

# Las Vegas News

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## We're Planting Out!

### A new YWAM Base is Birthed.

**We're not losing Staff...we're gaining a base!**

**Beautiful beaches; rolling hills of orchards and vineyards; fabulous coasts with views of whales, seals and sea otters; great sailing and surfing...**

And yet there is a real need in this beloved part of the nation called the Central Coast of California. It is a very "spiritually sleepy" part of the nation, with many residents feeling satisfied with their comfortable lifestyle there. Materially rich and yet spiritually poor, they are not sure about life and the reason for it. Although it was pioneered as a Missions Community

region by the Spanish in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century, it has since lost most of its call to be involved in world missions.

It is for these reasons – and more importantly, the call of God – that we are launching a brand new YWAM base called: "YWAM Pismo/Central Coast" that will serve this Five Cities area and will seek to wake up those who are sleeping to bring them into all that God has for them. Led by Jeremy and Val Sizemore, we plan to serve the region by starting many of the ministries that God has led us to start here in Las Vegas, such as Lost World Rescue, Street Café and Hang Time to name a few.

As anyone who has pioneered a YWAM base anywhere in the world can testify, Jeremy and Val feel very excited, challenged and also, to some degree, quite scared! As a base we in Las Vegas have been proceeding in prayer for over a year now, and sense, as much as anyone can, that this has God's stamp of approval on it! One confirmation of this is the eight additional staff who are currently trying to raise money and prayer support to begin the work there. In addition to Jeremy and Val, we will be sad to lose Mary Cronin, who has been one of our DTS leaders here, but we are so happy to be a part of the expansion of God's kingdom in this way.

The rest of their team is made up of



some of their friends and many students from our last DTS, which Mary led. We pray that the Lord will strengthen them and bless them as they go.

Of course that is certainly not the last we'll see of these guys. We are committed to overseeing them and helping them in any way that we can for the next 3 years. So, we're not losing staff so much as gaining a base!!!

If you are interested in getting in touch with them or supporting this venture in prayer, or financially, please don't hesitate to let us know and we will get you connected.

Richard Thompson

### Features inside:

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**Introducing the 'WISE' School**



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**Our DTS team  
of 10 return!**

**P**eru is a beautiful country with a very colorful, interesting backdrop of desert, mountains and jungle. The people are accomodating and kind, always hospitable and loving, giving out of their meager resources and enjoying life.

Our time in Peru was amazing. Our group experienced so much in our two months there. We lived in Chaclacayo (outside of Lima), and traveled up through the highlands



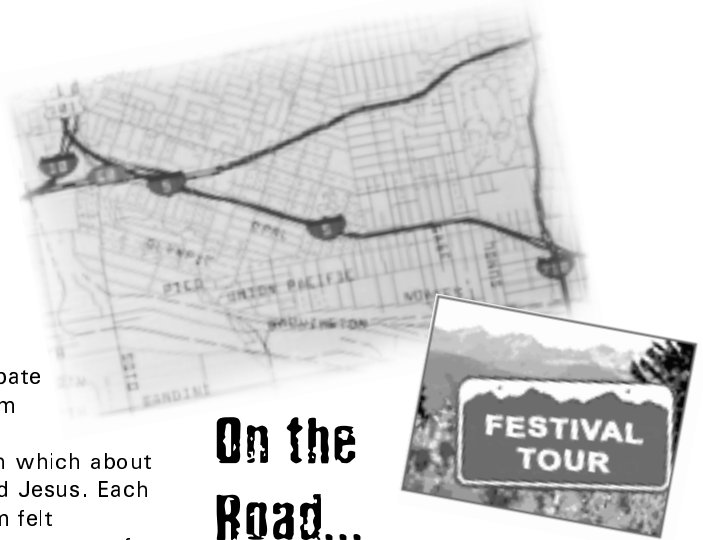
and down into to the Amazon basin.

We were able to work with many ministries including a Christian orphanage, a handicapped school and many local churches. We were also able to participate in street evangelism and personal witnessing through which about 50 people accepted Jesus. Each member of our team felt challenged by different areas of ministry; whether construction at the school, playing with kids, preaching in the church or sharing testimonies on the street. Our group was also able to partner with the church and train them to do evangelism in reaching their city.

One night, the team was in a local park performing dramas and sharing the gospel. After Ryan shared his testimony and invited the people to accept Christ, fourteen people stepped forward to give their lives to the Lord. It was such an encouragement to us as well as our church friends as we ministered together, seeing how we needed each other.

We left Peru with heavy hearts, knowing we would miss our friends and the country we had each come to love. Many of our students hope to one day return and we will all continue to pray for God to touch the lives of the people of Peru.

Mary Cronin



**On the Road...**

**F**or one month of this summer a team of four from our base will be journeying across the country to the Midwest and beyond with the hope of inspiring young people and mobilizing them into short-term missions. We will be attending several Christian missions festivals in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Minnesota where we will run a booth promoting our DTSes and other mission opportunities with YWAM Las Vegas.

Armed with lots of brochures, decorations and camping equipment, our hope is to motivate and inform the young people at these festivals about world missions and, if we can, facilitate their involvement through YWAM. We hope to see some of these world-changers on one of our upcoming schools or trips.

Beccy Susenbach

**Mission Adventures Gets Underway!**

**P**raise God for all His great work. The summer started with staff training and we have a team of 18 people from Canada and the US to help us out. Right after the training week we had our first week of Mission Adventures and it was amazing. About a hundred teenagers came and it was a week of much fruit. God was moving through the students in all the ministries that we did. At least 15 people came to the Lord that week.

We have also begun serving "Calvary Downtown Outreach," a new inner-city outreach of Calvary Chapel, in partnership with other local churches. We serve on a



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## WELCOME NEW STAFF



Sam Waddell

Hi! It's great to be here... I am originally from a small town in Alabama and my first experience of

YWAM was doing my DTS in

Amsterdam in 1984. From there I doing mainly street evangelism for a couple of years. I took a few years out of YWAM to pastor back in Alabama but returned to Amsterdam in 1990 to serve with the YWAM GO Teams. Evangelism is really my heart and over the next few years it was my privilege to serve the Lord through music and evangelism with outreach teams travelling in Europe, West Africa and India.

For the past three years I have been working with missions and evangelism training schools with YWAM Montana and I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for me in Las Vegas! In January I will be leading a new school which we have called the 'WISE' School - (Worship, Intercession, Spiritual Warfare and Evangelism) and I am eagerly anticipating this new adventure!



Frauke Deseke

Your name.... is FRAUKE!

The most important thing in your life ... is listening to God's voice and doing what he wants me to do.

The most interesting thing you ate as a missionary ... some mangrove worms. Why...? We were learning about Australian Aboriginal culture and that was part of it.

You do... Anything to do with young people. Right now we are in the middle of Mission Adventures here and I'm helping with Hang Time, our after-school program.

You are.... Originally from Germany, a blonde, 28, at times pretty crazy and loving the free refills you get in the States!!!

You've been....

6 years in YWAM Darwin (Australia) as a youth worker and loved it!

You say... Bye for now and it'll be cool to meet you some time.



Dustin Cobb

Hi, I'm Dustin.... I was born and raised in

California and since Jr. High school I have

had a heart to work with youth. I always assumed I would be a youth pastor but in this past year God has opened my heart to show me how the two can work hand in hand.

It's through revelation that God has brought me to Youth With A Mission Las Vegas. I now have many opportunities to work with youth here in Las Vegas and in the nations.

## Calendar of Events

### Upcoming Schools:

#### DTS SCHOOLS

(Discipleship Training School)  
September 28, 2003 - February 27, 2004

January 11 - June 4, 2004

#### 'WISE' SCHOOL

(School of Worship, Intercession, Spiritual Warfare & Evangelism)  
January 11 - April 4, 2004

#### YWAM Annual Fundraiser

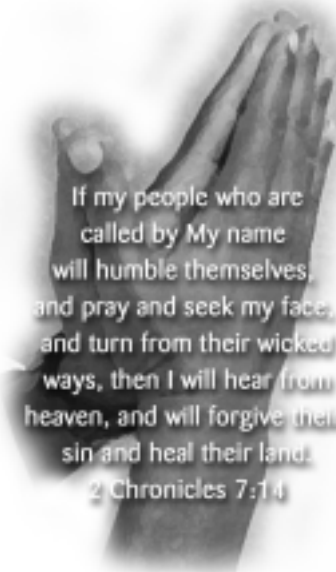
Friday, November 7, 2003  
Our Open House evening and your chance to see what we really do!

Worship  
INTERCESSION  
spiritual warfare  
EVANGELISM

W I S E S C H O O L

This winter we want to introduce the WISE school on our base. WISE stands for Worship, Intercession, Spiritual Warfare and Evangelism. Project Igal will host the school. This means that it will have an emphasis on the performing arts in evangelism. In this school we will train and equip students to be spiritual warriors and soul winners by understanding our authority in Christ. We want them to use the weapons of warfare that God has given us to evangelize effectively. The school will be oriented toward practical application to augment our classroom learning, which means that during our lecture phase we will reach out to our community with a variety of practical outreaches that utilize intercession worship and evangelism. In this way we hope to raise up more people with a heart to reach their own communities after the school. We will also offer an extended outreach after the lecture phase, so that we can immediately put into practice what we have learned.

Sam Waddell



If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.  
2 Chronicles 7:14

## HANG TIME!

**W**ow! sums up what's been happening in Hang Time. Hang Time is our after-school club for the neighborhood kids. We learn God's Word and learn to worship together and we work with the kids on their homework.

So many new things have been happening lately. Two of our long-time students, Matthew and Kenneth, just completed a week of Mission Adventures, which was a life-changing experience for both of them.

About a month ago I had the privilege of leading five of our students to the Lord. It

was a mind-blowing experience. Just to see little kids come to know Christ is a great thing to witness. The simple look of faith in their eyes

is beyond belief. They just look as if they understand it all and don't need to know the answers to the questions that boggle our minds and that really, in the end, don't matter.

### Branching Out!

New Hang Time locations are springing up. There is a Hang Time, run by our own Ricky Simmons, at the Moulin Rouge Hotel here in Las Vegas. There are also plans to plant another one in a local church close to the base. One of our regular volunteers, Jill Rasmussen, who is in Africa right now, will be starting a Spanish-speaking Hang Time once she returns.

This is all really new and exciting. I'm really looking forward to what God is going to do in the coming months. God is good all of the time!

**Scott Staples**



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## Mission Adventures Gets Underway

large parking lot next to the Salvation Army and each Tuesday night we see around 400 people come to eat and hear the gospel presentation.

We have been able to serve though dramas, preaching and testimonies and with live music and worship. God has been really faithful to us and people's lives were touched and changed. In our subsequent weeks we have seen God's life-changing power working through the lives of many more teens and touching hearts with His love. Praise God! We can't wait to see what He has in store for the rest of the summer!

**Dimitry Paschenko**

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