



## ~ Dear Family and Friends ~

The leaves are changing to multi yellows and reds as I wake up in the morning to frost on the grass here in Northern British Columbia. As I start this newsletter I am in Smithers, BC. This is my third visit to Smithers, here by invitation from a partnership between YWAM Smithers and the Salvation Army to help with the Salvation Army Food Drive. I performed at community services two nights,

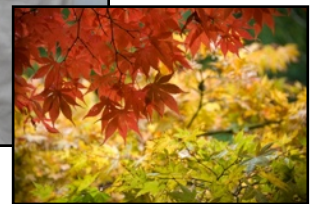


Students in the theatre workshop

sharing stories of God's Grace - as revealed in Jonah and Galatians. I also performed at a Sunday worship service, taught a theatre workshop, and shared stories of Jesus the Living Water at the Christian high school.



Jonah



## ~ Invitation ~

In September I spent 5 days in Dunham, Quebec with 180 others for Youth With A Missions's 50th Anniversary celebration. In 1960 Loren and Darlene Cunningham founded YWAM in obedience to a vision of waves of young people spreading the Gospel. So this year there are 44 gatherings around the world to mark the occasion. [www.ywam50.com](http://www.ywam50.com) The theme verses for the celebrations are from Philippians 1 & 2 so I was **invited** to share. This is what Rene Laframboise, YWAM Quebec's director wrote: *"One highlight was to have John Wason (from YWAM Word to Life in Victoria, British Columbia) give a moving narrative presentation of the whole book of Philippians he had memorized: the Word became so alive that we could have spent hours meditating on it!"* Right after I came down from the stage Darlene Cunningham **invited** me to consider coming to Kona, Hawaii at the beginning of Dec to share Philippians during the final 50th Anniversary gathering. WOW!! December 1st is also Shelly's and my 20th wedding anniversary. So yes, we are accepting the **invitation** and heading to Kona to celebrate two anniversaries. This is pretty exciting for us as we



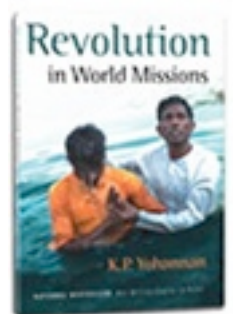
have not been away alone together since our 15th anniversary. The boys will be on their own and are looking forward to their own adventure. As with many events I am **invited**

to, we are responsible for raising our own finances to cover airfare, accommodation etc. We have already received a generous gift to help us. We are 1/2 way there. If you also would like to help us get to Kona please consider this your **invitation**. Gifts made payable to YWAM will receive a tax receipt and can be sent to us at our Victoria address below.



## ~ Revolution ~

I am part way through reading the book Revolution in World Missions, by K.P. Yohannan, the founder of Gospel for Asia. Like YWAM, Gospel for Asia seeks to equip and empower believers native to their homeland to share the Good News with their own people. It is inspiring and challenging to read K.P.'s story of how God has used him. He raises some provoking questions regarding evangelism. You can get your own free copy at: [www.gfa.org/canada](http://www.gfa.org/canada)



~ Family Happenings ~

The Wason boys are all doing well in their respective schools.

Timothy is completing grades 11 & 12 this year at Westshore Learning Centre, and will graduate in June. He's enjoying his studies, particularly a current unit on writing short stories. Tim continues to practice driving and hopes to get his licence next spring. He'll turn 17 yrs old in December.



Daniel is caulked and ready to work



Daniel (15) is working on grade 10 at the Individual Learning Centre. There are no classes, but the students come in for two hours a day and work on their own subjects at their own pace under the supervision of a teacher. Right now Daniel is working on English 10 and Math 10 which are prerequisites for the College welding program he is anxious to enroll in come July. Over the summer

and now into the fall Timothy and Daniel have been putting in some casual work hours landscaping, demolishing, caulking and painting for friends of ours who are building a major addition onto their home. Even Shelly got a few hours of painting in.

Jeffrey is plugging away at his grade 7 studies at home with Shelly. He's enjoying doing another term of Archery at the local recreation centre and continues with his twice-weekly paper route, accumulating some spending money. He's looking forward to turning 13 yrs old in November.

Shelly's current happenings include - educating Jeffrey, finishing up the gardening for the year, keeping house and home together, and trying to keep her good intentions of getting out with her camera more regularly. She is part of a 9 week women's Bible Study taught by Beth Moore via DVDs and is really enjoying it.



Sadly, Shelly's dear friend and mentor, Shirley, is moving away to Alberta next week. Though they will certainly keep in touch, Shelly will miss their regular talks over tea and banana bread. Shirley is already plotting a way to get Shelly over to Calgary for a visit at their new home.

But I'm worshipping you, God,  
calling out in thanksgiving!  
And I'll do what I promised I'd do!  
Salvation belongs to God!" Jonah 2:9

Thank you for all your support! Love,  
John, Shelly, Timothy, Daniel and Jeffrey

