



# Prins News

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## EXCELLING LEADERS

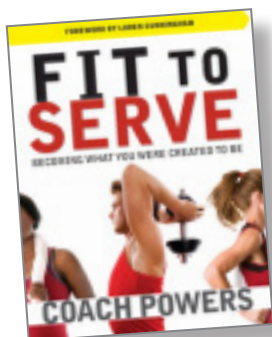
### "Watch for the Canaries"

Long ago, before coal or gold miners had high-tech equipment to measure carbon dioxide levels in the air, dangerous gases would accumulate in the mines and lead to devastating explosions. So miners learned to use a low-tech solution: they carried canaries as a barometer of the air quality in the mines. When the canaries stopped singing, the gas levels were too high and the miners quickly left the mine to avoid being caught in an explosion.



What are your decision-making canaries — those small indications that something may not be right in your atmosphere? That is the question that we ask the missionaries that come to us for debriefing and the message I shared the first morning at our **YWAM Caribbean leaders gathering in Orlando** — 65 ministry leaders came for five days. The main purpose of this gathering was to seek God for a new structure to give leadership help and pastoral care for the region, which had now grown to 28 campuses and over 350 full time staff across four main language groups. We are so thankful to God who gave much wisdom and unity.

The next week our team hosted a **4-day missionary wellness retreat** in the same city. During the retreat we spent time learning about 6 areas of wellness. One of the highlights was having Coach Tim Powers share on physical and nutritional health. Coach has written the book "Fit to Serve" and was an Olympic coach as well as a trainer for Navy Seals. He was such an inspiration, teaching practical ways to stay physically healthy. It has now been three months since that gathering and one of persons who attended said:



**"from that week I have been faithfully exercising and guarding my time commitments and I feel so much better."**



**65 Ministry leaders from the Caribbean.**



**Kevin leading a workshop on boundaries in our lives at the YWAM Caribbean Leaders Gathering.**



**Choices in life. What is the most healthy, white chocolate or dark? It seems like an easy choice but what about the other questions in life?**

## Team to Washington DC

I remember growing up with a saying "God is not a respecter of persons." It sounded good and was supposed to challenge us in our view of who God loves. In June, while leading a team to Washington DC, God really challenged that phrase. We had such diverse ministry experiences during that week. One day we visited and fed the homeless in the park and the next day we were sitting with US Senate Chaplain Barry Black and praying in the US Capital building. The next morning we cut the grass in a cemetery where over 3000 slaves had been buried, and then at night had a personal time with the former President of Malawi. During that week God changed that phrase for me to **"God is a respecter of persons not positions."** His love encompasses the homeless as well as the presidents.



## Radiant Life Retreat (RLR)



So much is happening with our focus on missionary family care. Over the last number of years Sue and I have personally debriefed many missionaries (singles, couples) and their families from all over the world. Some have gone through trauma, others are going through transition, and many others just need a place to process the season they have just been through. God has brought us an incredible staff/team of missionary leaders who have a heart for missionaries and their families. And now in September we are expanding the 5-day 'one on one' debrief to a 10-day small group retreat. Could you mark September 11-21 on your calendars and pray for us as leaders and for the missionaries that are coming that the presence of God would lead us? (see the attached flier for more information on the retreat)



## Family News

Yes, we are the proud grandparents of seven, but in June we had a great week with Alex (15 months old) who we don't get to see very often because of Brian's commitment to the US Army. Please keep them in prayer as Brian will be deployed for 9 months starting the end of August. Alex loves to play with the hose.

- Normally in our newsletter we haven't specifically asked for personal financial support. However, with the ministry growing and the summer months upon us, would you prayerfully consider joining our team either as a monthly supporter or with a onetime gift?

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