

## DATES

### Discipleship Training School

14 January - 17 June 2006  
15 April - 16 September 2006  
23 September 2006 - 24 February 2007

### Basic Leadership School

3 January - 25 June 2006  
1 April - 23 September 2006  
9 September 2006 - 3 March 2007

### School of Frontier Missions

September 2006 - dates to be confirmed  
+ 2 year placement

### School of Design

14 January - 8 April 2006  
13 January - 7 April 2007

### School of Digital Communication

15 April - 7 July 2006  
14 April - 6 July 2007

### Year For God

August 2006 - August 2007  
DTS incorporated in a year programme  
in a cross-cultural environment.

## HOLMSTED MANOR OPEN DAY

24 June 2006 - All welcome

## PLEASE PRAY WITH US

Please join with us in praying for...

\* The Design schools -  
Financial provision  
Students  
Quality staff and teachers

\* The Year For God -  
Please pray that YFG find the right  
country in Europe to send a team to in  
the future. Please pray that the teams will  
learn and be used by God.

\* The base leadership as they transition  
to a new team in the coming year and for  
vision and direction in the future.

## PRAISE GOD

Thank you for praying for the provision of a  
minibus. We now have a big yellow one; here it  
is being used to take dts students to the airport  
for outreach to India.



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## HOLMSTED MANOR NEWS WINTER 2005

### Greetings from Holmsted.

The subtitle of Henri Nouwen's book 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' is 'A story of Homecoming'. I have been reading this book for the last few months. It is not a long book, not even 150 pages, but it is deep! It has made me think a great deal about home and especially finding my home in God.

Henri Nouwen, among other things, brings out how both the brothers felt about home. The younger brother realises that he would have enough to eat, and be much better treated if he returned home. But he only expected to return as a hired labourer not as a son. Interestingly the older brother, although he never left home, was also living there as a worker, not realising that everything belonged to him.

This is certainly challenging to me and I realise how much I feel like a hired hand rather than a son. 'Home' carries a sense of belonging that workers just do not have; only family members belong.

A few weeks ago I came across this quote 'Home is both a destination and a place of origin'. Where is our home? This is a question that we are all asking in various forms. We are all looking for that sense of belonging, for something that will give us value and identity. And as Henri Nouwen puts it "This is not the picture of a remarkable father. This is the portrayal of God, whose goodness, love, forgiveness, care, joy, and compassion have no limits at all."



Christmas is another reminder of the Father's relentless and sacrificial pursuit of his children.

What a great Father we have!

*Charlie Lusty*  
Base Leader at Holmsted Manor



### LOOK INSIDE FOR

feedback on the  
Coach House  
open day,  
a Story from a DTS  
student on missions in  
Thailand,

How the  
design schools  
are coming along  
and find out what is  
Cultural Expressions?



YOUTH WITH A MISSION

## YEAR FOR GOD - YFG



This year's teams are well under way in the heart of Tanzania and Bolivia. Six fresh YFG faces are now in Tanzania and we have five students in Bolivia. These are perfect sized teams as large groups can detract from the whole cultural experience. Due to increased interest we are adding more locations for next year, which are going to be Uganda, Malaysia/Indonesia and India.

The teams themselves became more international this year, with students from Finland, Northern Ireland and Canada joining the groups. The DTS in each location has been going really well so far, and it's been invigorating to hear the stories of how people are settling in and what they are learning already:

*"God is really teaching us so much - for me personally - this is what I have been yearning for deep inside for such a long time" says Daniel in Bolivia "I found myself, one night, sitting next to a young lad of 15. He explained, in a barely audible voice, that he had been addicted to glue for 5 years. I began to speak to him in Spanish, but I knew they were not my words." I asked him if he wanted his life to change."*

We are running an Enquiry Day on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> April for anyone who is considering joining the YFG programme. We are also currently going around the UK to promote missions, YWAM and YFG. If you would like us to come and speak at your youth group, church or Christian Union or just want some more information then please contact [yfg@yearforgod.co.uk](mailto:yfg@yearforgod.co.uk)

## COACH HOUSE OPENING



*"It is so nice to see how it has all come together, to see how God's hand has been moving over the years and now to see it rest on the place"*

Ex-dts Student.



In our summer newsletter we wrote about the completion of the coach house and the celebration that was planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> October. In this winter edition we wanted to give you some feedback from the day.

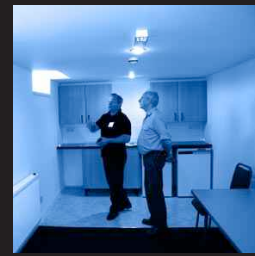
The day was a great opportunity to enjoy a sense of completion and of looking towards new beginnings. We were blessed with some incredibly good weather, which enabled old and new friends to enjoy a picnic on the lawn, and for the children to enjoy face painting and a suitably large bouncy castle.

In addition to running several house tours, there were various prayer stations posted around the



property, Indonesian craft and 50/50 fair trade stalls in the coach house, and also a very busy tearoom in the dining room. We also met a couple of times in the afternoon to reflect on all that God had done and to offer our prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

A big thank you to all who came to celebrate this special time with us.



*"It's amazing to think about what God will do here"*

Ex-dts Student.



## CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

Cultural Expressions Ltd is a company based at Holmsted Manor and run by YWAMers and their supporters. The company sells a wide variety of Indonesian crafts including candles, carvings, jewellery, furniture, pots, vases, musical instruments, paintings, bags and household accessories such as mirrors, place mats, salad spoons etc. In the UK the company is mainly a wholesale operation, selling to shops like Tamashaq in Chichester, but it also sells at craft fairs and stalls in village fairs and churches.

As over 40% of Indonesians live below the poverty line, Cultural Expressions is working with the charity Raven Development Trust to create a better future for poor and disadvantaged people in Indonesia. This is done through strategic buying, charitable giving, creating and sustaining jobs, supporting an orphanage, and providing for the nutritional and educational needs for children from poor families through a 'needs adoption' programme.

Cultural Expressions was born out of a vision to support missions' projects and national workers in Indonesia so all of its net profits are channelled back into the ministry. YWAMers involved do not

take a wage from the business so that we do not compromise the stance of 'living by faith', and the business itself is viewed as part of the mission.

The business also opens up many doors for the Gospel in communities where the goods are bought. As much as possible, the products are bought directly from small family businesses at fair prices so we know that the producers will be the primary beneficiaries. Through trade, the business is doing its part in helping micro economies in villages needing to survive the down turns caused by the Bali bombs of 2002 and 2005, which have affected many.

Every purchase counts to support missions and bless the communities that produce the products. We have opened an eBay shop at <http://stores.ebay.co.uk/Cultural-Expressions-Limited> with a view to opening our own internet shop in the near future.

If you think you may be able to help us, want to run a stall in your local area or know someone who can help us increase our sales, please don't hesitate to email us at [info@cu-ex.com](mailto:info@cu-ex.com)



## SCHOOL OF DESIGN

It's not long to go until the School of Design starts up for the first time in Holmsted Manor and in England. January the 14<sup>th</sup> will be a momentous day as the school begins and we look at how God has brought everything together. We thank God for donations of £3,250, and the donations of a scanner and printer. At the moment we are continuing to pray for the remaining £11,000 that is needed to run the schools!

School Leader Paul Bulgin says: "The whole thing has been a huge faith venture, and it has to be God that makes it happen, because in my own strength it just wouldn't be possible!" The Design School has now moved into its own offices and



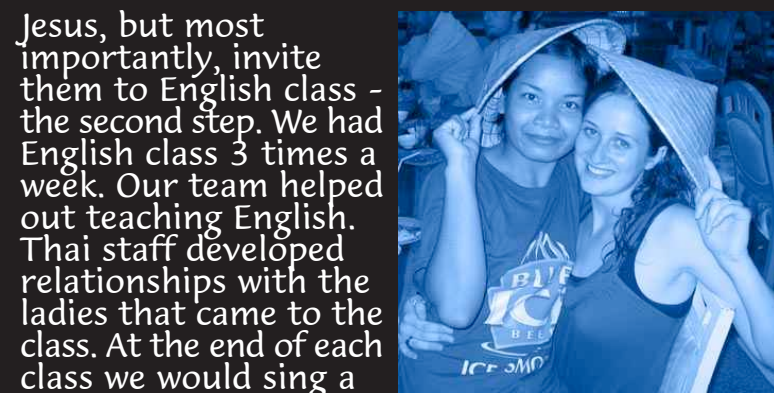
see what the school have been doing, and to get a better understanding for yourself of the huge influence design and communication has on our society.

Both the schools are filling up, but there is still room for more students to apply. For more information, to apply or to give, please contact Paul on the Holmsted number or by email at [design@holmsted.org.uk](mailto:design@holmsted.org.uk)

## DTS STUDENT REPORT

Written in her own words, here is some feedback from Jodie's outreach to Thailand in June of this year.

"If I could say one thing about my DTS outreach to Thailand, it would be that God is faithful, so, so, so faithful. We were in two locations; the first was a village an hour and a half outside of Bangkok and the second was right in the city of Pattaya. In Pattaya 80% of the women are prostitutes. Thai women that have been hurt and abandoned by Thai men turn to prostitution to find a white husband; they believe that he will solve all their problems. But over and over again, at the end of his week long holiday, their hearts, hopes and dreams are crushed as he gets on an aeroplane and they never see him again. The girls on my team got to work with the Thai staff at the Tamar Center. The Tamar Center is the YWAM base in Pattaya. They have a ministry to the prostitutes of the city. We joined the Thai staff in the first step of this ministry - going out to the bars in the evenings. We'd sit and have a coke with the bar girls, talk to them, play bar games, listen to their stories, tell them about



Jesus, but most importantly, invite them to English class - the second step. We had English class 3 times a week. Our team helped out teaching English. Thai staff developed relationships with the ladies that came to the class. At the end of each class we would sing a few worship songs and then pray. It was a way for them to begin to see the power and love of God through prayer. From there we would invite them to church on Sunday afternoons...eventually we hoped that they would come to know Jesus and start an alternative lifestyle/discipleship programme offered by the YWAM base. While we were there we saw three ladies accept Jesus and two chose to leave the bars. Leaving the bars is a HUGE step because their income goes from 20-30,000 dollars a month to 6,000 dollars a month. And it is a COMPLETE lifestyle change. So we celebrated with these 3 ladies whose lives were completely changed. It was so amazing.

I was very encouraged and challenged by the Church of Thailand. I saw incredible unity among the different ministries, no matter what organization they belonged to. The Church of Thailand has a goal that by 2010 everyone in the whole country will have heard about Jesus and there will be churches in every community.



WOW! I don't know of very many countries...or even cities that have that goal. And they are actively pursuing it. One of their continual prayers is, 'Lord, please send more workers to help us collect this harvest of Yours.' The three months that we were there we got to