



# Speaker Packet 2015

## Hey there, Speaker!

Thank you so much for joining us for Mission Adventures 2015 and participating in what God is doing in and through youth this year. We look forward to hearing all that God has placed on your heart to share with the teams. Here is some helpful information about Mission Adventures that will get you further acquainted with who we are and get you up to speed on what God has already been speaking to us about this year.

In this packet you will find the following information:

- 2015 Theme Statement
- Week Schedule with Highlighted Speaking Times
- Speaker Notes for Each Session
- About YWAM San Diego/Baja
- YWAM Values

We pray that as you dive deeper into our theme, **UnBound**, that God will move radically in your understanding of Identity, Idolatry, and Bravery. We trust that He will move mightily in the youth this summer and pray wisdom over you as you plan your week with us.

Thanks again for serving us with your gifts!

See you soon,

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YWAM Ensenada

# UNBOUND

## STAND UP | STAND OUT

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)

## What Would It Look Like for Us To Be UNBOUND ?

### Know Your IDENTITY

More than ever before, technology has made it possible to live a double life. We hide behind our profiles and statuses, only showing the world the parts of us that we find acceptable. We can be whoever we want to be online, never needing to reveal who we really are. We allow our value to be determined by what we wear, how unique we can make ourselves, or how many “likes” we receive. But God knows us to be so much more. Because of Christ, we are sons and daughters, victors and friends. Our identity is in One who loves us as we are and who freely forgives us for what we are not. God is calling us to find our identity in Him and to courageously show our true selves to the world, proud of who we are and unafraid of how we may be received.

### Confront the IDOLATRY

Idols today may not be made of gold or sit on our mantels, but continue to be defined as anything in our lives that we put before God, that we dwell on more than Him. God deserves our complete faithfulness, but often we split our devotion among other things. Where our admiration, dedication, and passion are, there our hearts are also, whether it’s the phone in our pocket, winning the championship game, or getting into that prestigious university. When our goals, activities, or desires take priority over our relationship with God, they can become idols in our lives. Modern idolatry may be more sneaky or harder to define, but is just as destructive. God is calling us to give our heart to him, undivided, that we may live freely and rightly. Let’s start by casting aside the things that get in the way of knowing Him more.

### Respond in BRAVERY

It was profound commitment that compelled Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to remain standing, refusing to bow before any other god, no matter the consequences. Their actions were so powerful that the course of an entire nation was changed. Elijah, assured of God’s power and existence, fearlessly challenged hundreds of prophets of Baal. Esther confronted the king of her land on behalf of God’s people. Paul boasted of Christ to whomever would listen. Peter stepped out on water. How is God compelling you to respond? How can you expose injustice, defend the oppressed, or commit to integrity? You may not be facing a fiery furnace, so what does it look like to be brave in the small things, the every day things? Stand up with Christ and you’re sure to stand out - just 20 seconds of bravery can change your life, the lives of those around you, and who knows... maybe even a nation.

## MORE TO EXPLORE

**Peter Steps Out on the Water**  
Matthew 14:22 -33

**Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal**  
1 Kings 18-19

**Joshua Leads Them into the Promised Land**  
Deuteronomy 31:1-8

# UNBOUND

STAND UP | STAND OUT

There Are More

# MARTYRS TODAY

Than Ever Before in History

## Many of Our Brothers and Sisters Are Persecuted

Our theme this year is rooted in the biblical record of three young men who were thrown into a fiery furnace because of their belief in God. Miraculously, they were saved.

Their story resonates strongly in our world today because so many believers are being imprisoned, tortured and killed for their faith. Literally thousands of Christians are murdered each year. Countless more are persecuted in subtle and not so subtle ways.

Most likely, your students will have never experienced any sort of real persecution. And most likely they'll be relatively unaware of what's happening in places like Syria and Nigeria and the fifty other restricted and hostile nations where Christians are truly suffering.

Why am I telling you this? Because I think we need to be sensitive. We need to be aware of and acknowledge the real truth about persecution, and not just use this theme as a metaphor. Now don't get me wrong, we believe God wants to use this Unbound theme to help our students understand that they don't have to be trapped by their sin. They don't have to be entangled by poor self-image and encumbered by habitual sin.

But I think it would be disrespectful to those that are suffering to just think of the scriptures in metaphorical terms. Persecution is real. Our brothers and sisters in Christ suffer things we can't even fully imagine.

By the grace of God, I pray that none of our students will ever literally face death for their faith. I hope none will have to bow down or be shot. But let us all recognize that many of our brothers and sisters around the world are having to be brave in the face of the unimaginable. Let's not cheapen their faith. Instead, let's be aware, and as the author of Hebrews writes, let's:

***“Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.”***  
Hebrews 13:3 (NLT)

So what does this mean for your Mission Adventures ministry? I don't know, exactly. I'm not suggesting that you have to somehow make your students feel something for the persecuted church around the world. I'm not saying that you even have to educate them on the specifics

of what's happening, (although, that might be a great idea). I am saying that we need to treat this theme with respect. And I'm saying it would be good for you to get before the Lord and ask him how he feels about this and what your response can be in the context of *Unbound*.

Peace,

Craig

Here are some resources with more information about persecution around the world:

[persecution.com](http://persecution.com)

[ijm.org](http://ijm.org)

# Sessions for Speaker

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 2	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
7:00	Staff Meeting						
	Breakfast						
8:00	Cleanup & Work Duties						
	Devos (Staff meet in worship hall)						
9:00	Devo Recap: Morning Session						
10:00	Prep for Teams	Outreach Prep					Ministry
11:00			Ministry	Ministry	Ministry	Ministry	
12:00		Lunch					
1:00		Outreach Prep					
2:00							Bufadora
3:00	Arrival	Team Building					
4:00							
5:00	Dinner & Cleanup						
6:00	Staff Meeting (worship hall)						
7:00	<b>SESSION 1:</b> Opening Rally	Cultural Awareness	<b>SESSION 2:</b> Passion Play	<b>SESSION 3:</b> Response Night	<b>SESSION 4/5:</b> Injustice Night	Bonfire Night* <small>*spring sessions do not include this night</small>	<b>SESSION 6:</b> Closing Rally
8:00							
9:00							

## **SPEAKER NOTES: Unbound | Stand Up - Stand Out**

Thank you so much for being willing to come and teach as an important part of our Mission Adventures program. As you probably know, our program has special times set aside for training and teaching for our participants as an important part of their missions trip. Every year we have a different theme in order to try and emphasize the message we feel God has given us for the year.

Each program director finds unique ways to reinforce this theme through the training sessions with the participants, and your teaching plays a key role in these times. These notes are designed for you in order to help you better communicate the theme for our program this year, "*Unbound: Stand up, Stand out*".

Every year, the Mission Adventures Network Theme Team meets together for several days of intercession, prayer, brainstorming and fun in order to seek God. The goal is to determine what He is saying to us for our participants in the coming year of Mission Adventures. This year's theme verse came loud and clear, as we felt prompted to look at a few different scriptural references:

**Daniel 3** - The story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego was one of the scriptures. It was clear that their boldness to stand when all others bowed to the idol is to be a significant piece of this year's theme.

**1 Kings 18:19** - The story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal was another reference that we strongly felt will play a role in this theme. One of the highlights from this story is the idea of dealing with idols we set up that take the place of Lordship in our lives instead of God.

There is so much you can glean from these passages, and we trust you too will be seeking God for the particular emphasis and message He wants to communicate to the participants to whom you'll be speaking. These notes are meant to let you in on what some of our thoughts were as we tried to interpret what God was saying to us into a cohesive message.

Ultimately, we were encouraged that "*Unbound: Stand up, Stand out*", is a message of knowing our **identity** in Christ, freedom to confront the **idolatry** in our lives, and a challenge to respond in **bravery**, standing boldly when others won't. It is a message that matters, and is relevant and available to the young people and leaders who'll be a part of Mission Adventures this year.

In addition to giving you background on the theme, here are a few suggestions as you prepare to share.

- Take some time to ask your program director about our Mission Adventures Theology policy. We emphasize as much as we can the shared values and beliefs of all followers of Jesus, and try to stay away from the touchier theological topics that could prove distracting during such a short time with our participants.

- Take some time to find out a little about the group(s) you'll be speaking to. The director of the MA program you are speaking to will probably provide you with this information anyway, but it's always a good idea to try and find out the size and make-up of the group, including age range, denomination, and even any relevant history or spiritual maturity level that could be applicable. (For example, are they mostly new believers, or a newly formed group, or have they been together since kindergarten? How long has their leader been with them? Have there been any recent church or community upheavals?) It can also be helpful to consider the interaction between multiple groups should you be speaking to more than one church team or group at a time. All these things can be helpful in forming the way you choose to offer your presentation.
- Try and think of ways that you could involve the participants in the teaching other than just listening to you talk. Small group discussion, using multi-media, games or even simple tools like crayons, or cutting out pictures from magazines can be surprisingly thought provoking.
- Take some time to process how this theme impacts you personally. How does it reflect what you've gone through in your own journey, or what you're going through now? Often as staff, we're amazed each year how the theme is what WE need to hear, as much (or maybe more) as our participants do. We've found the most effective way to communicate our past themes has been letting God speak to us about them and impact us deeply before we ever even begin our program. Any time we start to think only in terms of "what do these kids need to hear?" without first asking God to search our own hearts, He seems to pull us back and causes us to be changed by the theme first. Isn't He good like that?
- Lastly, the notes are simply meant to be a guideline for you. While the more reinforcement we can give to our theme the better, we trust that you'll hear from God and present what He's saying to you for your particular group. In the past we've found it helpful to use what we call the four "p's" (Purity, Passion, Purpose, Proclamation) as guideposts for working through the theme.

## **SESSION 01 | Opening: Unbound | Stand Up - Stand Out**

This means we can stand for what we believe in, standing out and being different, but also that as we stand out to be different, that we are truly ourselves. We are not morphed into what others expect us to be. We don't have to be bound by what others think about us. We can make a difference in this world as we are willing to be bold, to take a stand.

***Session 1 is often a short session, simply introducing the theme for the week.***

You can simply start with a bunch of questions that you want to throw out to have the students—sometimes called campers—think about. They don't have to be heavy or too deep, but questions that can provoke the young people to start to take a look at their lives to start to see areas where they may need to work on “standing out” in a crowd. Maybe it will be an area where they've never taken a “stand” on anything before, like standing up against a bully, or standing up for a friend who's being harassed? Our hope for each participant of Mission Adventures this year is that they'd walk away with a sense of destiny, knowing that they can make a difference in the world by their simple acts of courage, bravery, and refusal to compromise, thereby raising up a standard of excellence for others to follow. In order to do that, they have to be “Unbound” from the things that the world says that they are or are not. It's important they know they ARE valuable, they ARE important, they DO matter and that they CAN make an impact on the world; that they are NOT incapable, they are NOT an afterthought, they are NOT alone, they are NOT without hope.

The world would love to discredit God and confuse young people into thinking that they have no value. It would have them believe their opinions don't matter, that they can hide behind their twitter status and be just another number, be another face in the crowd and not be anything but ordinary.

God is calling them to be extraordinary; He wants them to know who they are in Christ, and to be bold about that, to stand for things that matter and to stand against the darkness of this world. As they take that stand, the chains that bind their thinking, their actions, and beliefs about who they are will change. They will become who God intends them to be. They will ultimately be people who can help set other captives free. And those others will also be “Unbound.”

### **Reflect:**

- What is the definition of bondage
- What kinds of people are in bondage?
- What will it take to get out of bondage?

### **Suggested activities:**

- Pass around locks and have students try to pry open the locks.
- Have a straight jacket and have someone attempt to get out of it.
- Have students tie their shoelaces together and attempt to walk without falling.



## SESSION 02 | Jesus: Know Your Identity

In Daniel chapter one, the three teenage boys (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego), along with Daniel are taken from their home in Israel to Babylon by order of King Nebuchadnezzar. The king is trying to better his kingdom by kidnapping young men from foreign lands to come to Babylon and be educated in his ways. It is important to note that these boys are Jewish, as are their real names (Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah), and they land in a pagan, foreign culture. Their gods are idols, gold, or the King himself. They are raised well and receive the best education in order to become the smartest, healthiest men; a generation to follow King Nebuchadnezzar and ultimately bring all of the Jews to follow Babylonian ways. But the Kings plan is soon foiled...

Not long into the story, Daniel refuses to eat food that is against the Jewish law, but would be permitted in Babylonian society. He follows it up by interpreting a dream for the King by praying for wisdom from the One True God. Winning the Kings favor, he puts himself in a position of authority without wavering on his personal beliefs.

Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah have quite the mentor to follow. Daniel was the first to stand up for his beliefs and his commitment to the Lord was contagious. Not long after, the King makes a giant statue, an idol, of himself and calls it god. He orders all to bow and worship it, but our three boys refuse. Rooted in their identity as followers of the One True God, they stand up and they stand out. They knew to whom they belonged and it didn't matter the consequences. As the story goes, the king ties them up and throws them in a deadly fire. But rather than perish, they appear in the midst of the flames, next to Christ, UnBound! King Nebuchadnezzar repents and declares that the entire nation will follow the God of these three boys. Their confidence in their identity and boldness in the face of adversity led to an entire nation being transformed. Know your identity, and you'll know the one who can change the course of history.

### **Reflect:**

- What are some idols in your life?
- Have you ever had the chance to stand up for God? Did you take the opportunity?
- What are some ways to stand up for God in our culture?
- What are some stories of people who took a stand and changed the course of history?

## SESSION 03 | Purity: Confront the Idolatry

Around Christmastime we all make lists of things that we want or need. We see the things in all of the stores, the advertisements on TV, and all we do is want more things, newer things, things that we don't really even need - just things, things, and more things. We all do this, don't we? Do you make lists? Do you ever think that the things you get will satisfy that hunger for "having it all?"

Webster's Dictionary says that to have "extreme admiration, love or reverence for something or someone," is to idolize it. Well, that settles it then. We all have a condition that Webster's Dictionary would say is idolatry. We'd be lying if we said that we think of Jesus 24/7/365, because we don't. Most of the time, It's ALL ABOUT US/ME. We think about ourselves far more than we think about God, so it's not a stretch to say that we actually idolize ourselves.

We probably want to want clean hearts, we probably want to want a purity that pleases God, but the bottom line is, is that we're just not there...yet. Mathew 5:8 says "*the pure at heart will see God.*" Do we want to see God? Do we want to do what it's going to take to get that pure heart? Will we lose sleep, food, money, or time to get all that God wants for us? Or will we think only of ourselves, our own will, our own way? We should want to walk in a purity that only comes when we're in His presence. But, we're bound in many ways to our own selfishness, bound by our own will, bound by our own way. Our own idolatry says that we mostly think about ourselves, and all that is us. We are bound; we are in bondage to our selves.

We're bound by this idolatry of self and in order to be "Unbound" we must first recognize the sin in our hearts and recognize that we need a savior. Only when we see how we fall short, can we lay down our foolish, selfish, idolatrous pride and ask for forgiveness, healing, humility, and for Jesus to be all that we want. We can be unbound from selfish desires, thoughts, and impure motives. We'll be so free that when he searches us and knows the intent of our hearts, as in Psalm 139:23, we will be found pure, with no wickedness in us. We will be unbound and led in the way everlasting. We'll be living free.

### Reflect:

- What areas do you think of yourself more often than you should?
- What ways do you serve your selfish motives in words, actions, or thought life?
- When was the last time that you gave your heart a thorough evaluation?

### Suggested Activities:

- Give each participant a small piece of paper or note card. Have them write down things that keep them from a selfless lifestyle, or areas where they know that they have not given over to God all that he wants from them. Maybe it's an area where they've felt bound by an inability to stop a bad habit, or stop doing the things that they don't want to do.
- Ask them to write down things or areas where they feel that they've set up idols in their hearts above God. You can have them answer the following questions:
  - What takes up most of your thought life?
  - What takes up most of your time?
  - What takes up most of your money?

## SESSION 04 | Passion: Stand Up

We cannot be UnBound if we are passionless. If there is nothing we care about, nothing that sets fire to our very being, then we will remain mired in the quicksand of apathy. Apathy is a tool of the enemy used to keep us seated, bowed down on our couches before the idols of comfort and ease, and we cannot give in to that if we truly have a desire to be set free, to be UnBound. We have to stand up, to move, to make a choice to seek God and do His will and then to act on it. We cannot stand out if we stay in our easy chairs of lukewarmth and mediocrity.

The faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego was such that they could not bow down to any idol, but only to the one true God. They were so passionate about who their God was, and who He had called them to be, that they risked their very lives in order to remain faithful to Him. God gives each of us passions and gifts, as well as the opportunities to pursue and grow in those things. The question is, how will we respond? How will we use those things He has given to us?

If we are truly passionate about an issue, an injustice, a cause, our God, then we will act. We cannot sit on our laurels and claim to be active, passionate disciples. We must pursue the things that God loves and pursues. We can have an effect on the world; we can make a change, even if it is only one moment at a time. Through the Bible, God provides us with a view into His desires and His passions, and gives us guidelines—though not a step-by-step guide—and basic principles for how to pursue those things ourselves. Step forward into who God is calling you to be; step forward into putting Him above all else, and having Him as your source for all things, even if it seems frightening.

### **Reflect:**

- What are you passionate about? What moves you? What makes you angry?
- What makes you want to do something, change something, make a difference?
- Live out Micah 6:8, James 1: 22-27, Daniel 3:16-18

## SESSION 05 | Purpose: Be Brave

When we think of the word *bravery* we tend to associate it with soldiers or war. Soldiers and policemen are brave. We might say, to be brave you cannot be afraid to die and you cannot be afraid to kill. To be brave one must be “tough” and “courageous.” To be brave you need a challenge and then you must be willing to face that challenge. And it will usually require a sacrifice, often someone’s life.

Is there a difference between a Christian and a brave Christian? To be a *Brave* Christian should we be willing to die and to kill? I agree that Christians should be willing to die, as scary as that sounds (John 15:13). However, I’m not sure that we should say *killing* is a requirement to be brave. We can be brave and never attempt or think of killing.

There is a small country called Yemen, just to the south of Saudi Arabia. In both of these countries it is illegal to be a Christian. Saudi Arabia has one of the worst human rights records in the world. Women were just approved to vote 2 years ago and it is still illegal for them to drive! Yemen is not any better. Not too long ago nine Christian relief workers in Yemen were kidnapped. They were accused of evangelizing. Three were killed. The other six? We don’t know, but we can only assume they were either also killed or are still being held hostage. It is important to note that in Yemen, as in most Muslim countries, it is illegal to convert from Islam to Christianity and the punishment is death.

In many Muslim and Islamic nations, Al Qaeda, ISIS, and many other extremist groups all tend to think of Christians as their enemy. Because of our title “Christian” we have enemies. We all know what Jesus said about our enemies right? *Love your enemies, repay evil with good.* (Luke 6:27).

There are thousands of Christians all around the world who can be killed or beaten instantly without trial for simply owning a bible, singing a hymn, or praying aloud. Would you call them brave Christians? Think about our three boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Were they not brave? Yet they never attempted to fight or kill the King. They stood firm in what God had taught them and refused to be derailed. They trusted God to handle their enemies. Those three boys then went on to transform and influence a nation for God.

*So here is the question... How can we be brave Christians today?*

### **Reflect:**

- According to the Bible, who are our real enemies? (Eph. 6:10-18)
- How do you feel targeted because of your faith today?
- What do you know about the persecuted church? How can you learn more?

## SESSION 06 | Proclamation: Stand Out

In order to be free to proclaim who God is and what He has done, we must be UnBound from the distractions and lies of this world. God has a great desire for us to be set free from sin, from the ways of the world that seem like release but actually bring difficulty and death.

If our focus is constantly on ourselves, there is no way we can stand up for God—or others—and no way we can stand out for our faith. As Christians, we have something precious—God’s presence in our lives and a relationship with Him. Our desire should be to share that with others, to proclaim His love over them as He has proclaimed it over us. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had the example set by Daniel, and, partially through that encouragement, chose to be UnBound by fear or reproach; they chose to proclaim the greatness of God no matter the cost.

For most of us, we will probably never have a literal do-or-die moment in regards to our faith, but we will have opportunities to proclaim who God is, and that we belong to Him, both in our words and our deeds. We will also have the chance to cast down our idols, and to proclaim that our God is Lord over all the earth, including our lives, that He is the only one who rules over us.

Read further in 1 Kings 18:20-39, Acts 17: 22-29, and Matthew 25:34-40.

### **Reflect:**

- What opportunities do you have in your day to day life to proclaim God’s truth?
- How can others see more of Him through you?

## About YWAM San Diego/Baja

### WHAT IS YOUTH WITH A MISSION?

Loren Cunningham founded Youth With A Mission in 1960, and since then, we have seen thousands involved worldwide in fulfilling Christ's command: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

YWAM draws individuals from a variety of backgrounds---young people, families, retired persons, recent high school and college graduates---to work in a vast spectrum of evangelistic activities. People from more than 100 nations and many denominations are represented, from new believers in Christ to church leaders and missionaries with many years of experience.

Each year, over 30,000 people are involved in YWAM's short-term projects. Mobile ministries have gone into every country of the world. There are in excess of 16,000 permanent staff people at over 1000 centers in 150 nations.

### THREE METHODS OF ACTION

There are three strands of ministry woven throughout all that YWAM does.

- Evangelism - Spreading God's message.
- Training - Preparing workers to reach others (discipleship.)
- Mercy Ministries - Showing God's love through practical assistance.

YWAM embraces these methods of action as ways God has given us to accomplish the goal of taking the Gospel to the entire world.

### YWAM STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

YWAM is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus Christ personally to this generation and to mobilizing as many individuals as possible to fulfill the Great Commission. As Christians of God's Kingdom, we are called to love and serve His body, the Church, and to present the whole Gospel for the whole man throughout the whole world.

We in YWAM believe that the Bible is God's inspired and authoritative word, revealing that Jesus Christ is God's Son; that man is created in God's image; that He created us to have eternal life through Jesus Christ; that although all men have sinned and come short of God's glory, God has made salvation possible through the death on the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ; that repentance, faith, love and obedience are fitting responses to God's initiative of grace towards us; that God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth; and that the Holy Spirit's power is demonstrated in and through us for the accomplishing of Christ's last commandment, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

### YWAM SAN DIEGO/BAJA MISSION STATEMENT

"Out of relationship with Christ, Engaging people in the life-changing adventure of loving God and loving their neighbor."

# Foundational Values of YWAM

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) affirms the Bible as the authoritative word of God and, with the Holy Spirit's inspiration, the absolute reference point for every aspect of life and ministry. Based upon God's word, who He is, and His initiative of salvation, the following responses are strongly emphasized in YWAM:

- **Worship:** We are called to praise and worship God alone
- **Holiness:** We are called to lead holy and righteous lives that exemplify the nature and character of God
- **Witness:** We are called to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who do not know Him
- **Prayer:** We are called to engage in intercessory prayer for the people and causes on God's heart, including standing against evil in every form.
- **Fellowship:** We are called to commit to the Church in both its local nurturing expression and its mobile multiplying expression

The Foundational Values of Youth With A Mission are the expression of our basic beliefs, coupled with specific directives given by God since YWAM's beginning in 1960. They are recorded here in order to pass on to successive generations that which God has emphasized to us. These shared beliefs and values are the guiding principles for both the past and future growth of our Mission. Some are common to all Christians everywhere; others are distinctive to Youth With A Mission. The combination of these beliefs and values make up the unique family characteristics of YWAM--our "DNA." They are values we hold in high regard which determine who we are, how we live and how we make decisions.

## 1. KNOW GOD

YWAM is committed to know God, His nature, His character and His ways. We seek to reflect who He is in every aspect of our lives and ministry. The automatic overflow of knowing and enjoying fellowship with God is a desire to share Him with others.

## 2. MAKE GOD KNOWN

YWAM is called to make God known throughout the whole world, and into every arena of society through evangelism, training and mercy ministries. We believe that salvation of souls should result in transformation of societies thus obeying Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

## 3. HEAR GOD'S VOICE

YWAM is committed to creating with God through listening to Him, praying His prayers and obeying His commands in matters great and small. We are dependent upon hearing His voice as individuals, together in team contexts and in larger corporate gatherings, as an integral part of our process for decision making.

## 4. PRACTICE WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER

YWAM is dedicated to worship Jesus and engage in intercessory prayer as integral aspects of daily life. We also recognize the intent of Satan to destroy the work of God and we call upon God's power and the Holy Spirit to overcome his strategies in the lives of individuals and in the affairs of nations.

## 5. BE VISIONARY

YWAM is called to be visionary, continually receiving, nurturing and releasing fresh vision from

God. We support the pioneering of new ministries and methods, always willing to be radical in order to be relevant to every generation, people group, and sphere of society. We believe that the apostolic call of YWAM requires the integration of spiritual eldership, freedom in the Spirit and relationship, centered on the Word of God.

## **6. CHAMPION YOUNG PEOPLE**

YWAM is called to champion youth. We believe God has gifted and called young people to spearhead vision and ministry. We are committed to value, trust, train, support, make space and release them. They are not only the Church of the future; they are the Church of today. We commit to follow where they lead, in the will of God.

## **7. BE BROAD-STRUCTURED AND DECENTRALIZED**

YWAM is broad-structured and diverse, yet integrated. We are a global family of ministries held together by shared purpose, vision, values and relationship. We believe that structures should serve the people and the purposes of God. Every ministry at every level has the privilege and responsibility of accountability to a circle of elders, with overall international accountability to the YWAM Global Leadership Team.

## **8. BE INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL**

YWAM is international and interdenominational in its global scope as well as its local constituency. We believe that ethnic, linguistic and denominational diversity, along with redeemed aspects of culture, are positive factors that contribute to the health and growth of the Mission.

## **9. HAVE A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**

YWAM is called to a Biblical worldview. We believe that the Bible makes a clear division between good and evil; right and wrong. The practical dimensions of life are no less spiritual than the ministry expressions. Everything done in obedience to God is spiritual. We seek to honor God with all that we do, equipping and mobilizing men and women of God to take roles of service and influence in every arena of society.

## **10. FUNCTION IN TEAMS**

YWAM is called to function in teams in all aspects of ministry and leadership. We believe that a combination of complementary gifts, callings, perspectives, ministries and generations working together in unity at all levels of our Mission provides wisdom and safety. Seeking God's will and making decisions in a team context allows accountability and contributes to greater relationship, motivation, responsibility and ownership of the vision.

## **11. EXHIBIT SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

YWAM is called to servant leadership as a lifestyle, rather than a leadership hierarchy. A servant leader is one who honors the gifts and callings of those under his/her care and guards their rights and privileges. Just as Jesus served His disciples, we stress the importance of those with leadership responsibilities serving those whom they lead.

## **12. DO FIRST, THEN TEACH**

YWAM is committed to doing first, then teaching. We believe that firsthand experience gives authority to our words. Godly character and a call from God are more important than an individual's gifts, abilities and expertise.



### **13. BE RELATIONSHIP-ORIENTED**

YWAM is dedicated to being relationship-oriented in our living and working together. We desire to be united through lives of holiness, mutual support, transparency, humility, and open communication, rather than a dependence on structures or rules.

### **14. VALUE THE INDIVIDUAL**

YWAM is called to value each individual. We believe in equal opportunity and justice for all. Created in the image of God, people of all nationalities, ages and functions have distinctive contributions and callings. We are committed to honoring God-given leadership and ministry gifts in both men and women.

### **15. VALUE FAMILIES**

YWAM affirms the importance of families serving God together in missions, not just the father and/or mother. We encourage the development of strong and healthy family units, with each member sharing the call to missions and contributing their gifts in unique and complementary ways.

### **16. RELY ON RELATIONSHIP-BASED SUPPORT**

YWAM is called to a relationship-based support system, depending upon God and His people for financial provision, both corporately and individually. We believe that relationship-based support promotes responsibility, accountability, communication, and mutual prayer. It involves the donor as a partner in ministry. As God and others have been generous toward us, so we desire to be generous. YWAMers give themselves, their time and talents to God through the Mission with no expectation of remuneration.

### **17. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY**

YWAM affirms the ministry of hospitality as an expression of God's character and the value of people. We believe it is important to open our hearts, homes, campuses and bases to serve and honor one another, our guests and the poor and needy, not as acts of social protocol, but as expressions of generosity.

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NOTE: The three basic documents of Youth With A Mission are The Foundational Values of Youth With A Mission, The Manila Covenant and The Christian Magna Carta. (YWAM Foundational Values approved by the Global Leadership Team August 2003; released February 2004.)

#### **YWAM Statement of Purpose:**

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus personally to this generation, to mobilizing as many as possible to help in this task, and to the training and equipping of believers for their part in fulfilling the Great Commission. As citizens of God's kingdom, we are called to love, worship, and obey our Lord, to love and serve His Body, the Church, and to present the whole Gospel for the whole person throughout the whole world.

We of Youth With A Mission believe that the Bible is God's inspired and authoritative word, revealing that Jesus Christ is God's son; that people are created in God's image; that He created us to have eternal life through Jesus Christ; that although all people have sinned and come short of God's glory, God has made salvation possible through the death on the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ; that repentance, faith, love and obedience are fitting responses to God's initiative of grace towards us; that God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth; and that the Holy Spirit's power is demonstrated in and through us for the accomplishment of Christ's last commandment, "...Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

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