



YMG Newsletter

PACIFIC ISLANDS VISITATION

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People came by bus, by car, riding in trucks, walking. The nightly "Winds of Change" campaign in the Lawson Tama Stadium drew people from the capital city of Honiara and from beyond. Julie preached to thousands and each event was broadcast throughout the nation on the Solomon Island Broadcasting Company.



Julie preaching in Lawson Tama Stadium, Honiara

Twelve churches and ministries united to host the campaign in the capital of a nation that has been torn by ethnic fighting since 1998. Young Ministry

Group answered a call from God to touch the nation with the gospel.

Their obedience paid off: nearly 900 people gave their lives to Christ during the two campaigns. Hundreds were healed and told about it. Many demon-possessed were freed by the power of Jesus Christ. Pastors and leaders testified of the impact on individuals, churches, and the nation. (see p. 5) Sir Peter Kenilorea, former Prime Minister, Speaker of the House, and a man revered by the nation, thanked Julie and the YMG team for coming to Honiara. "You have provided a spiritual feast for our nation,"

Kenilorea said.

Julie spent a short time speaking to the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet. Four evangelism broadcasts, in addition to the nightly meetings, were aired. One morning a man from Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation called the hotel and asked Carol Burstow how he could be saved. He had been too busy recording each night to respond and he wanted to make sure he received Christ as his Savior.



Crowd responding to the gospel in Honiara

A second campaign was held on the island of Santo in the nation of Vanuatu. There the emphasis was on youth and children. Another 900 decisions for Christ were recorded, totaling over 1,700 who came to know Christ as Savior.

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AIR MILES FOR MISSIONS

Many people are not aware that some airlines allow you to donate your frequent flyer miles to someone on the Young Ministry Group team. You can also purchase air miles online and donate them to a YMG team member by going to: www.miles4sale.com

Call our office for details.

Help send a short term missionary overseas!!!

SOMETHING MORE



He was a local musician who made his living playing in bars. A village man who went to the big city to find life, but was disappointed with the empty promises of drinking and partying. Matthew wanted something more. Two weeks before the “Fire Over Santo!” Campaign, someone came to his village and led him to Christ. He gave up his work in the bars of Port Vila. His wife and three children, living on Santo, noticed the change.

When the Young Ministry Group Campaign was announced in Luganville, a friend invited Matthew to attend. Rain had been soaking the ground for days, but Matthew and his friend perched themselves at the edge of Unity Park on a woven mat, listening to the music and testimonies. Julie was the first woman evangelist to preach on Santo, and Matthew and his friend represented the general curiosity about the woman and her team.

Park lighting was very limited. The two men sat in wet darkness as Julie began preaching. Matthew’s friend yelled a cry: “Do you see that?”

“See what?”

“Don’t you see that fire?”

It was dark except for the lighting from the platform. “What do you see?” asked Matthew.

“You can’t see that fire, coming out of her hand?”

He narrowed his eyes, looking carefully.

“When she lifts up her hand, fire comes out of it!”

They stared intently, listening to Julie’s words. Matthew began to think about what had been happening in his life. He recognized the supernatural, and tried to understand what it meant. There was something important about what Julie was saying.

Julie preached about how Jesus heals, and Matthew began to think about the acid and burning in his stomach and throat. He had given his life to Jesus—but this! That Jesus could still heal today, like He did in the pages of the Bible! He wondered if it could be true.

Julie ended her speech by calling people to come forward to the platform to receive Christ. She asked sick people to come if they wanted to be healed. That settled it for him. He watched where Julie stood among the team at the base of the platform. He made his way, deliberately, into the line in front of Julie. God had been speaking to Matthew, and he did not want to miss out.

Julie laid her hands on him and prayed, and the pain and burning vanished! He was completely healed. He went home and told his wife, ‘Julie is here for only one week. We must go see her. We **must** go.’”

There was more to come as Matthew’s family attended the nightly meetings. Matthew’s wife and their 18 year old son surrendered their lives to Christ. And his daughter, a teacher in a local school, was born again. The power of the simple gospel, confirmed by signs and wonders, did its work. A man and his entire family were touched and transformed.

Based on Matthew’s story as told to the YMG Team in Luganville, Vanuatu

“All the ends of the earth... and all the **families** of the nations will worship before You.” Ps.22:27

CHARITY SHOP OPENS IN ENGLAND

Young Ministry Group has jointly opened a charity shop with South Normanton Christian Centre in South Normanton, Derbyshire. Appropriately named “The Mission Shop”, proceeds go to fund mission work through YMG and the church missions program.

The idea for the shop came from Carol Bursow, the U.K. Representative for YMG. Carol brought her idea to a functioning reality as the shop opened in September, 2002.

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Richard noticed the man because he came to the conference meetings everyday. He sat with the crowd at night, he came to the pastor's meetings, and he stayed when the meals were served. It's a hot climate in Santo, and people often walked miles just to attend the Young Ministry Group Meetings at the Vare, on a hill overlooking the harbor of Luganville.

The walker would have had to pad his way

RICHARD'S SHOES

across the hot tarmac on the main roads. He wanted anything God was making available as each day and night he walked up the long hill to attend the teaching sessions. What Richard noticed was that he wore no shoes.

One afternoon at a picnic hosted by local pastors, Richard spoke to the walker. Taking off his shoes, Richard offered them to the man.

Jesus called us to serve Him by serving people. Richard's small but powerful act serves to illustrate the commitment of the people on the YMG Team to serve the people of the nations to whom we are sent.

thanks for helping us to get there.

FEEL THE HEARTBEAT

I felt Jesus reach in and touch my heart. I could feel His compassion rising in me. I then reached up and placed my hand on the Father's heart, and I could feel the heartbeat of the Father's compassion. His heart was beating for the lost and the sick—the ones He had sacrificed His Son for. I was beginning to understand.

Then the Father looked down on the nations, which were being destroyed and crushed by the enemy. Heads hung in hopelessness and shame; oppressed, depressed. People beyond exhaustion. They had given up fighting against the darkness. Fear and lies were upon the people.

But the heart of the Father beats for them, and when the heart of God's servants beat in rhythm to His, the enemy has reason to worry. Light comes into dark places, and ground is being reclaimed for the Lord. Hope is being restored. The intercessors are on their knees beating back the powers of darkness. The enemy is fighting to his last breath, but finally bowing the knee to the power of God. All other gods are being buried or destroyed, and the gates of hell are unable to prevail against the work of the Lord.

The eyes of the people are opened, and unity comes to God's people. A new light is beginning to shine on the faces as Christ is accepted to forgive their sins, and to light their lives. Tears are wiped away, broken bodies and hearts are being healed. The deaf and dumb hear and speak, and blind eyes are being opened. Those who have been bound by Satan are released...

The Father smiles, and the angels in heaven are worshipping God, singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come." They can feel the Father's heart. Can you feel it, too?

Vision given to Chris Cunnington,
intercessor and YMG Core Team member

A LETTER FROM THE ISLANDS

November 19, 2002

Dear Julie and the Team,

It has been absolutely wonderful to have your team in these last two weeks. God has done some awesome things in individual lives, as well as in the churches and the government.

It has been an opportunity for releasing of women's ministry in our churches. What a blessing your team have been to us and the SIFGA churches here. Truly, the whole nation have been blessed.

Cultures here consider women unacceptable in church ministries, but your team have created a change in our hearts and minds for the glory of God.

With much love and prayer for you all,

Pastor Nemuel and Susan Laufilu
Bible Way Centre Churches
Honiara, Solomon Islands



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LIVING UP TO ITS NAME

Liz Bacon is used to taking on challenges. "I've had a lot of problems in my life," she admits, "I'm a take-charge kind of person." She speaks with conviction. "The walls have come down in my life."

Last autumn Liz became manager of "The Mission Shop" on Market Street in South Normanton, Derbyshire. Profits from the sale of used clothing and other items are shared between Young Ministry Group and South Normanton Christian Centre, a local Assemblies of God church. Both organisations are keen on mission work overseas.

Liz staffs volunteers, sorts the donations, and takes time to chat with the custom ers.

Already the shop has become a place of ministry to the lost and hurting. Take for example, a woman named Mary*. Mary had recently lost her husband of many years and on the day of the funeral her house burnt to



the ground. She came around to the shop, where the workers assisted her by giving clothing and necessities.

One day Liz happened to meet Mary. When Liz greeted her, Mary burst into tears. From that compassionate exchange a relationship was built. After some weeks Mary accepted Christ as her Saviour.

Liz sees the shop as more than a fund raising scheme for missions. "I feel that people are going to come to us with their problems." "We're going to be able to help them."

Liz knows about problems. "I was in so much pain from situations in my past. The Lord has done great things in my life," she

says with a broad smile. "He literally set me free. I walk tall now; I'm an absolutely different person."

With people like Liz on duty, the Mission Shop is already living up to its name.

*name changed

DID YOU KNOW ?

Tradition credits Thomas the apostle as the first missionary to bring the gospel to India?

Girl babies are still discarded and left to die in some areas of India?

The spicy content of local Indian food increases as one goes south in the country?

Rats, which are worshipped in some areas, are the bane of India? They eat up to 20% of the grain supply, significant in a population which is mostly vegetarian.

We purpose to bring His salvation to the ends of the earth...

A Page From the Team Journal

"This has been a tremendous time here in Santo, as the Holy Spirit is truly impacting the city and the island with His power.

The power of God has been awesome!!! Jesus is working miracles before our eyes. We have scores of testimonies of healings. We have seen deaf people receive their hearing, people with impaired sight being restored, stomach and chest complaints cleared, and a child who could not walk, walked last night.....Glory to our wonderful Lord and healer.

[so far] We have seen over 400 children saved and over 200 adults receive Jesus....Hallelujah!!!! And God has not finished yet!!! For me personally it was miraculous to see a lady's eyes, which



Sue and Jeff Murton, from Auckland, New Zealand — part of YMG Team Vanuatu

were bloodshot and covered with film, clear as I stepped out in obedience to the word of God..... 'they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.' "