

# The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1994

## Spoooner, Wisconsin

*January 9, 1994 - 14,782 - 15,388*

I'm excited about 1994. I just returned from our first "Revive America Seminar" in northwest Wisconsin. If this good beginning is a symbol of things to come, then 1994 will be a very good year.

This was the first of the RA Seminars associated with The Impact World Rural America Tour. Hundreds gathered the first night in Spooner, Wisconsin at the local high school gym. I flew in just in time to speak. The Lord helped me as I laid out the "Call to Revival" to the people.

For the remainder of the weekend, Leland Paris and I taught the people and encouraged them to seek the Lord for spiritual awakening in their area. The teaching on conscience was followed by deep repentance and much prayer. It was wonderful to have many pastors in the audience.

On Sunday I spoke at a church in Rice Lake (it was 30 degrees below zero that morning), and after lunch with my hosts, flew home to Seattle. The seminars now move across the Midwest where I will join them from time-to-time. I believe God is going to use this strategic thrust of revival in small-town America.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*January 17, 1994 - 14,790 - 15,380*

We just finished our winter Kings Kids outreach. What a phenomenal time together. It lasted all weekend long and was one of the best outreaches we've ever done.

God has sure entrusted us with a special bunch of kids. They are unbelievably talented, committed, and growing in their relationship to God. It is a special privilege to work with them.

We began on Friday evening with the unveiling of our new two-hour video Destiny '93. Renting a professional video-beam, we had "Friday night at the movies" together watching all the highlights of last summer's outreaches. I cried during many parts of the presentation.

Patrick Butler, our leader over Missions Television Network, came to show us the video he'd worked hard to produce. It is wonderfully done and very impacting. All movies should be like this one--clean, pure, glorifying to God, and life-changing. We rejoiced together in what

God had done through our teams in 1993.

On Saturday we prepared for outreach. In the evening, following a very precious love-feast, we gathered around the altar together and let God work in our lives. It was a visitation of himself in gentle reviving power. Many kids wept over their broken home, or lack of father in their lives. Others confessed loneliness and isolation. Others humbled themselves over other sins. For hours we cried and sang and prayed together, enjoying the oneness of holiness that only Jesus can bring. Then we went out to share.

## Tacoma, Washington

The next day we did spiritual warfare in a park in Tacoma, then penetrated the Hilltop area with the gospel. The kids ministered in a rec-center to inner city kids, went door-t-door, and did two presentations and sports with kids from the Salishan community. I'd say 10-15 kids gave their lives to the Lord. We also met others who's become Christians on previous visits there.

Our de-briefing time was up-beat back at the church. We were exhausted but excited. God moved and blessed our commitment to hit the streets. It is so special to minister in this way alongside our own children. They truly are in training to be one of the best generations of all time. May they not fail the Lord, and may we not fail to be good examples to them.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*January 20, 1994 - 14,793 - 15,377*

I believe the Lord has been speaking to me this week about developing a center for our YWAM ministry in the area. Following my announcement to the First Christian elders that we'd be moving our office by September the Lord has been stirring me about where we are to go and just what the future holds.

The one thing I don't want to do is to lose my focus and go off on a property or building tangent. I hope I've learned my lesson in that regard. On the other hand, I don't want to lack faith for growth in our work and ministries. If that involves a YWAM Westsound center of some type, then I must be obedient.

What kind of center would it be? These seem to be the threads that mesh together--at least right now.

1. A kid's center-- a place for the Kings Kids ministry to be based. Practice rooms, sleeping areas, a youth rec area, and other facilities built around training and sending out

kids and young people.

2. **A counseling center.** A place of renewal and restoration in people's lives.
3. **A prayer center**, where prayer can be focused--maybe 24-hours a day--on revival and reaching the unreached of the world.
4. **A media center** where radio, video, and television could be learned and utilized. These are the mediums of our day. More and more I sense the Lord encouraging me to use them for his glory. George Whitefield used tracts and newspapers. They were the media of the 18th century. Radio, video, and television are the media of today. Whether I like it or not, to reach the masses today they **MUST** be used.

[All of this was fulfilled on a small, manageable scale in the fall when we purchased the Dullum House.]

These are just a few of my initial thoughts. God--I submit them to you. Help me keep my eyes on the PEOPLE you want us to share your Word with and only develop the facilities that come along with the growth in ministry. Thank you for your guidance and wisdom that will guide us.

## **Colorado Springs, Colorado**

*January 23, 1994 - 14,796 - 15,374*

**After a divine appointment on an airplane--where I gave a copy of my book to a woman who needed it for her daughter--I'm in Colorado Springs for the National Day of Prayer.** About 200 coordinators have gathered here to seek the Lord about how to make this year's National Day of Prayer the best one ever in America.

After arriving in Colorado Springs, we went by bus to **Focus on The Family's new facilities.** They are magnificent. What a gift and blessing from God. As I toured their new headquarters, two things stood out to me:

1. The commitment to excellence. God has really honored their high standards of integrity and organization. I want to do the same with our YWAM ministries.
2. When you commit yourself to be obedient to God, he takes care of the size and growth of your work. You don't plan to grow. You plan to obey, and watch God give you the breadth of ministry. This was a good word to my heart.

Last night we heard from Lt. Governor **Mike Huckabee of Arkansas.** He's an on-fire, deep-thinking believer who stands in sharp contrast to Bill Clinton and his perversion of

Christianity. He gave a stirring call to involvement in turning our nation around. The Continental Singers followed his presentation, and we ended the evening seeking the face of God.

Sammy Tippit spoke on revival this morning. Powerful and authoritative word. He emphasized ow revival is possible in America, but it will not come easy. It will not come until we carry God's burden with tears over the darkness in the Church and the lost souls in the world. We ended on our knees.

The past few weeks--ever since my time in Wisconsin--God has really been speaking to me about the need to **BOLDLY CONFRONT THE SINS OF THE CHURCH AND THE POWERS OF DARKNESS IN THIS NATION**. It is time to speak with authority and clarity. I have, in some ways, capitulated to the culture, and not been willing to speak with the depths of boldness that God requires of me.

We have no apologies to make. America has sinned, needs God, and must be brought to account. State and federal authorities are puny indeed before the **ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY** of the Living God.

**The revivalists of the past moved in that authority. They were broken men and women who had a vision of God's holiness and grace and were fearless in bringing people to that truth. Their righteous lives gave them authority to speak. They spoke boldly to the masses about their need to return to their Creator.**

I believe I've been pussy footing around. I will no longer. God--enflame my heart, purify my motives, and help me to **BOLDLY PROCLAIM YOUR WORD IN ALL SETTINGS**.

## Washington, D.C.

*February 2, 1994 - 14,806 - 15,364*

I'm home for a day after a **fruitful weekend in Washington D.C. Lori Varick accompanied me** on this trip to the nation's capital for the National Religious Broadcasters and miscellaneous other events. As always, it was a **BUSY** but fruitful time.

Our primary reason for attending was to be a part of the **Jesus 2000 meetings**. This event which will take place in six years--aimed at glorifying the Name of Jesus Christ from Israel during the years leading up to his 2000th birthday--is developing well. During steering meetings, we refined the plan, and laid out a timetable of development of the coming year. It is good working with Jimmy DeYoung, Ed Steele, Wayne Shepard, Jerry Wiles, Duke Harcut, Dick Dingman and others. Could God use this event as a major catalyst for revival among the Jews (Romans 12)? It exciting to think about.

I also showed Lori the spiritual sights of the city and spent some meaningful time with Corinthia Boone and Derrel Emmerson and Bill Jeschke.

Washington, D.C. was in terrible disrepair. It reminded me of the spiritual state of the nation: teetering on the brink of moral and economic collapse. I need to deepen my prayers and burden for this land. The hour is getting late.

The messages shared at the NRB continued to echo the themes of boldness and truth that God has been speaking to me about lately. God's Spirit continues to stir me to be a faithful prophet to my back-sliding nation. May God grant increasing breadth of audience.

## Marshalltown, Iowa

*February 9, 1994 - 14,813 - 15,357*

I'm home again after another Revive America Seminar in Marshalltown, Iowa. What a tremendous time. Over thirty churches are cooperating in the Impact World thrust, and hundreds attended our meetings this weekend to prepare their hearts for revival. Not since a Billy Sunday crusade in 1909 have the churches of the area worked together in any substantial way. What a privilege to be a part of the workings of his Spirit.

I spoke on Friday night on the theme of unity. Nearly forty pastors stood before their people at the conclusion and confessed their sins, humbled themselves before one another, and committed themselves to pursue the John 17 unity of the Body of Christ. It was a precious time.

On Saturday evening, God really opened the fountains of brokenness and prayer as I preached on "When Free Men Shall Stand." Many went to their knees and cried out to the Lord. Others confessed their sins of idolatry and worldliness. The fear of God was evident in the place and spilled over into the Sunday services.

I was scheduled to speak on Sunday morning at the Vineyard church. Because people came forward to give testimonies until nearly 12 o'clock, I joked that maybe I should just give the "benediction." I then preached for half-an-hour, and God led us in a time of praying for many people. It was a powerful service. After lunch with my gracious hosts, Terry and Angela Yocum, I boarded yet another flight to make my way home.

God really moved in Marshalltown. It was one of the most exciting times of awakening in a city that I've ever experienced. But the greatest things lie ahead. May we be faithful to cooperate with God's plans, and not just sees hundreds awakened--but thousands revived and converted in many towns across America.

## Seattle, Washington

*February 10, 1994 - 14,814 - 15,356*

Yesterday the **W-CUP Steering Committee met**, and we felt the Lord nudge us to call a W-CUP II for the fall of '94. The primary focus will be to try to establish the National Day of Prayer in all 39 counties of the state. This is a great way of serving the most important American annual prayer observance. I really believe the Lord is in it.

It's amazing to see the Lord guide these things. I never would have thought of this myself. It simply came as **revelation**.

He's the director of an incredibly big symphony. We must pick up our instruments and use them when He tells us too. What a conductor and what a great orchestra to play in. Daily I am grateful to be serving His kingdom.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*February 15, 1994 - 14,819 - 15,351*

Today I sent a letter to some of our friends that summarizes the happenings of the past few weeks. Here it is:

*February 15, 1994*

Dear Friends,

**A friend remarked to me yesterday, "You've been praying for revival for years. Now you're experiencing it almost every week!"**

Her words really hit me. Yeah--we HAVE been praying for revival in our area and nation for a long time. In fact, this year I committed to pray DAILY for a move of God's Spirit in America.

Well-- it's happening. Two weeks ago, I ministered in Marshalltown, Iowa. Since a Billy Sunday tent crusade in 1909, no more than six churches had cooperated on anything. That's eighty-five years of division. On February **36 thirty-three churches sponsored a Revive America seminar** in conjunction with the Impact World Rural America Tour (a YWAM-led project).

On the Saturday evening, forty pastors stood before their congregations and confessed sin, cried with each other, and committed to reconciliation. The next night, hundreds of people went to their knees before God to cry out for revival in their area. The awakening spilled over into the churches the next day. In the church where I was to preach, so many testimonies were

given that by the time I reached the podium it was time finish the service. I jokingly said I'd just say the benediction! They asked me to speak--and I ended up praying for many others at the altar.

Last Sunday an awakening came to our home church--First Christian--in Port Orchard. Following a time of confession and reconciliation among leaders, scores of people came forward to an open mike and wept and confessed their sins. There was hardly a dry eye in the place. Kevin Hestead didn't give his sermon. About "forty sermons" came forth from repentant hearts. At the close, scores of young people and adults held hands and committed themselves to walk in holiness and truth.

God is on the move. Whether in judgment (did you know that the epicenter of the California earthquake was in the area that 85% of the video pornography of our country is produced? Most of their studios were severely damaged, including the destruction of the one of the largest firms--VCA), or in mercy--as we mentioned above. It is time to return to the Lord. In a multitude of ways, He is speaking from heaven.

Over the next thirty days we are "officially" establishing YWAM Westsound in our area. This exciting and timely development is simply a recognition of what God is doing among us. We now have 35+ staff and volunteers in three major ministries. We believe we've "come to the kingdom for such a time as this (Esther 4:14)."

Your prayers and financial support are a crucial part of our "fuel". In the coming weeks I'll be encouraging spiritual awakening in the Seattle area (February 20) and Revive America seminars in Gillette, Wyoming (February 24-27), and Centralia, Washington (March 10-13). Please cover us with your prayers.

On Saturday night March 26 we will be having Renewal '94 in Port Orchard to officially establish YWAM Westsound. Please mark that date on your calendar. A specific invitation will be forthcoming.

Thanks again for ALL you are to us. Be encouraged. And keep praying!

Yours for increasing revival,

And here's another:

*March 10, 1994*

Dear Friends,

In a few minutes I whisk out the door to Seattle. My first stop is YWAM Publishing where I'll drop off the completed manuscript of my new book--*Staying Clean in A Dirty World: Overcoming the Darkness With A Clear And Sensitive Conscience*.

I don't know if that'll be the final title, but it's all done and due out for the National Day of Prayer on May 5th. I believe this is the most impacting book I've ever written. Would you please pray with me that God will use it to awaken the conscience of America?

My next stop is Centralia for another Revive America seminar. Twenty-six churches are participating.

## **Gillette, Wyoming**

The last seminar I did in Gillette, Wyoming two weeks ago was time of wonderful revival. The highlight was being able to speak to a church that was about to split and help bring them into reconciliation and repentance. After I preached, all seven elders came to the microphone, confessed sin, and made things right. People in the audience were praying, crying, and kneeling all over the sanctuary.

Afterwards, Pastor Gordon Harper remarked, "This is the greatest day in the history of our church." Bethlehem Community Church is ninety years old.

I believe we're living in the greatest days of the worldwide Church. Though the darkness gets blacker by the day, God's light is being turned on as never before. It is our privilege to be alive, and to do our small part.

This month could I ask you especially to:

1. Pray for us as we officially establish YWAM Westsound in the west Puget Sound area. Pray for our work of revival, Kings Kids, and the growing counseling ministry.
2. Come to Renewal '94 on Saturday, March 26th. Please invite your friends and show your support as we have our annual dessert banquet. RSVP is necessary to (206) 876-3432.
3. Join our 20/20 Missions Friends team (enclosed sheet). A warm thanks to you who've already said yes! To those who are thinking about it--please come aboard! We need 133 friends who will pray 20 minutes and give \$20 a month for the coming year. With your help, God's work can continue to grow.

God bless you this month. Hope to see you on March 26th.

Yours in Him,



## Centralia, Washington

March 13, 1994 - 14,845 - 15,325

What a fabulous Revive America seminar we had in the twin cities of Centralia-Chehalis. The pastors' prayer summits have laid a wonderful foundation of unity that made this seminar a great success. In many ways, I believe it was the best one yet.

In total, over 750 attended from about 35 churches. On Saturday, God began to really move. In the evening, I spoke on the "Wages of Sin", and though I stood there dry-eyed at the end--hundreds of people went to their knees to confess sin for hours.

I'll never forget Amy--a fifteen-year old freshman in high school who came to the altar and wept and wept. When I reached out to find out what God was dealing with in her life, she looked into my eyes and said that her heart was broken for her school. She was a true intercessor who was experiencing the heart of God.

Later that night a teacher told us that a group of students showed up at the school late at night to pray for revival. This teacher happened to come out of the building and find them praying and joined in the prayer time! God is going to do great things at that school.

On Sunday I spoke to a packed Sunday school class and then ministered at the Church of God. Again, scores of people came to the altar to pray. In the afternoon, at the final service, hundreds testified, we prayed more, a 24-hour prayer watch was set in motion, and we signed the "Covenant" and had communion together. The pastors and Christian leaders led the way--probably 50-60 of them.

One of them told me afterwards that prior to the crusade they had seeking God for their next step. The next week, Mark Anderson came into town with the vision of Impact World. They believe God had encouraged them to wait to receive this vision.

Saturday morning while I was taking a prayer jog through town, the Lord prompted me to go and pray at the main park in the city center. There, beneath a statute, I found the following words:

**The Sentinel** - "It was their destiny--Rather it was their duty--The highest of us is but a sentry at his post." We live in deeds, not years; In thoughts, not breath; In feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs; He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest and acts the best."

How true. I shared these words with the final service. I believe Centralia-Chehalis have a real destiny in God in the center of the state. It was my privilege to be there at this God-appointed time. We are all but sentries, doing our duty--rather fulfilling the destiny that God has given to each one of us.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*March 24, 1994 - 14,856 - 15,314*

Got a blessing this week: Twila Paris has agreed to do the forward for my new book. When I prayed about this originally, she was the only one that came to mind. That's different, as I usually have a back-up if the first person isn't able.

This time there was no back-up. Praise God we didn't need one.

I believe God is going to use this book. It's due out for the National Day of Prayer. May the contents--and the Foreword--be exactly what God wants.

In a few days we have our annual Renewal '94 banquet--this year featuring the birth of YWAM Westsound. Looks like we'll have a good crowd. Make your Holy Spirit come.

\*\*\*March 26, 1994 - 14,858 - 15,312

What a day to remember. We woke up early in the morning and realized that this was to be the day of birth. Shirley had been feeling the beginnings of labor since about 3 am. After laying around for a while and making sure that all signals were "go", we began to prepare the household for the wonderful experience of birth.

Teri Doughty, our mid-wife, arrived about 9:30 am along with Judy Stephens, her assistant and mother of eight. They prepared the room and waited for Shirley's water to break. Megan and Bethany decided to stay and watch the birth--Nathan and David wanted to be close, outside the door, but not see all the details. At 10:38 am Jason Gregory Boehme made his debut into the world. Coming forth in the warmth and security of our home bedroom, we wrapped him in warm blankets. The first thing we did was to pray over him, and then enjoy the wonder of boding with our new son and brother. It was so smooth and so quick. What a PURE JOY it was to have him at home.

He weighed in at 8 pounds 12 ounces and was 21 and one-half inches long. Jason means "healer" and Gregory--named after my brother--means "watchful one." Our watchful healer is truly a delight. The kids fight over holding him, and mom is doing great. What an enormous blessing it is to have six children. I certainly never imagined it.

In the evening, we had our other birth--of YWAM Westsound. Though I was a bit groggy, it was a great time with over 200 people and much support. God is doing a great thing in our area, and I am excited about what the future holds.

Five days later our four missionaries--Nathan, David, Bethany, and Megan--left on the Impact World Tour. We miss them, and are experiencing a bit of the empty nest, but so excited about God using them in ministry. They've been gone about ten days now, and already God has

used them to minister to thousands. We are so proud of them-- and what they're doing for the Lord. **Nothing delights a parent more than to release their child into the service of King Jesus.** This is what they were born for. It is their destiny. We've cried, prayed much for them, and enjoyed their phone calls and reports from Wisconsin. Now we can't wait to see them again.

April 10, 1994 - 14,873 - 15,297

It has been a difficult week for me--kind of a **week of rejection** that has been hard to take. First, I was called on the carpet and very strongly accused some of our YWAM leaders of a lack of integrity in the birth of our new YWAM Westsound ministry. It was ugly--the opposite of revival. I came away from the meeting hurt and confused. After prayer, and the encouragement of God, I see some of the mistakes I made--but more importantly, the depth of the leadership problems our YWAM Council has.

This week I'll share in a letter what the Lord has shown me. I hope and pray that it will be received.

Then later in the week Warren Walsh informed me that YWAM Publishing didn't like the content of my book--and wouldn't publish it in its present form. He said it was too legalistic, and too high a standard for people to attain to.

I radically disagree and am praying about looking for a new publisher. Maybe God is in these circumstances to open some new "chapters" in my life. I am open to all God wants to do.

I've stayed around home the past few weeks to help Shirley with the new baby and reach out to Ryan. Through the nights of shortened sleep, and the pressures of being home, God has really reminded me that **life is designed around sacrifice and suffering.** As the kids say, "No pain, no gain." I am asking God to do a deeper work of self-control and contentment in my life and character. If I can't be strong now, how can I face the difficulties that will soon come to the world?

Help, me to grow, and be ready, Lord. Thank you again for the precious gift of Jason Gregory, and how you will use him in my life to make me more like you.

## **Bismarck, North Dakota**

*April 25, 1994 - 14,888 - 15,282*

I just returned from a **very good week in Bismarck, North Dakota.** Was my first ministry visit to that state, and God really blessed.

This was **a special Revive America Seminar set up by the Oregon base.** It primarily

involved one church - Newsong - pastored by **Larry Jahnke**, and my speaking to the Salem DTS. There were small crowds, compared to some of the other Impact World cities, but I sensed a strong anointing and many lives being affected.

Larry and I really struck up a friendship. **He showed me all around the capital city, including praying together in the top of the capital building. One afternoon we went with his family to Fort Lincoln, the headquarters of Custer and his army.** Being a history buff, I really enjoyed the tour. Life wasn't easy back on the frontier one hundred years ago. Custer was the most decorated Civil War general, yet he died at little Black Horn at the age of thirty-five.

On the final Sunday, God really moved upon my heart. As I stood at the altar, the Lord showed me there were two areas in my life that I needed to purify for him. Revival really is "God's finger pointed at me."

I believe God is going to move in Bismarck. The pastors are beginning to pray, and faith is arising. Thank you, Father for helping me to sound the trumpet. May your people gather.

After a week at home, I'm off to Washington D.C. for the annual National Day of Prayer. May it be the most important of our history as a nation.

## **Minneapolis, Minnesota**

*May 8, 1994 - 14,901 - 15,269*

**It has been a very fruitful week in the capital--one of the best all-around that I can remember.** I believe God has heard our prayers, and that he is moving in our nation.

On the way here, I stopped off in Minneapolis to spend some hours with Mark and Karen Anderson and to drop off a book manuscript at **Bethany Fellowship**. Really enjoyed meeting their editorial staff and having a tour of their publishing house. It's an impressive operation. May the Lord direct in the publishing of my new book on conscience. Father--speak to their hearts if they are to be the ones to do it.

## **Washington, D.C.**

**It was a blessing to stay with Ken and Pat Smith this time. They are great friends--and wonderfully opened their home and allowed me to use a car to get around. I really appreciate the way Ken speaks into my life. He's a good point of accountability to me.**

The Youth Leaders Summit meetings were excellent. About 20 came from their various

organizations. Two highlights stand out: One afternoon we went up to the Capitol and prayed in the George Washington Chapel and in the Rayburn building. On our knees, we cried out for revival among the youth of the nation.

The last night we had dinner together with James and Shirley Dobson. It was very special to talk with them, ask questions, share our concerns about the state of the American family, and then pray for them. Tears flowed freely as we laid hands on this wonderful couple. We thank God for them.

And the next day we gathered on Capitol Hill for the 5-hour prayer vigil and then the evening rally on the Capitol steps. Both were packed and good. The Cannon meetings were the "evangelical" expression and the evening rally was the "Pentecostal" experience. Together, they made for a great day of prayer. At the evening rally I admonished the hundreds of youth present to rise to their destiny in God.

I spent the final few days seeing friends, and then speaking at Christian Assembly and Immanuel's Church. Immanuel's has been experiencing revival for a few weeks, and it was wonderful to be there. We worshipped for an hour or so, and then spent another two hours just in the presence of God. It was so special. I shared at the end, and much ministry to people followed.

All-in-all, this was one of the most fruitful visits I've had to our former "home." It's hard to believe it's been eight years since we left. Time marches on. I am greatly looking forward to bringing back the family for an extended visit in 1996.

## Seattle, Washington

*May 17, 1994 - 14,910 - 15,260*

The past few days have been difficult. The strain in my relationship with the Seattle Leadership Council was in total evidence in a meeting this week. I was shocked at the attitudes and perspective on me that they shared. My letter sharing some of my concerns was not received. I now believe it was a mistake to write it. They were "not ready to receive it."

At the same time, Lori has resigned from our ministry and been very nasty in her responses to me. This has all been a heavy weight to bear. Some people have brought me Scriptures that encouraged me to resist this personal attack with humility and understanding. Bev Riedesel has been a special support.

On the one side, I'm endeavoring to hear what God wants me to change in my life. I greatly want increased accountability and growth. One of the leaders put it this way: Because of the gifts I have, God requires a higher level of accountability in me than in most other people. I need it for my protection.

To respond humbly to this, I will clearly submit myself to our Leadership Team, to our local board, and maybe even create a national one as well. I also feel a very redemptive step would be to form an accountability group with Denny Gunderson, Lee Goehner, Tom Bragg, and myself. If I can submit to my harshest critics, maybe God can really move. It's still in prayer right now.

On the other side of the coin, I am learning to resist the obvious Satanic attack against me and our work. The involvement in revival has really placed me on the firing line. I must learn to recognize it, keep my conscience clear, stand my ground, and move ahead. I can't get distracted by the diversion. There is too much to do for Christ.

Father- help me to strike the balance between humble growth in weak areas and ungodly and inaccurate accusations. Help me to grow up in my leadership. Make me more like Jesus himself.

## Dallas, Texas

*May 27, 1994 - 14,920 - 15,250*

A few days ago, I returned from Dallas where I spoke at a YWAM conference on spiritual awakening in America. God blessed me there, and I also enjoyed staying with Ray and Debbie Allen. Ray is now a member of the Texas legislature.

It was wonderful to renew relationship within the "revival-oriented" part of YWAM. John Dawson and I led a strategy group on how we can help bring revival to the church in America. May it come true.

I flew home at 1 am on Saturday and promptly walked into one of the most agonizing situations of my life. Curled up on the couch at our house was Mom Cookson, devastated that Dad was in jail for sexually exposing himself to a young teenager. We all were in tears, and shock and disbelief.

The weekend was spent putting out lives back together and trying to get dad out of jail. He finally came home on Monday evening. He is a broken, ashamed man, who says he learned a painful lesson, and appears repentant. But our lives will never be the same. Forgiveness is immediate but rebuilding trust and restoring public credibility will take time.

How your life can change in an instant. What a tragic thing sin is. How it destroys and maims. You can spend forty years building good character and respect, and in one minute, sin can wash it away.

But we're so thankful that GRACE through the blood of Christ can even more so wash

away the stains of sin. We've also increased our prayer lives for those around us that we love.

## **Port Orchard, Washington**

*June 10, 1994 - 14,304 - 15,236*

These have not been easy weeks, but ones of testing. We've continued to walk through the situation with Shirley's folks, and are hoping in the end that dad will not have to serve prison time. He appears broken, sorry, and certainly ashamed of what he did. But their lives will never be the same again.

Mom Cookson has taken it the hardest--with huge mood swings and times of frustration and anger. One positive is that they are beginning to have evening devotions together. These positive steps are certainly God's grace in evidence.

**In our local ministry, we seemed to have weathered the storm and are settling into our priorities for the summer and coming year. The leadership changes have been a relief.** Maybe it is God's way of weeding out those elements that don't belong before he builds a stronger structure. At any rate, we are moving ahead.

I have felt very weak during this time. It's been difficult to have quiet times with Ryan and the Jason's schedules now interrupting our "control" of the morning hours. But that's the small price you pay to bring eternal blessings into the world. Months or years from now it won't matter--but THEY will as new world-changers on the scene. How we need to keep our perspective on those things that are important.

*June 30, 1994 - 14,324 -15,216*

I've been away from the journal for a while. A couple of events are noteworthy during this time:

## **Ocean Shores, Washington**

We had a wonderful birthday get away with my parents at Ocean Shores June 14-17. God provided a wonderful home for us and we roamed the beach, rode horses, enjoyed each other, and relaxed in the hot tub. These times with family are precious memories being painted on the tapestries of our lives. May our quilt be filled up with them.

## Seattle, Washington

The global March for Jesus on June 25 was a wonderful event. We joined around 15,000 others in Seattle early in the morning to uplift the Name of Jesus. Our King's Kids group was the lead group in the March--quite a privilege. Though I was more pre-occupied this year with carrying a toddler and helping with a baby, it still was a wonderful demonstration of pure devotion to our King.

I pray that all over the world, Jesus was uplifted. I pray that the demons fled and continue their retreat. His kingdom is coming, and he will rule forever. The older I get, the more I long for God to hasten that day.

It's been good to be around home for most of these months. Preparations are setting up well for our summer outreaches. God is providing the monies that are needed, and everyone seems to be working hard. Now to press in in prayer for the harvest that God desires.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*July 5, 1994 - 14,329 - 15,211*

It was good to be home on the 4th of July with Mike and Lynn Davison and their family. They recently moved within a couple blocks of us. Amazing how the paths of some friends are like a magnet to our own! It's great to have them near again.

Below is what I wrote in our monthly 20/20 Friends letter about the significance of Independence Day.

Dear Friends,

On the evening of July 4th, our family and some close friends gathered together to read about the original Independence Day. As we read the speeches, heard the passion and felt the emotions of 218 year ago, my heart was stirred with the great price that liberty requires—self-control, diligence, sacrifice, hard work, virtue, faithfulness, and a host of other qualities.

As we later set off fireworks after a meaningful prayer and commitment time, I wondered in my heart how long our freedom might last. Years ago, our ancestors gave birth to a nation conceived in the God-given principles of liberty. Today, our task is to give rebirth to that original dream. John Adams, our second president, wrote it this way to his wife Abigail, on July 4, 1776:

"I am strongly aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means."



May we see through the gloom of our era and gaze upon the ravishing light and glory that God wants to bring to America and the world during the 1990's. May each of us do our part to be a part of that Great Light.

I recently spoke with Mark Anderson about doing some "Reclaim America" seminars in some of the cities where God really moved during Impact World. It looks like we'll go back to 5 or 6 of them to train believers in bringing reformation to America.

It's exciting to see what God is doing. In October and November, more light will be given to an awakening church that needs to overcome the darkness in our land. May our lives be laid down for that great and honorable goal.

*July 21, 1994 - 14,345 -15,196*

I'm now in the middle of a fund-raising campaign for our new property across the street. Yesterday Larry Dullum and I signed papers on the 6831 Arlington Place house that will become our new ministry headquarters. Praise the Lord for this wonderful provision. As we've been moving toward this purchase, God has really spoken to us about acquiring the remaining lot in the cul-de-sac so that a 2-acre YWAM center can be developed. This morning I met with Precy Espiritu who owns it and asked if we could buy it. We need a miracle in her heart and God's provision. I believe that both are coming.

I'll copy below the plan that God has given for our new YWAM headquarters. After many false starts over the years, and partial fulfillment in other places, I believe this is a wise decision that will propel our revival and youth ministries into greater fruitfulness.

Here's the vision:

A YWAM Center for Renewal and Youth Ministry is coming to the Westsound area. It's timely--good stewardship--and will meet a great need.

Q: What are the two greatest needs in our area and world today?

A: We believe that the spiritual renewal of our culture, and ministry to children and youth are the paramount issues of the 1990's.

Q: If Youth With A Mission established a permanent ministry center in the area devoted to meeting these needs, would God want you to be a part?

A: We hope your answer is YES.

YWAM has recently been given a great opportunity to establish a permanent ministry home. In June, our board and local executive committee agreed to purchase a house at 6831 Arlington Place SE in Port Orchard. This purchase is the first step toward the development of a 2-acre YWAM ministry center that will focus on revival and ministry to youth.

## **For Such A Time As This**

Personal and societal renewal is a critical need in America today. YWAM's Revive America project spearheads revival thrusts in our county, state, and nation-wide that point us in the right direction. Through counseling, seminars, resources, marches, prayer thrusts, and united gatherings of the Body of Christ, we seek to serve the fifth Great Awakening that America and Washington State so badly need. Our destiny is as Mordecai said to Ruth many years ago: "Have you not been brought into the kingdom for such a time as this (Ruth 4:14)."

King's Kids is a dynamic ministry to youth of all ages to help them know God and make him known. Hundreds are trained each year to take a stand for Christ and share his love with the lost. Many have come to Christ through their ministry. We believe God wants to raise up this neglected generation of young people to be the greatest missions force the world's ever seen. Every year, King's Kids makes a powerful impact on young lives--and continues to grow.

{Drawing of 6831 Arlington Place}

## **Finding A Home**

When Ron & Shirley Boehme and their family returned to the Northwest in 1988, the Lord enabled them to build the first house in a nine-acre development owned by Larry and Kathy Dullum in southeast Port Orchard. Over a few years' time other YWAM families and friends purchased homes on the same street. Currently, three YWAM families live on two of the acres in the development. Others live nearby. We want to purchase two other acres to permanently headquarter our renewal and youth-focused ministries. We currently rent office space and a ministry house both located in Port Orchard.

6831 Arlington Place is a 3200 square foot home built in 1990 by the Dullums and occupied by Levi and Diane Velasco for the past 3-and-a-half years. The Velasco family served with King's Kids for a year and are now leaving for the Philippines as full-time missionaries. YWAM's purchase of the house keeps it in the "missions family."

Adjacent to the 6831 property is the final undeveloped acre (also owned by the Dullums) in the Arlington Place cul-de-sac. YWAM would like to purchase it later to build an outreach center devoted to revival and youth. Together, these two acres and buildings--and the other family-owned homes in the community--would comprise Youth With A Mission's ministry headquarters in the Westsound area. Buying the 6831 Arlington Place house is phase one of our long-term ministry plans.

Initially, the new YWAM home will house a staff couple on one floor and our YWAM offices in 1600 square feet on the other floor. The Revive America office, King's Kids rooms, general YWAM reception area, and counseling office will all be located here under one roof. When the second building is built next-door, the offices will move there, allowing the first house

to be used for hospitality or other services.

### **Good Stewardship**

The purchase price of the 6831 Arlington Place property is \$135,000--well under the market value. The Dullums have graciously agreed to finance the entire note at reasonable terms. YWAM needs to raise \$25,000 in capital funds for a down payment and property improvements to prepare it for ministry. With good terms, no points and fees to pay, and the building of equity in a quality property, this is a sound business decision for YWAM's future.

We are looking for individuals and businesses who believe in Youth With A Mission who are able to make a donation toward this \$25,000 goal. As a non-profit organization without any other holdings, we are dependent on the Body of Christ to help with the initial need. \$500, \$1000, and \$5000-or-more gifts are being solicited by October 1, 1994 to purchase and occupy the new ministry center. All donations are tax-deductible, and can be given at one time, or over 2-3 months (up to October 1).

We are very excited about this initial phase of planting a permanent Youth With A Mission ministry in the Westsound area. YWAM is here to stay. We want to be good stewards and be as effective as possible in our work.

Do you agree that our nation needs a spiritual and moral awakening? Do you believe that ministry to youth is a top priority today? Are you excited about local-based organizations that are really making a difference in our community?

Then prayerfully consider a donation of \$500, \$1000, or \$5000 or more to YWAM's new Center for Renewal and Youth Ministry. We would be very grateful for your support. Thanks for letting us share this need with you. If you have any questions or need more details, feel free to give us a call.

Sincerely yours,

YWAM Executive Committee

Rev. Orval Heath, Ron Boehme, Ken Morrison, Karl Duff, Dennis Fuqua, Pam Morton, John Dick, Miles Musick and Tag & Deidra Larson.

### **YWAM Statement of Purpose**

Youth With A Mission is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus Christ personally to this generation, to mobilizing as many as possible to help in this task, and to the training and equipping of believers for their part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

YWAM in the Westsound area focuses on youth training and evangelism and the pursuit

of historic revival in America and worldwide. We are committed to excellence in our operations and materials, serving like Christ in our attitudes and actions, and accountability in our relationships and finances.

So far, we are making progress on the \$25,000 goal. But fund-raising is never easy work. It takes as much commitment and faith as any other aspect of ministry. God--give me the grace to raise the money that YOU want for YOUR WORK.

And on Saturday night we gathered our King's Kids together and took an offering for the remaining financial needs for the summer. The total was over \$4,000. After everyone prayed and pledges and gifts began to pour in, the amount went down and down and down.

As it hit zero, I tossed my pen in the air and shouted to God with a quavering voice of thanksgiving. Tears were freely flowing everywhere in the auditorium. The Lord had proved himself through his people yet again.

In two weeks, we head off into battle. It's the most stirring time of the entire year. I need rest, steadiness, faith, nerves like steel, and an ability to encourage the troops.

Lord-- help me to be a Jehoida--who led your people well and taught them the ways of God (2 Chronicles 23,24). You granted him 130 years of life for his faithfulness. He was steady and true. Make me a JEHOIDA for such a time as this.

## Victoria, British Columbia

August 26, 1994 - 14,381 - 15,160

We've just returned from the summer outreaches. What a great and stretching time. Ninety-six missionaries--seventy-two of them kids--that shared the gospel all over the world. In looking back over the past King's Kids year, these numbers really stand out as I analyze the fruit of the ministry:

- A total of 117 people went out on four teams this year (this includes the Impact World Tour).
- The kids and staff prayed with 1500 to receive Christ into their lives.
- The teams personally ministered to over 40,000 people in three nations.
- Over 5,000 pieces of literature were distributed.

At the end of this King's Kids year, we are gratefully exhausted and greatly encouraged by all God did. Here are some of the many highlights, first from the teams we didn't go with:

## CHILE

Nathan, David and Bethany were a part of a very mature team that did a whirlwind tour of Chile. They began at the YWAM base in Santiago, and with Ian Downs (one of our original King's Kids) acting as interpreter, went all over the country.

In Rancagua, they ministered in schools, churches, toured a copper mine, and saw hundreds come to Christ. In one school, a few mothers gave their hearts to the Lord! Everywhere they were warmly received in the chilly winter weather.

Their second stop was in La Serena where they stay with families. During one late night worship service--Chileno style--God moved on their hearts to stop the service and speak to the people about sin. Hours of tearful repentance and reconciliation followed. God had broken through in their midst.

Hundreds continued to receive Christ during their 3-4 services a day.

On their return to Santiago, God allowed them to do a special performance for the President of the nation, Mr. Eduardo Frei, a staunch, pro-family Catholic. The kids shared two songs, with El Presidente standing very stoic ten feet away. Jonathan Stone then gave him a gift and prayed fervently for his leadership and for the people of Chile. It was a very special moment.

This is the first time that a King's Kids team has ministered to the head of a nation. The event reminds us of this promise in Scripture:

"Nations will come to your light. Kings will come to the brightness of your sunrise (Isaiah 60:3)."

## TACOMA

Our Home Team did a 3-day outreach this year in the Salishan community where we've been ministering for a couple of years. They had a powerful impact among the kids, and a some of them opened their hearts to the Lord. At the final evening barbecue, a number shared how their lives had been changed. We believe that a permanent team will be raised up to minister year-round in the Tacoma inner city.

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Shirley and I led the largest team of 46 that headed north to Victoria. Staying in the spacious facilities of Christchurch Cathedral, the oldest church on the island, we ministered out in many people areas in the downtown sector.

Our trip was characterized my much spiritual warfare and team turmoil due to a few kids with major problems in their lives. Much of the time was spent in repentance and instruction. About half the time we ministered with only part of the team. It was difficult and taxing, but the

Lord gave us grace to go the distance and share his wonderful message with the world visitors.

Some of the highlights and lowlights were:

- Leading Jerry to Christ at Bastion Square, one of our favorite ministry places just off the central harbor. God really anointed us in this spot as hundreds came by. Jerry gave his life to Christ one night and came with us on other occasions. The kids chipped in their money to buy him a Bible to start out his new life in Christ.
- Seniors Homes were especially open to the gospel. We shared at three of them and in each one, someone gave their life to Jesus. It was so precious to watch the kids ministering and talking to those scores of years older than they. They were fantastic.
- The Go Fest and Bootcamp were good training and interaction for the kids with other teams and YWAMers. Winkie Pratney Live was a special treat.
- A few of our kids really encountered the power of the Holy Spirit. One was slain in the Spirit and a few felt the burden of God come upon them to pray for the city. Almost every day the Spirit manifested his supernatural presence in one way or another.
- One evening a real demonic presence manifested itself in one of the kids. It took us hours to physically and spiritually subdue this child with deep emotional problems. Was a horrifying experience for many. In the end, this boy greatly resisted the tearful embrace of God through many other children who wept openly in front of him. This encounter followed a "Jesus Jam" concert that was a spiritual zoo. The whole incident greatly grieved me.
- Halfway through the trip our staff concluded that we did not have the maturity present to have a normal King's Kids team. After this painful revelation, we relaxed the standards a bit to stop from becoming a police camp. We've really learned some lessons for the future about what types of kids we can and can't take into major places of spiritual warfare.
- Victoria is a beautiful city on the outside that is riddled with sin and apathy within. The spirits of Native belief and the ever-present totem poles are a constant reminder of the battle for the island.
- It was neat to have 5-month old Jason and 2-year old Ryan everywhere in tow. Ryan sang "Shone Jesus Shine" in some venues where hearts were touched. We also demonstrated vividly how families with small kids can be involved in missions.

All-in-all God used this team to lead some people to Christ and battle through the powers that were coming against us. As we shared his word openly in the streets, the seeking hearts were turned toward the only One they come first hope in. Though the Queen of England was in town, it was the King of kings that was uplifted in power.

Our reunion was sweet as we all returned to share the spoils. It was a great climax to a great year. God is moving through our kids. We want to be faithful to not get in the way.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*November 1, 1994 - 14,448 - 15,093*

I can't believe how long I've been away. Forgive me, my faithful journal. I've let the busyness of life and some bad habits to curtail my writing. Repentance begins right now.

How do I take a glance at the past 60 days? As I think about it, a few things come to mind:

1. Destiny '94, the new start to our King's Kids year, started out with a bang. God really used the night, especially the anointed finale of "I Pledge Allegiance to The Lamb." People were deeply moved by our portrayal of the martyrs and message of commitment. We believe that the Lord would have us take the message to many churches this coming year in a "Pledge Allegiance Tour." We've asking God to guide us in this.
2. Much time has been spent the past few months readying our new YWAM facility at 6831 Arlington Place. Maybe that's why I haven't had much time to write. Every spare moment we've been working across the street at our new ministry headquarters. God has provided nearly \$25,000 for this step of faith, and though it's been a stretch, I know God's in it. Sunday, November 20, we had our official dedication. It was a wonderful time. The entire Dullum family was there for the presentation of the plaque that will bear Larry's name. YWAM's new headquarters is now officially "The Dullum House." The offices look gorgeous with all the new furniture and decor. God has been so good to give us this new ministry hub--right across the street.

## Ellensburg, Washington

3. November 4-5 we brought together about 50 state prayer leaders from 20 counties to pray for Washington and strategize for the future. It was a fabulous time. The prayers were powerful and the unity very special. Out of it comes a sense of doing a large statewide thrust in 1995. We are seeking God about it.
4. The November 8 elections were an incredible landslide for the Republican Party, and especially godly candidates. What a tremendous answer to prayer. The next few months will be crucial as the new Congress is given a mandate for GOOD CHANGE. We need to pray MORE now that a corridor of opportunity to return the nation to righteousness has arrived. Lead, us, God of righteousness.

## Port Orchard, Washington

This fall and early winter have not been an easy season for me. Our busy family with new little ones makes it a strenuous corridor in which we keep our eyes on the eternal benefits. I've also felt very weak during this time-- not confident in my leadership--feeling that my destiny is slipping away--and generally living simply by faith will power and nothing else.

Recently, the opportunity to go to the YWAM Global Leadership Consultation and the competing invitation of the Fasting and Prayer time in Orlando really divided my attention. I really wanted to go to Thailand but felt that I couldn't justify the expense. After praying about it for about two weeks, I resigned myself to missing Thailand going to Orlando. It was hard to lay the YWAM trip down, but God reminded me that humility can always wait.

I keep waiting--hanging on to you, Lord and keeping my eyes fixed straight ahead.

How I pray that my life will not be in vain and that I will make the impact that God created me to make. It can only be done through your power and grace, Lord Jesus. Help me through this difficult time.

*November 25, 1994 - 14,472 - 15,069*

We celebrated another Thanksgiving yesterday with only family gathered around us. I had a neat time of thinking of God's blessings in my life in the morning. After the meal, a few of us read the original story of the Pilgrims and marveled at the grace of God in their hardships.

Their trials and problems fashioned their faith, while our luxury and ease dampen ours. How I tried to impress this upon our children. We must BREAK OUT of the worldliness around us and press into God. Days like today must be HOLY DAYS as they once were with our thoughts and affections set apart to God. Empty human holidays focused on me and my needs will be to no avail.

Lord, I give THANKS to you at this season of time. Life is not easy and clear, but your hand is steady. Guide us as you did our forefathers to diffuse your light into the world. Their hardships didn't hinder them. Don't let our comforts blind and chain our hands.

*November 29, 1994 - 14,476 - 15,065*

The sayings in 2 Timothy 2:1-7 really jump out at me. There seem to be four simple keys to an effective life: 1) live to please God, 2) don't waste time, 3) obey in everything, and 4) work hard.

What a great recipe for success. No wonder Paul told Timothy to "think about these things." God keys to life are so simple, yet profound.



Help me to live these truths, Lord. Once again today, I lay my life at your feet and ask that you would glorify your name in me.

## Orlando, Florida

*December 14, 1995 - 14,491 - 15,050*

I just returned from Orlando from a special gathering of 600 leaders to Fast and Pray for America. It was a very rich time in which God really spoke to me about many things. I'll try to do a summary here that gives the highlights.

I spent my first evening with Lee Grady and his family. The next morning Lee allowed me to speak to the staff at *Charisma* magazine and gave me a nice tour of their facility. Their magazines go to almost 500,000 people. God's blessed their tenacity.

Before lunch, I visited the editors at Creation House to build a bit of a friendship. They were cordial and open to my submitting future manuscripts to them. May God lead. Next I toured Campus Crusade's International headquarters--a sprawling campus still under renovation--before going to my hotel near Disney World.

That evening, we all gathered in the Disney Village Hilton for the opening night of three days of fasting and prayer for America. I've never entered a ballroom like this one: Set up in small circles of eight, with mats for kneeling and Kleenex as the only accessories. That was a symbol of things to come. We began with worship and quickly headed into brokenness as God spoke to us about our sins and the needs of our nation.

What followed was hour after hour--day after day-- of prayer, intercession, and confession of sin over the evils of America. Many of America's most prominent Christian leaders were there, a veritable "Who's Who" of American Christendom. But all of them left their "Who" at the door and knelt before God to cry out for mercy. Usually someone would share, then the groups would go to prayer. That continued for three days.

Fasting was a central item. Bill Bright said he believed God wanted to raise up 2 million people in North America who would go on a forty-day fast. He said that the problems we are facing in our nation "will only come out by prayer and fasting."

There were a few leaders who used the occasion to trumpet their wares or pet messages, but generally great humility and articulation gave birth to powerful seasons of prayer. The opening night, all six hundred attendees sought the Lord over areas of sin in their lives. Following is the list God convicted me of:

1. Not seeking God early every day.

2. Leaving my first enthusiastic love for Him.
3. Struggling with mental lust at times.
4. Not always fasting on Fridays with depth and passion and clearly defined prayer times.
5. Having a loose tongue at times.
6. Being impressed with men and reputation.
7. Letting family devotions slip recently--not leading our children into the experiential knowledge of God.
8. Lacking boldness in some settings.
9. Not diligently caring for Shirley's needs the past few months.
10. Not complimenting the kids enough--seeing their faults more easily than their strengths.
11. Letting our YWAM prayer ministry wain--we need to get back to 24-hour prayer and fasting and prayer on Fridays.
12. Not following through to train Nathan in areas of sexual purity and writing out a set of Life Principles.

I fully intend to turn away from these sins and areas of weakness and be changed by the power of God. As I first looked at them, the cry of my heart was: "Oh God--give me the grace to be faithful!"

I also understood the truth, "Oh wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God in Christ Jesus" Paul gladly proclaimed. I stood on this same promise and cried out to God.

The last day, Leland Paris and Wick Nease flew in from Thailand and gave me a full report on the conference there. I felt this was God's little confirmation to me that I had gone to the right place.

I, like many others, believe that Awakening is right in front of us. As one leader shared, we don't need to persuade God to bring revival. We simply need to permit Him to do what He wants to do. That's the prayer of my life and heart of my calling.

As David Bryant summarized it, Lord Jesus, Come!"

## **Port Orchard, Washington**

*December 26, 1994 - 14,503 - 15,038*

It's been a wonderful Christmas season. We enjoyed a great time with family yesterday, and the night before we slept out in the living room, sang Christmas carols, and had a rich family experience. Those times are precious and memorable.

During this season I've really meditated on Christ's birth and the wonder of it all. God's plan of salvation certainly is awesome and mysterious.

I'm grateful for another year to end, and looking forward to serving you, Father in this coming year. Help me number my days. Make my life count for your kingdom. And make me like you. That's my greatest hope and joy.