

My Kingdom for a Porsche

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by PATRICK DODSON

A friend of mine works in marketing at Porsche. Her job is brand development and she loves what she does. She's done a DTS, worked with Mercy Ships and also at other YWAM bases. When she returned to Germany, that was what opened up for her – a Christian marketing Porsche 911's and Carrera's.

What a job, eh?

About a year ago we were talking about the excellent opportunity she has working in such a great company. I asked her if she had developed a theology of branding? "A what?" she asked. "You know, a biblical understanding of the function and application of brand development," I said. She had never thought about it. The job was pretty well defined by an established business practice. She was simply doing that job.

I asked how she brought her Christianity into the workplace or how she walked with God in her

job. She told me about prayer for her fellow employees, how she was trying to get some Christians together in the company and about her own spiritual life. I pressed a little further, "What about what you do for almost 50% of your time – brand development? How are you addressing the many challenges you face every day with God's principles?" We both saw that we needed to work on this area of our lives.

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Since then, we have spent more time discussing how to work this out and how God can be more involved in our everyday lives. It's quite a challenge.

The keys and details of the Kingdom

Most of us get the big stuff. Repentance, forgiveness, stay right

with God, help the widow and the orphan, stay connected with other Christians. . . These are the keys of the kingdom. We know what it takes to get and stay saved. This has been the emphasis of the church for the last 100 years.

What's hard is working the details. Reconciling *all things*. Finding the ways of God for those small but significant everyday occurrences we find ourselves in, like an argument with one of our children, dealing with a client on the phone, or solving a problem in production or finance. There are probably 10 - 20 issues we face each day where we are slightly or greatly out of our depth. And while this should be great fodder to take us to the Word and presence of God, we tend to naturally resort to how our fathers did it, or to our company's operating procedures. You know, *the way things have always been done*.

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When we are naturally really good at something, or are following the basic principles of God in business – especially in making and in maintain- ing good relationships – these things can lead to financial blessing and a decent working environment.

But there's more...

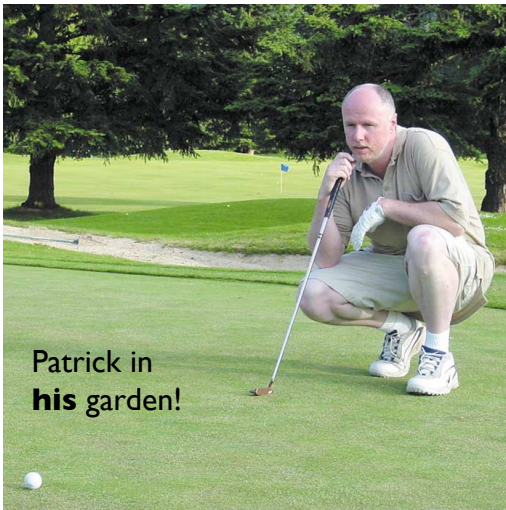
What we are missing is the Kingdom of God. Getting saved is only meant to be the entry to the Kingdom, not an escape route from the pain and complexities of a world to be endured, then left burning behind. Remember, God's original intention was not the cross. It was the garden. The cross provided a way for us to return. The real question is, *how do we live in the garden?*

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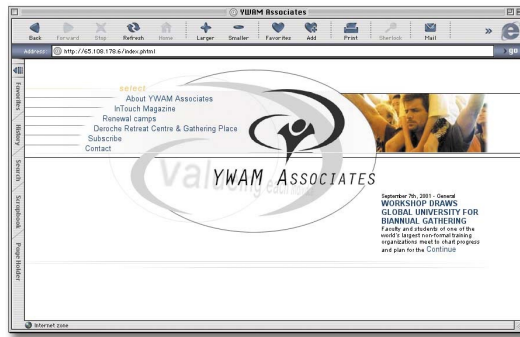
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Patrick in his garden!



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Did we get your attention?

Welcome to your website. Though this is not our first attempt to offer you the blessings of a web site, previously we neither had the know-how nor the people to maintain our effort. Now, with the generous help of many more, we expect to become an Associates Community Gathering Place. Some of those involved are Mark Lee, Steve Devries, Dave Krysko, Mark Herringshaw and Wes Thomsen.

This is a site you can visit daily for:

News & Events - Gatherings, YWAM and other christian world news

Encouragement - Donna's Daily Corner, inTouch, mentoring, teachings, resources

Fellowship & Networking - newsgroups, chats, find classmates, message boards

Services - ads, yellow pages

This site is being developed in stages, with the first one being launched on Oct 1st. Subsequent features will be added over the next few months. What this website becomes, depends on you. Without your active participation it will be just a bunch of words and graphics on a screen. With you, it becomes a living community!

Spinning the Web

We've prayed about offering space for paid advertising to make the website pay for itself. With three million or more YWAM Associates in the world, many of whom have internet access, we believe we can provide a service by helping former YWAMers who have goods or services to offer each other. Rates will be posted on the website. Here's what you can expect; it's by YWAM Associate Mark Lee (inTouch designer) for his company...

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We knew him as Jay

– a tribute from one original King's Kid to another

Jay (Judson) Brohmer joined YWAM in 1976 along with his parents and sister. After YWAM he was a leader in his church and active in using his artistic gifts (aerial photography) and his YWAM training for involving others in missions.



He also shared his faith with the people he met through his work – the hotshot pilots and engineers of the Air Force and NASA. I have great admiration for the way he pursued and spread his faith after YWAM. I know he wasn't anyone famous in YWAM, but he was a model of what YWAM and inTouch are all about: trained in YWAM and then continuing the Lord's work through church and job and family.

Like me and my siblings and your own kids, he was one of the second generation of YWAM. He lived the principles he learned in Hawaii through ICS, King's Kids, Sunday night meetings and Lovefeasts.

He inspired his beautiful wife, Alessandra, to use her gift of dance for the glory of God.

He also leaves three precious children who he raised to love and trust God. He even involved them in King's Kids, making his children some of the first of the third generation of YWAM. He didn't die martyred on the mission field, but he lived the exemplary life of a missionary every day. We shared something in those early Hawaii years that keeps me feeling close to each one of you despite the years and miles.

– Vicki Jones, Brazil

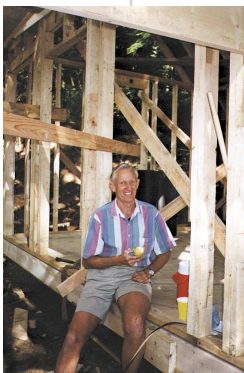
Jay, who worked for Lockheed, was killed in the crash of an F-16 fighter jet in July near Edwards Air Force base in California. He won many awards for aerial photography, and was highly regarded in the aviation community.



Update: Deroche Building Project

We are gearing up for some serious construction – in fact it has already begun. The Prayer Chapel is nearing completion high on our mountain, with a stunning view of the valley below. Land is being cleared and a woodshed (yes, we heat with wood!) has been built. For six weeks this summer we were blessed to have Mission Builders Peter & Joyce Collins from New Zealand helping us.

PETER COLLINS (LEFT); AND WITH JON AGE MYKLEBUST FROM NORWAY (BELOW), WORKING ON THE PRAYER CHAPEL.



Profund & Pithy

God is looking for [ministers] through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves. – A.W. Tozer

You cannot heal what you cannot feel. God speaks to us through the soil of a thankful heart. – Rod Wilson

Holiness is established in relationships. – Robert Coleman

If the church doesn't disciple nations, the nations will disciple the church. – Darrow Miller

Upcoming inTouch Gatherings (Renewal Camps)

Kona, Hawaii – Oct 28-Nov 3
with Frank Naea

Matamata, New Zealand – Jan 6-12
with Winkie Pratney & Rod Wilson

Sydney, Australia – Jan 13-19
with Frank Naea

Kona, Hawaii – Mar 17-23
with (TBA)

Several Gatherings are being planned for July & August. Watch our website or write us for details.

All Gatherings hosted by
Peter & Donna Jordan

Associates' Staff Updates

😊 Joining

Byron Hunt, having served in King's Kids, BC and in Ireland for the past eight years, is joining us to help with our database and communications. Welcome!

☹️ Leaving

Malcolm & Rosalie Heath, faithful co-workers for the last four years, will be returning to their native New Zealand in December. Malcolm is still recovering from almost eight months in hospital for major surgeries. Then when he got home, Rosalie also had surgery. Thank you and bless you!



Faster Than the Fastest

A few years ago, I sensed the Lord say, "The Spirit of God is moving faster than the computer field." What does that mean to us, as God's people?

It means that we must be continually listening - and keeping up to the Holy Spirit who lives within us. But how?

- By not quenching Him with unbelief or disobedience. 1 Thes 5:19
- By not grieving Him by what we look at, listen to, or by the wrong attitude of our hearts. Eph 4:29-32
- By not resisting Him through pride or independence. Acts 7:51
- Instead we should yield to Him...
- By keeping in step with Him. Gal 5:25
- By being led by Him. Rom 8:14
- By acknowledging Him in all our ways. Prov 3:5-7

The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving God wants to lead us and give us revelation and creativity daily; but we must submit to Him by listening individually – and corporately – to find out what is on His heart.

We will see nations disciplined through business, government, media, education, sciences, arts, family and the local church, if we will just stop and listen; and then walk in obedience to the voice of God through the Holy Spirit, and according to the written Word of God, the Bible.

Together we must seek Him in humility and dependence. But we need each other too.

I believe as we network with each other, as we live by Kingdom principles and as we listen to the King of Kings... His Kingdom will come and His will will be done. Matt 6:9-10

Love & Blessings,

Donna



and FINALLY ...

Wisdom from the Book of Hezekiah

I think the book of Hezekiah may be found somewhere in the vicinity of the prophet Nahum. Or if you can discover where Obadiah is, then turn left, it may be there. I've searched my Bible, but never have been able to find old Hez's book; yet I feel like it must be there somewhere because I've heard it quoted so often as the gospel truth. You probably know some of his wisdom too – here are a few of Hezekiah's McNuggets ...

- Cleanliness is next to godliness • These things are sent to try us
- The Lord helps those who help themselves • Money is the root of all evil
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you • Seeing is believing
- Forgive and forget

It's this last one that I have a real problem with – *forgive and you'll forget* – sounds kinda spiritual, doesn't it? But it's simply not true. How in the wide world, will *anyone* alive on September 11th, 2001 – a beautiful late-summer day – *forget* the horrors that unfolded during those dark and dreadful minutes of infamy? How can a person *forget* unfaithfulness and betrayal by their spouse? How could someone *forget* an abusive parent, or teacher, or spiritual leader?

We are to forgive by all means. But who says we are to forget? The problem lies in our understanding of what forgiveness really is. To forgive is an *absolute obligation* for all followers of Jesus. If you doubt that, read Matthew 6:14-15.

Where much confusion seems to come in, is that *after* we have forgiven, we often find we have *hangovers* ...

1. We discover that *pain* is still hanging on. A wound – after it is cleansed and depending upon its severity – takes more or less time to heal; and it must heal from the inside out. Forgiveness can be likened to the cleansing antiseptic that clears the way for healing to proceed from inside our heart. The pain will lessen over time.
2. We find that *trust* is not restored. If someone is caught in immorality, and even though they confess and repent, they cannot be trusted immediately. Trust must be earned and that takes time.
3. And, oh no! Our *forgetter* is not working. Nowhere do I read in scripture that we must forget when we forgive. God says He will *forgive... and remember (our sins) no more ... He will cast all (our) sins behind His back ... and He will cast all (our) sins into the depths of the sea.* But nowhere does the Bible say we will forget the sins committed against us.

Remember too, forgiveness is not a feeling; is never impossible or too hard; it does not take time; once is not enough; and you should not wait to be asked for it.

So forgive and forgive again. But don't expect to forget. Your memory of negative events is not something to dwell in; it is there for you to learn from. It's called experience.

The only time it's OK to forget, is when you reach a ripe old age, but I'm a long way from that! Be sure to read What's-her-name's column to the left of this.

Some of the sayings attributed to Hezekiah (above), have truths hidden in them, but they are not quotes from Scripture.

Peter

