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YMG Newsletter

PASSAGE TO INDIA

While winter was visiting most of North America and Europe, a Young Ministry Group team took to the skies to visit a hot and dry southern India. During February and March 2002, pastors from southern cities hosted the YMG team. Julie preached two outdoor campaign events. Team members ministered during the campaigns and in three seminars for pastors and church leaders.

Over 1,100 people made a public commitment to Jesus Christ as Julie preached nightly. There were many miracles given by the Lord at the events, including deaf people hearing, the dumb speaking, the crippled getting up to walk, and eyesight being restored. (See page 3). Notably, a pastor reported that a woman in his congregation had been healed of a brain tumor after prayer at the campaign. She returned to her doctor for confirmation that the tumor had disappeared.



Steven, a young deaf mute, was all smiles after he was healed

Hindus and Muslims came to Christ. Pastors spoke frankly of the people who made decisions for Christ after seeing addicts and the demon-possessed being set free by the

Lord. In one campaign, excitement increased as the crowds doubled each night of the campaign. Pastors remarked on the strong unity shown among the team.

The India team included Pastor Graham Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Carol Burstow, and Julie Young. Pastor T. Deenadayalan and his wife Mohana, of Shekina Gospel Fellowship, hosted the team. Visits were made to schools, including a Bible College. Team members ministered in local churches and other

meetings.

Julie and the YMG team plan to return in February 2003 for further ministry, including a pastors and women's conference, and street outreach in partnership with Operation Mobilisation.



Please pray for Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands
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“THE CLOUDS ARE GETTING THINNER”

It was Sunday on Santo Island in the South Pacific. After the morning service, one of the church elders asked two YMG team members to go and pray for his crippled and feverish brother-in-law. The man had been sent home from the hospital because the doctors could not do anything more for him.

Chris Cunningham and Richard Mackenzie-Dodds agreed to visit the home. After ex-

changing greetings and some instruction, the sick man accepted Jesus as his Savior. Chris and Richard then prayed for his healing. Richard got the man off his bed and he began to walk!

Chris and Richard were then asked to pray for the blind grandmother in the home. She also received Jesus into her heart. They prayed for her healing and Chris asked her

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Clockwise from top: Worship on Santo; Response to Julie's preaching in Honiara; Mission Coordinator Carol Burstow and Pastor Bule; Mother and child by the sea; Men seeking the face of God; Tears come as God touches a seeker.



WE'RE EXPECTING TWINS

YMG proudly announces the addition of two Miracle/Evangelism Campaigns — the twins are expected in October and November of 2002—in the South Pacific Islands. Proud sponsors are the nations of Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

YMG team participants will sign on for a two week session in the target cities. "October and November will be exciting months because the Lord has given us a clear directive to work in the South Pacific," remarked Julie Young. "God has always provided great teams, and I know this will be a special time, not only for the people of these islands but for those serving on the teams as well."

October's target is Luganville, Vanuatu, the largest city on the island of Santo. Nearly 80% of the population is under age 18. The emphasis will be on the young people of the island. A Children's Campaign will run simultaneously with the major Campaign being held in Unity Park.

Pastor Timon Gao of Santo has a great burden for the youth and children of Santo. Gao leads the Christian Outreach Centre Churches across Santo, and is co-ordinating the events for Young Ministry Group. The Ministerial Association of Luganville, headed by Pastor Silas Fatu, has also extended an invitation to YMG for work in Santo. Both Gao and Fatu are counting on a great impact on the city.

Honiara, capital of the Solomon Islands,



is the target city for November. More than 40,000 people call Honiara home. Lawson Tama Stadium will be the site of the YMG Healing/Evangelism campaign. November's timing is optimum because the city population will swell by thousands as people come by boat to Honiara to begin their Christmas Shopping. This means that the impact on the nation can be multiplied.

In recent years, the Solomons have suffered from political unrest. Both Julie and the pastors who invited her share a strong conviction that it's a prime moment God to move in the Solomons. Pastor Robins Mesipitu is a former member of Parliament, a pastor, and Chairman of the Solomon Islands Full Gospel Association.

Mesipitu commented that "the country is very low, at the bottom; they can go no lower. With God we can move forward. There is no other way."

An inter-denominational Leader's Conference is planned in both cities. Two Women's Conferences will also draw women from all over the islands to participate.

YMG strategy calls for re-evangelizing a nation or people group in each generation. This is done by revisiting an area that has once been impacted with the gospel but now needs a fresh proclamation for a new generation.

Julie flew to the Pacific in July with an advance team to prepare for the two campaigns in the fall. Please pray with YMG that the twins will arrive healthy and strong, and that the mission will impact the people of the islands and the surrounding nations. Anyone interested in applying for this or another short-term mission with Young Ministry Group may contact the YMG office.



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HEALING MEETINGS HELD IN BRITAIN

"The Lord sets the prisoners free,

the Lord gives sight to the blind,



Chris Cunnington
praying for the sick

The Gosport area of Hampshire again hosted Julie and team for meetings focused on healing and salvation. John was also able to join the team. Julie preached evangelistically for four nights, supported by the team performing drama and sharing their personal stories of the transforming power of Christ. Local pastors and churches joined together to support the team of American and British believers.

Weekdays the team could be found on the streets in Gosport presenting the gospel through drama, preaching, and other

means. At night the focus returned to St. Mary's School where Julie preached following music presented by local worship teams. After an appeal for those present to receive Christ as Savior, the team took time to pray for the sick. On Friday night recording artist Ian Ottoway and his band performed for the crowd.

Physical healings were evident among the participants and many experienced a touch from God. The passionate tenor of the meetings brought men and women to Christ during the week.

NEW TO YMG – UK

Richard MacKenzie-Dodds has joined Young Ministry Group as Site Coordinator for missions. Richard comes from Sussex, has done some world traveling, and serves with Carol Burstow in coordination of the YMG Missions.

Richard has been busy renovating a building in the shopping precinct of Alfreton, Derbyshire. It will soon be turned into "The Mission Shop", a thrift store with proceeds going to fund YMG mission worldwide. The YMG UK office will be situated on the upper level of the building.

PRAY FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC

- In the Solomons, an estimated 80-90% are Christian in name only
- Pray for healings and deliverance to be given to lift up Jesus
- The Solomons are in economic and social crisis
- Bislama, or pidgin English, is spoken throughout the islands
- Many people are still bound by witchcraft and strong tribal and social customs
- Nearly 80% of the population of Vanuatu is under 18 yrs. old
- The churches and people need revival
- There is increasing Mormon missionary activity in the islands

ON THE SUBCONTINENT



Nightly crowd at YMG Campaign,
February 2002 in southern India

the Lord lifts up those
who are bowed down..."

Ps. 146: 7 and 8

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DID YOU KNOW?

The largest butterfly on the Solomon Islands has a wingspan of ten inches?

Men on Pentecost Island in Vanuatu perform a spectacular land-dive with vines tied to their ankles? The forerunner of the modern bungee jump, this dive is performed as a fertility rite for the yam harvest.

Some of the bloodiest battles of WWII took place in the Solomon Islands?

John Williams, the first missionary to Vanuatu, was killed and promptly eaten by cannibals?

For hundreds of years pigs and seashells were used as currency in these islands ?



Hundreds thronged the team members as they prayed for the sick in southern India

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

A Page From the Team Journal

"it is very encouraging to have that kind of woman of God coming in at such a time as this... [the YMG Team] is composed of people that know what they are doing, and we have grown to trust the team."

Pastor Ellison Barko, Kingdom Harvest Church

"It is very unusual for a woman to come and minister here. Julie moves in the prophetic, and so does her team."

Pastor Nathan , Christian Revival Crusade

"She has a very powerful and attractive anointing, like Kathryn Kuhlman..."

Rev. Timon Gao, Superintendent of COC Churches

"It was really touching to the pastors, and also to the people in the church... when you come in November I believe there will be a great impact on this nation."

Pastor Robins Mesipitu, Christian Outreach Center



Julie and the Hon. Augustine Taneko, Minister of Justice, the Solomon Islands

"I am very impressed with her style of preaching ... and impressed with the way God uses the team..." Pastor Kenneth Ita'a,

Calvary Temple Assembly of God

These comments are from pastors in Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands following ministry by Julie and the YMG team in July 2002.