've been greatly encouraged by each issue of IN TOUCH... especially thrilled to see ways we can encourage specific people in ministry...it's on my heart to give \$ to IN TOUCH, but finances are limited, with many individual YWAMers on my heart to support as well...enclosed is what I have at this time..."

From Australia - "Just rang to encourage you...we've sought the Lord on your behalf and He says the ministry is of Him." And from all over the world, gifts small and large came in - sufficient to wipe out the \$6000 in debts, and pay all production and mailing costs for the last IN TOUCH. How grateful we are to the Lord - and each one who had a part. It literally brings tears to the eyes.

## PHOTO RIDDLE



Who are these men? What are they doing? First ten correct answers to both questions, get a free book, written by one of them.

One more expression of how we need each other.

At the time of writing we have no debts, and are looking forward with anticipation to see God use this little tool known as IN TOUCH, in His service. And to see His provision, again. Thank you.

## OUR INSERT POLICY

Occasionally, in a local or regional situation, we will include along with IN TOUCH, material which we think would be of interest to you. It will always be YWAM-related, something that could enhance your life, right where you are. Let us know if there are some things you miss from your YWAM days.

## Writer's Seminar

June 17 - 28, 1991  
Southern California College,  
Costa Mesa, CA

Did you know that 25 books have already been published by alumni of YWAM Writer's Seminars and Schools? Seminar teachers will be Janice Rogers, David Hazard, Lois Walfrid Johnson, Renee Taft Meloche, Beverly Caruso and Geoff and Janet Bengé. A U of N course, sponsored by YWAM.

For more information, write to:  
BOX 3464, Orange, CA,  
92665, USA  
Tel: (714) 637-1733



"Another ex-YWAMer shared IN TOUCH with me. It was great reading... I was with YWAM in S.A., Switzerland & Germany for 3-1/2 years and have kept in contact with some of the folk..."

*Elgonda Brunkhorst, Israel*

"IN TOUCH is like receiving a letter from a close, yet distant friend. It is fun, informative and interesting, not to mention filled with God's word and love...thanks so much..."

*Diana Williams, USA*

"I was in YWAM from '74-80... yet somehow failed to make Jesus the Lord of my life... after marriage in '83 I fell apart... Sept '90 I asked Jesus to be my Lord... things have been so good for me... yet today my marriage is almost gone... please pray for my wife, she intends divorce, needs Jesus... I don't hardly know what is happening in YWAM, let alone those outside that were inside... appreciate greatly IN TOUCH..."

*Name withheld*

"Read 'A Modest Proposal' (IN TOUCH #7), and felt I needed encourage you! I look forward to each new issue... keeps me updated with a group of people very special to me... Col. 1:1-6 & Prov. 25:25."

*Christina Rudiger, Canada*

"Thanks for your regular IN TOUCH. We enjoy reading it. It's good to be reminded of all that we learned in our brief encounter with YWAM through Crossroads DTS and outreach..."

*Rosamund Clarke, England*

"We are so thrilled to get news...after ten years in YWAM, re-entry hasn't been easy... but God's grace is so good and sufficient. Please don't let the enemy rob you of your vision..."

*Rob & Peggy Weerasekera, USA*

"YWAM was such an influential part of our past... 5 months, joyful and painful - a time of growth and learning. Our eyes were opened to the realities of missions... the treasures were the people."

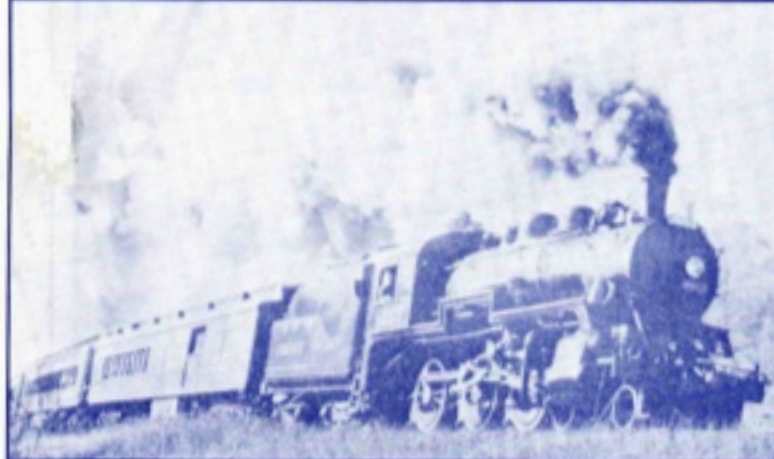
*Larry & Connie Milliff, USA*

"I don't know how you got my name, except to assume a blessed mate somewhere on this globe gave it to you... I miss my YWAM friends very much and IN TOUCH is a ray of sunshine... people are important eh?"

*Pamela Giddy, New Zealand*

"IN TOUCH must go on."

*Diane Benner, Canada*



## WHEELS OF STEEL

A YWAM train? You must be kidding! YWAM's going to ride the rails? New meaning to DTS, (Diesel Training School?) Pullman dorms? Dining cars? Clickety clack, on the railroad track? Yes, and more!

We have ships, don't we? It wasn't too long ago, some of us had trouble believing God for just one. Now there are three, with plans for ten! A ship is a floating, mobile base, limited to ports. But not really limited, since teams can reach out from there.

Similarly with a train. Tied to the tracks though it may be, it will chug into smaller centers, never before touched by outreaches.

The train vision was birthed in the heart of Uli Kortsch, YWAM's Canadian Director. He sees the train taking five months to go coast-to-coast, with a full complement of staff and students, integrating lectures and outreach. Maximum time would be spent parked on sidings, easily accessible to the public.

Why accessible to the public? Whole carriages will be devoted to missions displays. A visitor could step up into one coach, and find himself immediately in a refugee camp on the Thai-Cambodian border, with all the sights, smells and sounds. Or by video, he could look over the shoulder of a surgeon, as he deftly accomplishes miracles in the operating room of the M/V ANASTASIS.

So far, The Train is comprised of one beautiful, antique sleeper car, built for the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1929. Parked on a siding near Kelowna, BC, it is currently being restored and upgraded. The Rosemere, for that is her name, waits in solitary splendor, for the arrival of the rest of the vision - the remaining seven or eight cars.

*If this vision excites something in you, perhaps to use your practical skills as a Railway Mission Builder - or in any other way - write to:*

*The Train, c/o Uli Kortsch,  
BOX 922, Winfield, BC,  
Canada, V0H 2C0*

## Profound & Pithy

"One difference between slavery and servanthood, is in the heart of the master."

"We never have to be afraid of the will of God, if we walk in the reality of the character of God." *Paul Hawkins*

"Discipling is 90% encouragement."

"The essence of good understanding in the Bible, is to reconstruct the story as it originally occurred." *Ron Smith*

"Must have 'the gifts'?"

You probably need 'the fruit.'

Satisfied with the fruit?

God may want to bless you with some gifts."

"We are more attracted to flawed reality than phony perfection." *Denny Gunderson*

Are you preprayered for today?

Are you recognized as a son or daughter of God?

People can identify us by the fruit, or character, of our lives. Cultivating that fruit is accomplished by learning, then applying, the character that we see in Jesus' life.

Jesus Himself said that a rotten tree cannot bear good fruit, that we would recognize a 'bad character' by his bad fruit. (Mt 7:18,20)

We, who are God's children, will be identified as His children, because of our good fruit, our good character (Gal 5: 22-23). Really good fruit takes time and much effort to cultivate.

Each good fruit, (character strength), helps us to better cope with the adversities of life. For example, the good fruit of self control, enables us to 'respond' in pressure situations, rather than to react.

Doesn't every loving father rejoice in seeing his child grow - becoming more and more like him in personality, attitude and behavior? So it is with our Heavenly Father. He loves to be recognized in us.



*Donna Jordan*

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## 1991 RENEWAL CAMPS

Speakers:

Dr Bruce Thompson, author of "Walls of My Heart,"  
Dean of the College of Counseling & Health Care,  
University of the Nations;

and whose photo elsewhere graces these pages.

And Floyd & Sally McClung. (Riggins only).

Floyd has authored several books and  
is International Executive Director of YWAM.

For information on Camps,  
write DIRECTLY to one of the addresses below:

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IN TOUCH Camp,

Richardson Springs, CA, 95973, USA

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YWAM Rapid River Ranch,  
c/o Jerry Praetzel,

BOX YWAM, Riggins, ID, 83549, USA

**JULY 27 - AUG 4** (8 nights)

YWAM Northwest Washington,  
IN TOUCH Camp

BOX 55309, Seattle WA, 98155, USA

**AUG 10 - 17** (7 nights)

Minnesota Camp (at Bemidji),  
c/o Dale Buehring,

9 Winstone Lane, Bella Vista, AR, 72714, USA

There's still time to register, but hurry, camps are filling up fast. We have your vacation in mind, as we plan times of refreshing and fun for all ages, singles and families. (Besides regular housing, some hook-ups are available for RVs; also tenting.)

See you there!

## PEACE



Pastor Scratch

Desert Shield! Desert Storm. We live amongst wars and rumours of wars.

After the war in the Gulf, we're back to civil wars, war in the streets, war on poverty, war against loneliness; loved ones separated, families torn apart. Will we ever see "peace?"

Jesus too, lived in a time of great turmoil, and He knew He would not be there for long. That His departure could spell insecurity for the disciples.

Palestine was ruled and occupied by the Romans. Then as now, it was not a peaceful place. Yet Jesus told of even more troublesome times to come; that future generations must be prepared for the really difficult, "last days."

He said, "My peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled and neither let it be afraid."

What strength that verse has given to me. When my health failed; when I've had to deal with difficult situations; through dark days of stress and anxiety, His peace is always there for me, always holding fast. It is my answer. He is my answer!

The peace Jesus gave, He left for us. Let it be your strength in all of life's adversities. He is your peace.

## What's an OPLOC?

(and other tasty tidbits)

Did you know that...

- Non-Westerners account for about one in three of YWAM staff? (Yea!)
- There are almost equal numbers of single men and women in the mission? ("Now just a minute," I can hear some of you girls saying, "It wasn't like that when I was in!" It is now.)
- More than half of all YWAMers are serving in their own country? (Hmmm.)
- The average age of a base leader is 37? (And most likely married.)
- YWAM staffers have over 2000

children? (HMMMMMMMMM.)

- As of May 1990, there were 360 OPLOCs in 100 countries? (Thought you'd never ask - it's an Operating Location, like a base.)

And finally, perhaps the most gratifying statistic of all, not something to be proud about, but something for which to give God all the glory...

- In 1988, the last year for which statistics are available, there were 65,412 decisions for Christ worldwide. Almost half of those (31,579), were in South America.

This, the eighth edition of *IN TOUCH*, is dedicated to the memory of Kentleigh Torrente, YWAM Associate.

Beirut. The very name calls up images of horror. Civil war. 'Christian' vs Moslem. Bombs. Bloodshed. Broken buildings. Broken people. Hopelessness.

It was hope that drew South African Kentleigh Torrente, an eleven-year YWAM veteran, back to strife-torn Lebanon. His love for the people had been birthed in his heart, while serving there from 1982-85. Those were some of the worst years. Then YWAM withdrew because of the dangers.

But Kentleigh's heart never withdrew from Lebanon. Feeling called there, yet unable to return with YWAM, he joined the Bible Society early in 1990. His ministry was to distribute Bibles and food amidst the terror of ripped-apart Beirut. There, on October 13th, in the line of duty, he was killed by gunfire.

Hear what his colleagues said about Kentleigh. Iain Muir, Regional Director for Africa: "I knew him well. He was a sensitive, dedicated Christian. His love for the Lebanese people was evident; his mother says that he died among the people he loved."

Don Price, Director for South Africa: "Kentleigh was meek gentle, soft-spoken - not the type you would picture in a war zone. Yet he took on a challenge that most of us would never consider: going into a physical battlefield to bring life to the spiritually dying... Kentleigh answered the call of God, and completed the task assigned to him."

Kentleigh may not have been "mighty according to the flesh" (1 Cor 1:26). But he was mighty in God, mighty in spirit, mighty in obedience. Even mighty in death. He's the sort of person we'll someday find listed as a 'Hero of the Faith.' The sort of person you read about in Hebrews 11. The sort of person we remember and honor.



War

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Peter Jordan, Graham Kerr, Bill McAllister.

- a faith ministry. (Donations are gratefully received.)
  - staffed by Peter & Donna Jordan, and Laurie Jordan.
- and a YWAM Associate is... anyone who has been in YWAM, long or short term, or is interested.

## IN TOUCH

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This mailing of *IN TOUCH* is approaching 10,000 copies worldwide. WOW! Pray with us that the Lord uses this vehicle to more than tickle ears. And that all printing and mailing bills will get paid on time. Bless you.

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