

# International DTS Centre

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## The Big Picture: Past, Present and Future....

The DTS is the doorway into every facet of Youth with a Mission and is the prerequisite for all courses in the University of the Nations. The International Centre for Discipleship Training Schools aims to serve the DTS world, ensuring that each DTS program is designed to actively engage the student with the:

- X basic DTS curriculum content & process set forth by YWAM=s International Leaders
- X breadth of YWAM=s calling
- X foundational values of YWAM

The DTS Centre also seeks to serve the DTS world by providing:

- X **Curriculum Design:** basic information for both content and process
- X **Resource Materials:** teaching materials, staff development aids, curriculum design tools etc.
- X **Leadership Development:** equipping for all aspects of the DTS program
- X **Accountability:** by receiving a record of each DTS program=s design, leadership and student participation
- X **Collaboration:** connecting the DTS world with other streams of YWAM
- X **Multiplication:** of new DTSs

Since the formation of the DTS Centre in the early 90's there has been an ebb and flow of activity originating from the DTS Centre:

- X 1991 and 1992 was primarily given to laying a foundation and creating an international framework of operation for the DTS Centre, documenting close to 6,000 DTS courses that fell under the amnesty provision, creating communication links with DTS leaders and staff worldwide, and establishing proper university course and student registration for current DTS=s. This was a mammoth task within the broader framework of an organism like Youth With A Mission!
- X 1993 and 94 was focused on conducting one week workshops for DTS leaders and

staff, in collaboration with local, national and/or regional YWAM leaders, in eight of YWAM's ten geographical regions at that time. This, of course, was in addition to updating all of the UofN DTS course registrations for the new catalog, dealing with special cases & hundreds of student record issues, communicating with DTS leaders/staff worldwide and resourcing schools. We were also representing the Int. DTS Centre within the context of various YWAM schools, ministries, national, regional and international conferences as well as to individual base leaders and school leaders and staff worldwide.

- X 1995 and 1996 brought with it the relocation (end of 94) of the International Coordinating Office of the DTS Centre from Kona, Hawaii to Lausanne, Switzerland. It was also the beginning of the collaboration of the local Lausanne DTS department, (led by Maureen Menard) and the International DTS Centre. Tremendous energy and time (blood, sweat and tears) were given by the Int. DTS Centre leadership, along with others, to the Are-pioneering@ of YWAM International=s Another base@. It has been harder and taken longer than any one of us anticipated! But God is faithful! We all recognize that a steady stream of His life and power has flowed freely from January 1996 and that DTSs have been a key part of the spiritual Arebirthing@of YWAM Lausanne!
- X 1997 is bringing with it the emergence of a clear sense of vision, focused direction for development and the addition of international committee members. These new members have a heart to serve DTSs worldwide, provide needed training and development of DTS leaders and staff throughout various geographical areas of the world, contribute to the development of resource materials, collaborate with the many different ministries of YWAM international and spearhead/or support the multiplication of DTSs into strategic frontiers.

## **Highlights and Other Accomplishments**

- X Maureen Menard was a member of the core team for Zondervan=s Christian Growth Study Bible Project under Lynn Green and Betty Barnett=s direction. The team was active in writing and editing throughout the fall of 95 until the spring of 97. The discipleship material in the Zondervan Bible covers the basic DTS material and will serve the DTS world as well as others as a valuable resource tool..
- X Multiplication of DTSs: Maureen led the DTS in Greece with outreach teams sent into Bosnia to work among the youth.
- X Strategic activity took place in Nis for starting a DTS there in >98.
- X Patti Lee was one of two key contributors in the creation, writing, editing and producing of the School Leaders Reference Guide and the Academic Advisors Reference Guide to serve school leaders and staff worldwide.

## Testimonies

Students testify of changes in their thinking or changes in their heart as a result of the DTS:

AI no longer believe the lies of who I am, but I am basing the belief of who I am on the truth of who God says I am@ Tiina from Finland

AFrom not knowing the forgiveness of God to really knowing it.... and from believing God did not want to talk to me or love me to believing it.@ Trish from New Zealand

AMy perspective on life is new...My thoughts are God thoughts now rather than my own...My new thinking has begun to change who I am@. Trevor from USA

AMy behavior and reactions/responses have changed@. John from USA

AAlways thought I was good and needed God but now I know I cannot live without God.... I could not receive love, but now I am beginning to receive love...My thinking is becoming untwisted and I am relapsing my distorted thinking patterns.@ Angeline from South Africa

AI used to feel or believe that I had to earn God=s approval or love and now I am understanding what it means to be a friend of God and a bride, not just a bond slave@. Martha from USA

AI believed the lie that God could not or was not enough to bring someone to Jesus.....He was too small in my eyes to be able to bring others to himself@. Lynda from USA

## Students Trained Annually

Approximately 4,000 or more students are trained in DTSs each year.

## Future Development Goals

- X Curriculum:  
Curriculum Design Packet
- X Resource Material:  
Companion materials to supplement Zondervan Christian Growth Study Bible Quarterly Aletter@ or Atraining journal@ for the DTS World. (Start 4th qt.98)  
Patti Lee to revise the School Leaders and Academic Advisors Reference Guides.
- X Leadership Development:  
DTS Leaders Workshop for Franco phone World in Burtigny, Switzerland  
International DTS Consultation January 12-30, 1998 in Lausanne, Switzerland

DTS Leadership Internship: 4 to 6 week process to further develop DTS staff.  
Fall 98, Budapest, Hungary.  
1999 Possibly in South Africa

Three week seminar featuring an inductive study of a book of the Bible with application relevant for the development of the person and the ministry of DTS Leader/staff. (June 98)

On the job staff development through the Balkan Collaborative DTS Project.  
Personalized two year leadership development track.

DTS workshop in the context of the LTS in South Africa, Nov. 98

Leadership Training Seminar in French West Africa, Feb. 98

X Collaboration:

Work together with YWAM Balkan leaders and ministries to run a Balkan Collaborative DTS ( winter/spring/summer 98)

Run an International DTS consultation inviting people from all streams of the Mission to participate with DTS staff insuring ongoing interaction between the DTS world and other YWAM ministries Jan. 12-30, 1998 in Lausanne, Switzerland

Plan for another Collaborative DTS in the Indian Ocean Islands which would integrate teams from both DTSs and second level schools in ministry

Pursue the possibility of a Collaborative DTS project in the Middle East

X Multiplication:

Develop a Balkan Regional DTS Centre in Budapest, Hungary.

Start the first Yugoslavian DTS in Nis, Serbia 98.

Develop at least two Regional DTS Centres to serve DTSs in Africa and into the Indian Ocean Islands

Develop a Regional DTS Centre to serve CIS/Russia/Central Asia areas

## **School Leaders Training**

X Maureen led three DTSs as a context in which to further develop DTS staff and to create DTS curriculum resources: 1996 January and September DTS=s in Lausanne, Switzerland and 1997 February DTS in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Leaders involved:

Martha McComb: currently leading the church planting DTS outreach team in Banja Luka, Republik Srbska. Martha led church plant effort in Nis.

Chris and Lynda Wormwald: led team into Sarajevo helping Erik Baker (YWAM Bosnia) get settled. Will lead DTS in Nis, Serbia, winter 98.

John Parmeter, YWAM Australia DTS leader

Grant and Corina Van Cleve, YWAM Albania/Greece future DTS leader in Balkans

X DTS leaders workshop in Budapest, Hungary: part of the LTS curriculum: Patti Lee, Peter Thompson, and Maureen Menard.

## Collaborative Efforts

Report on Balkan Collaborative DTS 1995 by Maureen Menard

- X Seven European DTS participated: Biel, Burtigny, Budapest, Le Gault la Foret, Restenas, Lausanne, Denmark.
- X Collaboration took place during the entire 24 weeks of the program. The outreach targeted the Balkans, Turkey and Central Asia.
- X Shared resources in the first phase (lecture): Maureen spoke in 5 schools, Cathy Nobles in 4 schools.
- X Gathering week 11 and 12 in Budapest prior to outreach.  
Speakers: Loren and Darlene Cunningham, Lynn Green, members of the Balkan Council (Jim Orred, Hal Young, Jagil Koo, Sandy Osteriech, Christo Chokolov, S W and Maureen Menard)  
Chris and Claire Huck, and Patti Lee
- X During this time in Budapest, we all participated in prayer walking every district of the city, street evangelism, a Night of Missions for Hungarian Youth, and an Event with the Pastors of Budapest.
- X 13 teams were sent by the Balkan Council to the targeted area: Balkans, Central Asia, Turkey
  1. Cluj, Romania to work with Calvary Church plant.
  2. Budapest to work with local church to plant a church in new neighborhood.
  - 3/4. Two teams in Albania working with church plants.
  5. The Budapest band tour of the Balkans accompanied by the Swedish DTS.
  6. Team in Bishkek and Uzbekistan working with local ministries.
  7. Team in Almaty working with Korean church and Bishkek.
  8. Team in Almaty with the Korean church and Shymkent.
  9. Team in Turkey (Lausanne; Cathy Nobles) research for the Rec Walk.
  10. Team in Turkey (Denmark) intercession, friendship evangelism.
  11. Team in Greece, intercession, friendship evangelism and Turkey, Rec Walk.
  12. Team in Cyprus, intercession, friendship evangelism
  13. Team in Turkey, intercession, friendship evangelism;  
Budapest, street evangelism.
- X Three workers (from Ukraine, Russia and Armenia) connected to the DTS in Krasnodar joined the collaborative process as a staff development opportunity. They joined three different outreach opportunities. One joined the church planting team in Cluj, Romania. One went to Albania to serve a local DTS in process there. One joined the Korean YWAM work in Istanbul.

- X YWAM leaders involved in the outreach situations were Jagil Koo, connecting with teams in Istanbul; Hal Young, connecting with teams in Budapest, Central Asia and Turkey. SW, connecting with teams in Nis and Greece. Sandy Osteriech, connecting with workers in Albania. Maureen Menard and Lisa Whitaker connecting with 10 of the teams in Romania, Turkey, Serbia, Bishkek, Shymkent, Almaty, Taskent, and Budapest.
- X There were approximately 150 staff and students involved in the project. Major language groupings were English, French, German, Romanian, Hungarian, and Russian. People came from 37 different nations.
- X At the end of the outreach, teams returned to Budapest for debriefing. During this process, Steve Anderson from Target 2000 was available to interview students that were interested in working in Turkey or Central Asia. Approximately 80 people signed up for an interview with Steve. Landa Cope, Maureen Menard, Hal Young, gave final words to wrap up the school and commission them. Vicki Corrington ran the large group and smaller grouping debriefing process. Others available for the student and staff body were Dawn Gauslin, Patti Lee, and Wolfi and Chris Jani from the International Office.

Some Key results of the Balkan Collaborative DTS project:

- X The Collaborative process successfully brought together schools, some very small and monocultural in nature, creating a rich international dynamic among them. The vision to *Awalk the ground* of the Balkans and some of the Turkic world captured many of their hearts and imaginations. They recognized they were playing a part in an overall strategy of God.
- X The Collaborative also created a context for the vision for the Reconciliation Walk to be shared and for individuals to emerge who have become key players in its formation and implementation.
- X Outreach teams were able to be linked to long term projects in the area, both with YWAM and local churches, supporting those on the field.
- X Maureen and Lisa Whitaker=s interaction with members of the Central Asian leadership team in Almaty resulted in an invitation from them to us to facilitate pioneering a DTS in Central Asia. Wolfi Jani and Lisa led that school in April of 96.
- X The interaction of senior YWAM leaders among the teams, especially in the outreach locations, gave these leaders a grass roots window into what God is saying and doing through our DTS youth. One obviously ripe place for ministry to youth was Nis, Serbia. Maureen returned to Nis in 96 with an outreach team from Lausanne led by Martha McComb which resulted in the church plant that continues today (8/97).
- X The Collaborative DTS served as a rich context for staff development as staff were exposed to many YWAM leaders, ministries, projects and styles of leadership. Some

of those staff have gone on to lead/staff other DTSs, teams or projects serving in this region.

### **Nis, Serbia 1996**

- X The DTS center partnered with workers in Balkans to evangelize and disciple youth in Nis, Serbia which resulted in a church plant. January 96 DTS, team worked together with a local Serbian couple, and one of the bands from YWAM Budapest. (Others involved in the project SW and Hal Young)

### **Galilee, Israel 1997**

- X Presently, Fifty young people from 5 different schools have come together in the Galilee of Israel under the leadership of Arthur Carlson, and Sarah Lanier for a Joint Field Assignment. Reports will follow at the completion of the FA.

### **Report: Collaborative DTS Project 1997 in the Indian Ocean Islands by Edwin Filles**

I left Switzerland on March 24th for Mauritius to take care of the final preparations of all the teams arriving. It was wonderful to be back in Mauritius again and I experienced the excitement of a dream that was busy coming to fulfillment. We started planning this collaborative effort 18 months ago while working on a LTS in India. I can still remember Heri and myself praying with other leaders for the region as we were encouraged by Darlene Cunningham not to limit God. We could never have dreamt that all these teams that I was preparing to receive would be arriving in a few days time from all over the world. I was so encouraged because I knew God was doing all this and that the Word of The Lord would prove to be faithful.

The first team arrived early from Amsterdam and worked with an Evangelical Church prior to the orientation time. They were such a blessing to the church and enjoyed wonderful hospitality in return. The next team arrived March 30th from Muizenberg, South Africa, with the French and Swiss teams arriving on April 3rd. With so many people coming from different places to such a small island, it posed some challenges with immigrations, especially as we were all visiting the same person, Mario Li from Scripture Union. Many questions were asked but God gave us favor.

The team from Madagascar arrived 2 days later and it was a radical spiritual statement as they wanted to show their support of the Collaborative Outreach in the islands. They came specifically to support me in the practical areas. They were such a blessing and contributed much to the whole project. We were 57 people all together with the Australian and Indian team coming later which added up to about 70 people in the islands.

There was an amazing expectation for what God was going to do as all these teams met around meals and were waiting for the first session to start. We had our first meeting Friday evening, April 4th, and I spoke from Isaiah 49: 1-4. I shared sharing with them how this vision had started back in 1989 and how God had prepared us by hiding us in the shadow of

His hand and had made us into a polished arrow waiting to be fired. The next few days were great as we worshiped, prayed, fellowshipped, laughed and cried together. There was such a sense of unity and harmony. One girl came to me and said, " I have worshiped with 20,000 people before but have never experienced such an anointing. " The only way I can explain it is that heaven breaks loose when His children from different ethnic groups and with different tongues give glory to their Master as they present those who haven't heard the Gospel before His throne.

Emele Kila from Australia came in on Sunday to represent the Melbourne team who would come later. She gave a word on Sunday evening that God wanted to affirm the young men in their masculinity to take their place as men of God. It triggered a move of God as the girls prayed for these young men. Xavier, the leader from the French team, led us in a time of waiting on the Holy Spirit and we were all refreshed and strengthened as He ministered to us. Darren, who was leading the South African team brought a solid devotion. Nancy from the Amsterdam team shared on Loving God as the foundation of our Christian Activity and we were all challenged to draw nearer to Him. Columba from the Swiss team, built on it by urging us to abide in the vine. We heard testimonies everyone flowing together, and that it was a true collaboration. We also had the Anglican bishop share one of the mornings on reaching Muslims and Hindus, followed by a time of questions and answers. The Bishop extended his stay, thus spending more time with one of the teams. He was so encouraged by this team and their ministry at the Anglican National Youth Conference, that he invited YWAM to come and start a ministry on the island. The acting Bishop of the Catholic church, representing about 30% of the population, heard about the teams. He invited the organizer, Mario to meet with the priest who heads up a national youth program so that some of our teams could minister there.

Everyday we prayed for a different island, and when we came to Mayotte we felt the significance of sending a team as no team was committed to go there. We knew this would be significant in uniting us. We prayed and trusted God for a team to go from our midst made up of people from several different teams. The last evening, we called everyone to stand together as we took up an offering for the airfares of the 5 who would go there for a week to pray. The target was about 3000 USD. Knowing that this had to come from our pocket money, I had little faith. There was such a spirit of joy and the offering came up to 2840 USD. God proved Himself faithful.

We ended our time with a Love Feast in a Chinese Restaurant, as we got ready for the action of giving of ourselves to touch lives with the Gospel. One of the highlights for me was when some of the participants came to me afterwards and told me that they felt called to these islands. I just received reports from some of the teams that they are doing very well. One team in Madagascar made contact with the "Betsimisarake" people group who is still unreached and the team leaders will continue to work with them after the 2 months of outreach. They also organized a meeting for the youth leaders in the city of Tamatave, a first of its kind and with the existing division, the team only expected 4-6 to come. They were amazed to see 58 people turn up. They will continue this work of unity with a prayer meeting on May 24th. In Mauritius, the teams are involved in evangelism, teaching new believers and ministering in churches. They have also seen lots of healings as God's power is being revealed.

## **Centre Representation to YWAM Family of Ministries**

Olympic Outreach Training, Atlanta, Georgia, USA  
Target World, Atlanta, Georgia, USA  
Conference on Frontier Missions, Athens, Greece  
Mercy Ministries Conference, Le Rucher, France  
European Leaders Conference, Budapest, Hungary  
Balkan Council  
Leadership Training School in Pune, India  
Leadership Training School in Budapest, Hungary  
Leadership Training School in Colorado Springs, Colorado  
U of N Workshop, Restenas, Sweden  
U of N International Leadership Team  
Teaching in numerous schools worldwide  
Speaking at other YWAM conferences  
YWAM Global Leadership Conference >98

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## **Reaching Youth through Youth: a church planting strategy**

By Maureen Menard

The world of the Apostle John was full of darkness. Pagan values ruled. Greed, lust and injustice raised their ugly head in every facet of life. The poetry and epic narratives of the day reflected a twisted world view where gods were as unpredictable and self serving as men. Life was to be lived for the pleasure of the moment. Not unlike the youth culture of today!

How did John and others break through this darkness to evangelize people and plant churches? He gave his testimony! Make no mistake. People were saved. Churches were formed. Minds were renewed. History changed because John, convinced of the reality of Jesus, simply dared to tell others about his experience of Christ. (1 John 1:1-4)

An international team of youthful DTS students convinced, like John, of the reality of the living Jesus at work in and through their lives is a powerful weapon in God's hand. Their testimony can penetrate the darkest of places and release the active presence of Christ.

When students are challenged to create with God by thinking His thoughts, praying His prayers, hearing His voice, speaking His Word and doing his works, there is little they can not do. God seeks a people who will dare to enter into his dreams and implement them,

irrespective of age. This is a report of God's work through some DTS students in the Balkans.

Phil, an Australian, had been a Christian less than a year when he came to the Amsterdam DTS. His folks were Seventh Day Adventist. He describes himself in his pre-Christian days as a rebellious teenager, who played in a rock band. He became a Christian in Berlin, Germany following a "March for Jesus" rally. I first heard about Phil when his school leader asked me for advice regarding Phil's refusal to meet with the DTS group in any kind of spiritual activity on a Sunday. Phil said it was a pagan practice.

On his DTS outreach team in Budapest, Bulgaria and Istanbul, Phil formed a band with others in the group, making use of the simple instruments and sound system we happened to have with us. He even wrote a few songs, his first Christian lyrics, that testified of the reality of Jesus and the new life he had given him.

At some point during our trip, I ask Phil what he saw God doing in the Balkans. He said "I see hundreds of young people coming to Christ in cities all over the region.....youth connecting together, rising above national prejudices, uniting in their faith in Christ."

That was 1991. Today, Phil's band, called "5:20", has toured in several Balkan cities, multiple times, as well as numerous cities in Turkey. His lyrics are a prophetic word from God proclaiming victory over death and offering Life to all who respond. Hundreds have purchased tapes with lyrics translated into their own language. Many have made commitments to Christ. Friendships are forming; breaking down national barriers. New wineskins, youth oriented churches, are being formed to catch the fruit.

Martha, an American, came to the Lausanne DTS, after serving several years in a frontier mission situation in the bush of South Africa. An obvious leader and gifted evangelist, she stood out from the rest of the student body. God directed the school to pray for the Balkans, especially Yugoslavia. For several weeks the thought of going to Serbia on outreach seemed to be only the "school leaders idea" until Martha encountered Jesus in an all night prayer meeting called the "Night of Power", held during Ramadan. Jesus came to her, asking her to lead the team to Nis.

Jeff, Joel and Angie, musicians and fellow students with Martha, were convinced God wanted to use their music on the outreach. They formed a band during DTS lecture phase. They asked God to give them lyrics that would testify of the reality of Jesus in their lives. God granted them a new drum kit and connected them to a man with a quality recording studio. They left for outreach with CDs and cassettes of their music in hand to use as a tool to reach the youth in the Serbian city of Nis.

Martha led the team into Nis. It was a group of 8 students (4 American, 1 Finish, 1 New Zealander, 1 Swiss and 1 Hungarian) with an average age of 23 years. Each student was convinced his testimony of Jesus was a unique aspect of what the team had to offer. Every one had a sense God brought them there for the purpose of "making friends with Serbian youth."

Through daily team intercession, strategy was shaped and faith was imparted. Doors to youth hang outs were opened. Both the team band and Phil's 5:20 band, which joined them for a

few days, had effective ministry in clubs. Friendships were made. For the first time young Yugoslavian ears heard the name Jesus spoken with love and reverence through the lips of Western youth. Some eyes were opened. Some hearts responded. 35 believers were left in the care of two Serbian pastors. One of these young believers was named Sashe.

Sashe has just finished his DTS in Thessaloniki, Greece, this summer (1997) along with 2 other Yugoslavians, 3 Romanians, a Greek, Pole and Swede. Through out the lecture phase God met them in their intercession for Bosnia. They expected God to speak to them about their outreach. By the time the final decision was made to go to Banja Luka, in the Bosnian Republik of Srbska, all were convinced they were on a mission from God.

Mornings started in Banja Luka with team times of worship and intercession. Ideas of how to contact the youth of the city were born and implemented through prayer. God led some to give conversational English classes at the University. He led others to befriend Serbian Arefugees@ . As God led them, weekly Bible studies, open worship times and street outreaches were added to the their schedule; daily activities includes time with their new friends. Soon, 5:20, the band from Budapest, joined the team to aid their evangelistic efforts.

Once again testimonies about a ALiving Jesus@ rang out from the lips of youth. One after another responded in faith to the Gospel. A partnership was established with a young missionary couple who had recently moved to Banja Luka. By the time the team left, the young church had bonded to them.

DTS teams can plant churches! Lets dare to believe that students, with a living relationship with Jesus, can do lasting work for God=s kingdom! Let=s listen to the dreams of those who take us at our word, that God can work through them to change history. Even better, lets join them in their efforts to reach their generation with the Gospel.