

Newsletter No.30 - November, 2023

"...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Vineyards from Paarl, South Africa.

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Fourth Quarter Report

Weird to witness springtime in autumn, but the gardens of Babylonstoren, South Africa was the perfect location to celebrate the wedding of our eldest daughter.

In September, our eldest daughter, Leslie, married Malcolm Wope, the man of her dreams. It was a Cinderella occasion in the budding vineyards of the Paarl Region. We welcome you, Malcolm, as a brother and as a son. May God bless your union with His undying Presence.

Even so, the Battle Rages

Even amidst the joys of life, we must remain vigilant. Battle lines are being drawn - you can see it unfold in the natural and the supernatural. So, where is the "frontline" in your life?

For some, their battles are as far as the ends of the earth; for others the lines are much closer to home. By times, everyone's battle is as close as their marriage, their kids; yes, even the mind.

Like Jesus' words to his disciples (see Acts 1:8 above), we are called to speak truth to the world around us; but it must begin in our own personal Jerusalem. It must begin in us.

Lately, we have been challenged to rethink our approach to the stories we tell... to bring a more personal narrative into the mix. This jives with both practical expense and logistic realities of covering stories from around the world.

So far, we have produced stories from far away lands. It has been fun, educational and Lord willing, it has helped to open the hearts of others to the global reality of God at work among us today.

Today marks a significant change in our coverage... not a departure from, but an expansion to the stories we are called to tell. Honesty may come at a cost. If speaking from the heart means the loss of subscribers, then so be it. It is not our intention, but the times being what they are, it is not the time to pull back or to cower.

We seriously hope you will choose to follow our stories and engage with whatever contribution, counterpoint or rebuke you are compelled to put out there.

Clearly, it's time to Rattle The Bones.

## A Backyard Story

We read about it in the news... we see it in our streets... HOMELESSNESS is now a sprawling issue for urban and rural communities across North America. Actual numbers of homeless individuals are potentially 5X more than casual surveys indicate, and the numbers are increasing. What can we do?

In this video, we look at the holistic efforts of a group of volunteers at Lighthouse Community in rural British Columbia, Canada. The Lighthouse is a volunteer driven ministry hosted by a local chapter of the Salvation Army, as told through the eyes of "Dave" and "Jeri", two members of the local homeless community.

## YWAM Founder Graduates to Eternity

Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With A Mission, passed into the arms of Jesus on October 6, 2023. He was 88. I met "Uncle Loren" but a few times; read his books, even had the pleasure of doing a workshop with the guy. I have seen his conviction, heard his passion to mobilize youth, and felt a deep call in my heart to do the same. In the truest sense of redemption and evangelism, Loren Cunningham was the real deal. He will be missed.  
<https://lorencunningham.com/>

## From the Ends of the Earth

Philippine Coast Guard sign MOA with YWAM Ships Philippines

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) have formally committed to provide maritime support and operational assistance to YWAM Ships Philippines for the next two years. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed at a formal ceremony at the National Headquarters, Port Area, Manila on 07 September 2023.

"This agreement is not just a piece of paper; it is a covenant to work together for the good of our community," said PCG Admiral Artemio Abu.

Seated (L-R) CG Vice Admiral Ronnie Gil Gavan; CG Admiral Artemio Abu; YSP President Rheo Loseo; YSP Dir. Field Ops Leinie Alambro. Also pictured: CG Rear Admiral Juan Manuel Ramos Jr, Coast Guard Civil Relations Service Commander; and other PCG senior officers.

[Photos: CG ASN AS Mintong / CGPA]

"Our desire is to make the Coast Guard a symbol of hope and a source of national pride for our maritime sector," said Admiral Abu.

"This agreement aims to strengthen the collaboration between the PCG and YWAM Ships Philippines," says YWAM Ships Philippines' President, Rheo Loseo. "In this way, we will provide community-related activities and programs that benefit the Filipino people and local communities."

Next YSP Medical Outreach - November 19-25

YSP August medical outreach overview

What does a Medical Outreach look like with YWAM Ships Philippines?

Click the photo/video link\* from the August mission to Brookes Point, Palawan. And keep your eyes peeled for updates from next exploits when we hook up again with their media crew later this month.

\*produced by YSP media crew: Israel Garcia, Grace Pace, Bradley Cole and others  
LIFE OUT OF A SUITCASE

September was Leslie and Malcolm's wedding in South Africa; which included a quick dogleg into Mozambique to cover a story about "Well Holes and Wheelchairs". Currently, we are in Manila to work with YWAM Ships Philippines (YSP) on guidelines for a Communications Strategy. The next YSP Medical Mission to Palawan rolls out in two weeks. All the romance of farming and fishing crammed into one roller bag.

### **PRAISE and PRAYER**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (a direct quote: Psalm 122:6)

Also, pray: for the November Outreach of YWAM Ships Philippines and a spirit of cooperation with Coast Guard, Armed Forces, Navy, Police and other multi-sector ministry partners.

For our own Rattle The Bones' ministry; namely, prayer & financial support, expanded production capacity, a next batch of storytellers.

Reliable tenants for our condo back home.

### **NEXT STEPS**

IN THE WORKS: "Wheelchairs and Well Holes" is a story about a young man who left a blessed life in rural British Columbia, to meet the dire needs of others in Mozambique, Africa.

MEDICAL OUTREACH: Nov. 19-25, 2023 YWAM Ships Philippines' year end event in southern Palawan.

FAMILY TIME: January 9, 2024 A visit to go shovel snow with the Pulsifer clan in Nova Scotia.

PHOTO WEEK: Jan 25 - February 7, 2024 teaching at YWAM University of the Nations' Creative Media Course

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Craig and Lib Pulsifer serve with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) reporting on stories of God's work among isolated people in remote parts of the world. YWAM Ships exists to serve people in the South Pacific with practical medical aid and hope of the gospel.

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