

ROD & KAREN'S UPDATE

DNA conference

At the end of June we spent 2 weeks at the Townsville base on their medical ship, hearing from the founders of Youth With a Mission, Loren and Darlene Cunningham. They are now in their eighties and have been going to various places around the world reminding YWAM workers of the DNA of YWAM - the stories of how God spoke, the foundational values, and the key messages.

It felt like a family, sitting around the fire, hearing the Grandparents tell stories as they shared openly about the times when the mission drifted from God's original call, and the ways God showed them how to re-align the movement through humility and repentance. It was deeply impacting for us as we listened to people who have lived their lives simply by listening to God, obeying His voice and persevering for over 60 years.

We were also encouraged by the many stories of how God is moving through partnerships with other ministries. For example, Loren shared the goal to see a bible in every language by 2025, through partnership between YWAM, Wycliffe and SIL. This goal is well under way, with a current focus on Papua New Guinea's over 800 languages.



All YWAM workers practice a lifestyle of dependence on God for financial provision, which comes primarily through His people. Our 9 years serving in YWAM have meant trusting in God for the basics of life - somewhere to live, food to eat, transport to get around. As we look back over these years we are amazed to see how we have always had some kind of shelter and we've never gone hungry! We are so thankful to all those who have supported us financially, allowing us to have the basics of life while we work in this ministry.

This last week we received the news that our current living arrangement is coming to an end and we now need to find other accommodation. Right now, we do not have enough monthly support to pay market rent, so we thought it would be good to make people aware of this need. We would really value your prayer as we look to God for a miracle of provision, something we heard a lot about at the DNA conference in Townsville! Please contact us if you want more information about this situation.

Love Rod and Karen

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