

Personal Note

August 21, 1996

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings once again from Tyler, Texas!

The YWAM Games Outreach was tremendously challenging. There were times when I cried, and times I could only laugh because things seemed to be going so badly. But God showed His faithfulness again and that He is rich in grace and mercy.

Before the outreach began, the leaders said that this event will put many of us in positions of responsibility that will show our strengths and weaknesses and be a beginning of what God would want us to do in the future. Since January, I was at a desk doing much needed and important accounting work to keep the outreach functioning, but I was getting a little bored. I prayed that something else would come my way for this outreach to challenge the abilities God gave me so that my baptism of fire in battle would not be sitting behind a desk. A few days later, I was asked to be the "dorm dad" for a housing site that would house 22 YWAMers. Without hesitation, I accepted the position, and in the next few days I re-learned that servanthood is what it takes to be a leader.

I had to stay on top of things, making sure everybody was keeping the place clean and picking up food for a week's worth of lunch and breakfast supplies (dinner was provided for at the registration site). In the morning, some needed rides into work and in the evening even though I wanted to do something else, my schedule revolved around individuals to return them to the housing site.

In the midst of all this going on, there were not many opportunities for me to get together with people from my old mobile team (PHOS Team) which is what I most wanted to do with the spare time I had.

But God again showed me His faithfulness to give grace, encouragement and direction when needed. He also blessed me by His perfect timing last Friday spending time with the PHOS Team. They took me out to dinner for my birthday which was on Sunday. Thanks to those of you who committed time to prayer for the YWAM Games Outreach and me.

Finally, this Friday at 9 a.m. starts weekend orientation for YWAM-Tyler's School of the Bible. Come Monday, class begins at 7:30 a.m. and lasts until 12:30 p.m. Then it's lunch and work duties for two hours with at least four hours of homework every night. This schedule will continue for me until late June of '97 with the exceptions of breaks in December, 10 day outreach to Mexico and spring break. After classes end next June, I will be going on a five week outreach to anywhere I believe God is directing me to go in the world, and apply what I learned in the classroom from the previous year. Right now I believe Papua New Guinea (north of Australia) is where God would like for me to go, but that could change nine months from now.

Please keep me in your prayers that I may develop a rigorous study habit, stay focused on learning more about God and His Word and for Him to raise the \$5000 needed for tuition and outreach fees.

Thank you again for your time and may God richly bless you.

Your Brother in Christ,

David

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Fall

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Here I am pictured in Atlanta, GA in front of Fulton County Stadium where the baseball Olympic venue took place.



"Olympic Update"

Greetings from Texas! I've just completed the largest Youth With A Mission (YWAM pronounced Y-WAM) outreach at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. There were more than 4,000 volunteers representing 63 nations that came to Atlanta to share and witness for Christ. Participants heard stirring messages from international missions leaders from Ghana, Australia, Brazil and New Zealand. Following the training, young people went to the streets of Atlanta and through open air evangelism, dramas, children's puppet shows in city parks, passing out 300,000 tracks (like the one enclosed with this update) and Christian concerts with 28 bands from around the world, the message of Christ was shared.

YWAM volunteers provided leadership at several sports clinics and worked with Christian coaches and athletes to help young athletes learn and develop skills in several sports including basketball, soccer, tennis and gymnastics. These clinics provided a means to share that the ultimate pursuit should be a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Street Light Cafe, YWAM's coffee house, provided a friendly atmosphere where Olympic visitors enjoyed coffee, good music and thought-provoking conversations about faith in Christ. A Chinese couple walked into the coffee house one day and told the YWAM worker on duty that they had read the Bible repeatedly and had been searching for answers about Jesus for more than 20 years. They didn't know how to have a relationship with God but were elated to find that Jesus was just a prayer away!

YWAM provided nearly 1,000 volunteers to work security in sporting venues across the city. A security trainer said YWAM workers were professional in their work ethic. "You never heard them complaining. They lifted us up and carried us through spiritually, mentally physically, and emotionally." Also, in the days following the Centennial Olympic Park bombing, officials saw a dramatic decrease in the number of volunteers reporting for duty while YWAM fulfilled their commitments. Pete Bradley, Venue Security Manager for the Main

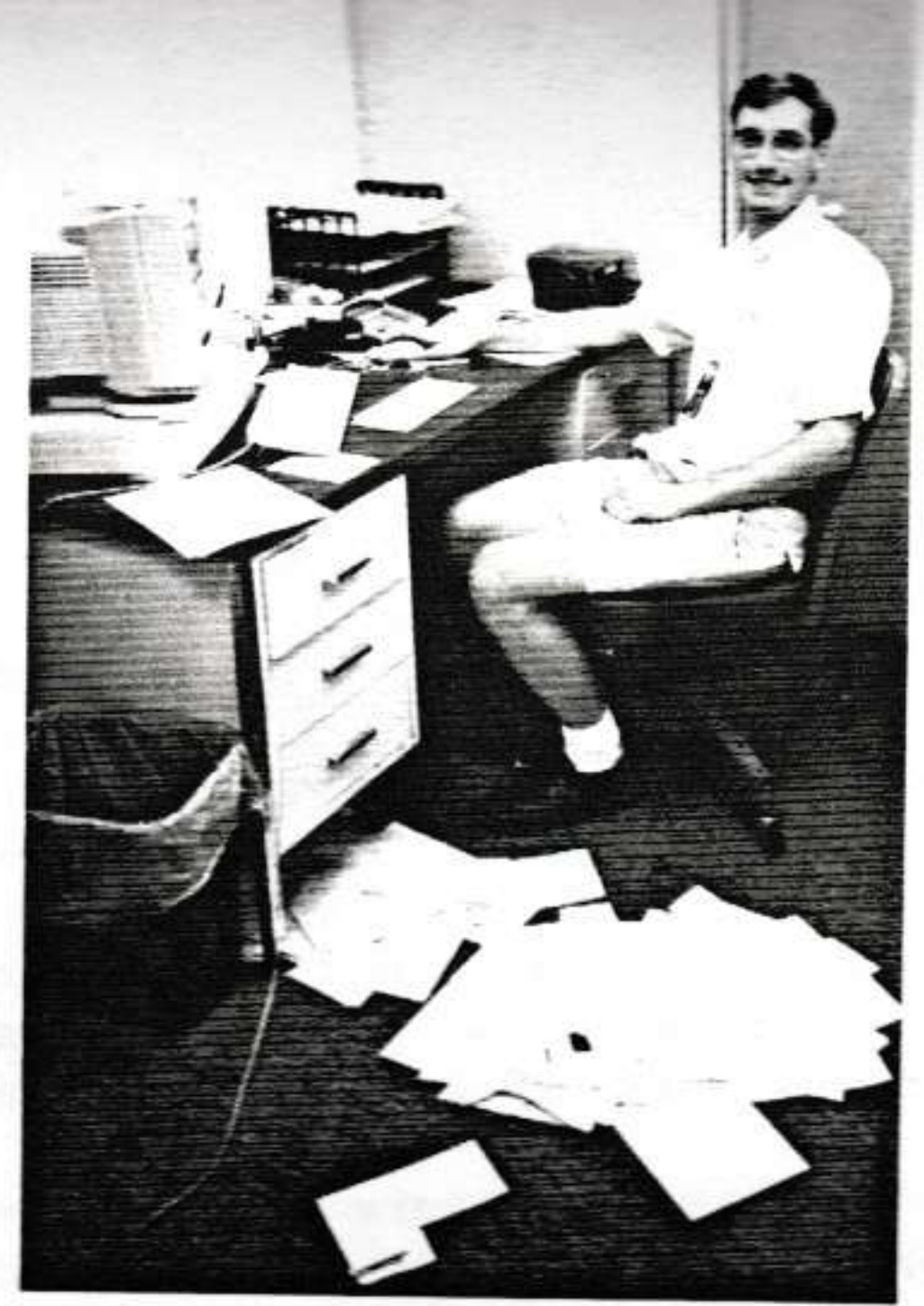
Press Center said, "We could not have accomplished the security mission for this venue without the support of YWAM. This is my twelfth Olympics and I have never seen a volunteer force like this one."

Because of YWAM's service during the Olympic Games in Atlanta, major inroads were made for opportunities to serve and in the process witness, for the Sydney 2000 Games in Australia.



Picture above is a team from

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At left opening a safe for Games Outreach Acct.

Below I am doing "open air evangelism" on the main street leading to the Olympic Stadium on the afternoon of the closing ceremonies for the 1996 Olympic Games.



On the morning of July 30th a memorial service for those affected by the bomb in Centennial Park was held. That same day 2000 YWAMers marched into the park to pray and morn for those lost at the Olympic Monument to the Athletes (pictured at right) near where the bomb went off 3 days earlier. The news media were swarming all around us taking pictures. In fact, the International Television

Network carried footage of what we were doing there to places like England, Korea, Australia and Egypt. What an opportunity to show God's heart for those who hurt and have no concrete, fulfilling purpose in life.

Prayer Requests:

- Develop a deeper, loving relationship with Christ
- \$5000 for tuition and outreach fees for School of the Bible
- Have monthly sponsorship raised to \$1100 [(currently at 65%)(need health and car insurance)]

*If you would like to write me, please send letters to P.O. Box 4600 Tyler, TX 75712.

**If you would like to sponsor me either monthly or one time, please make out your tax-deductible contribution payable to Youth With A Mission (YWAM) and do not put my name anywhere on the check. Thank you.

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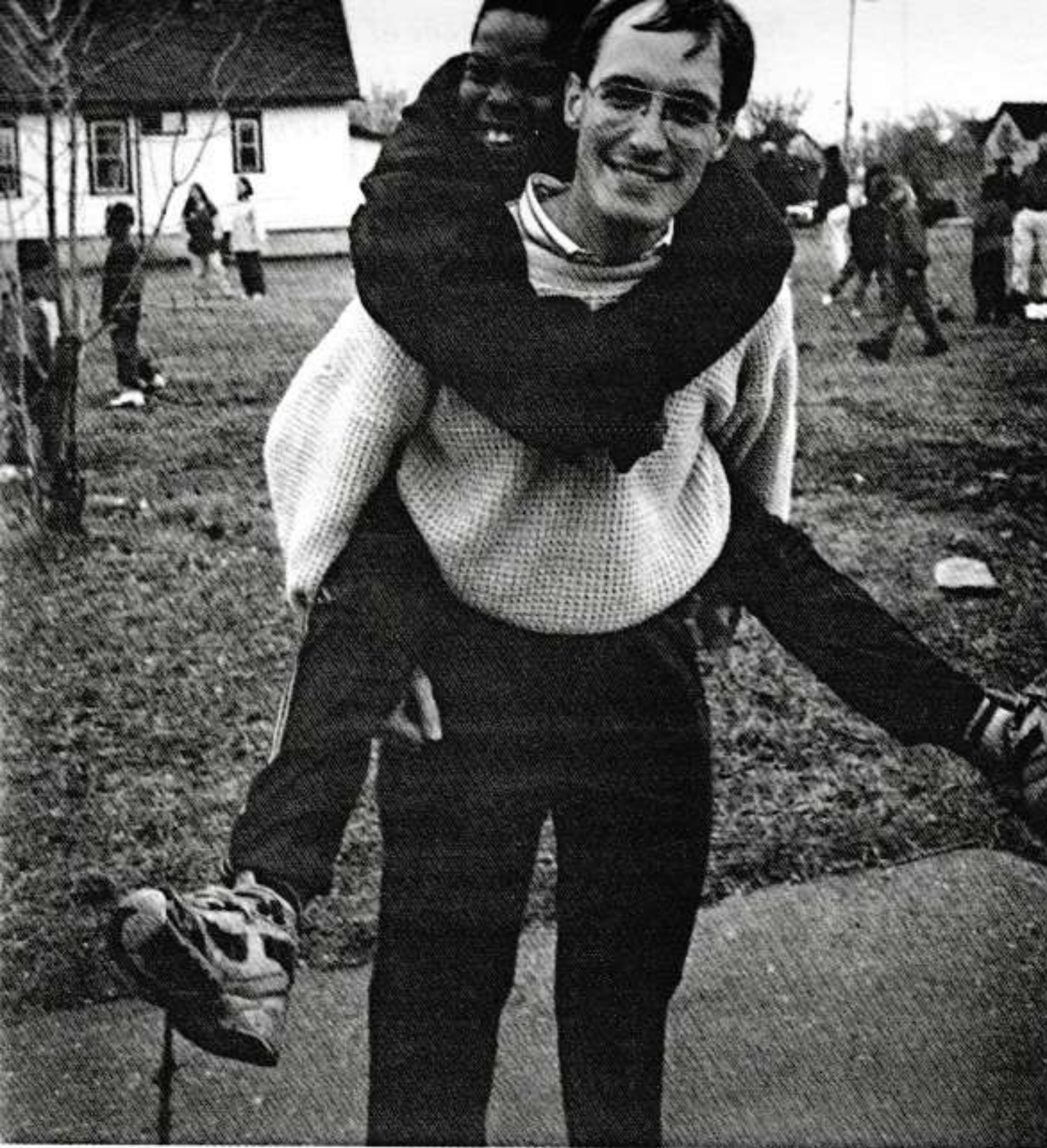
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Pictured here with a youth in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin where a team from Youth With A Mission-Tyler, Texas did inner-city ministry through music, dramas, testimonies and feeding the people in this vacant lot.

"Madison Outreach"

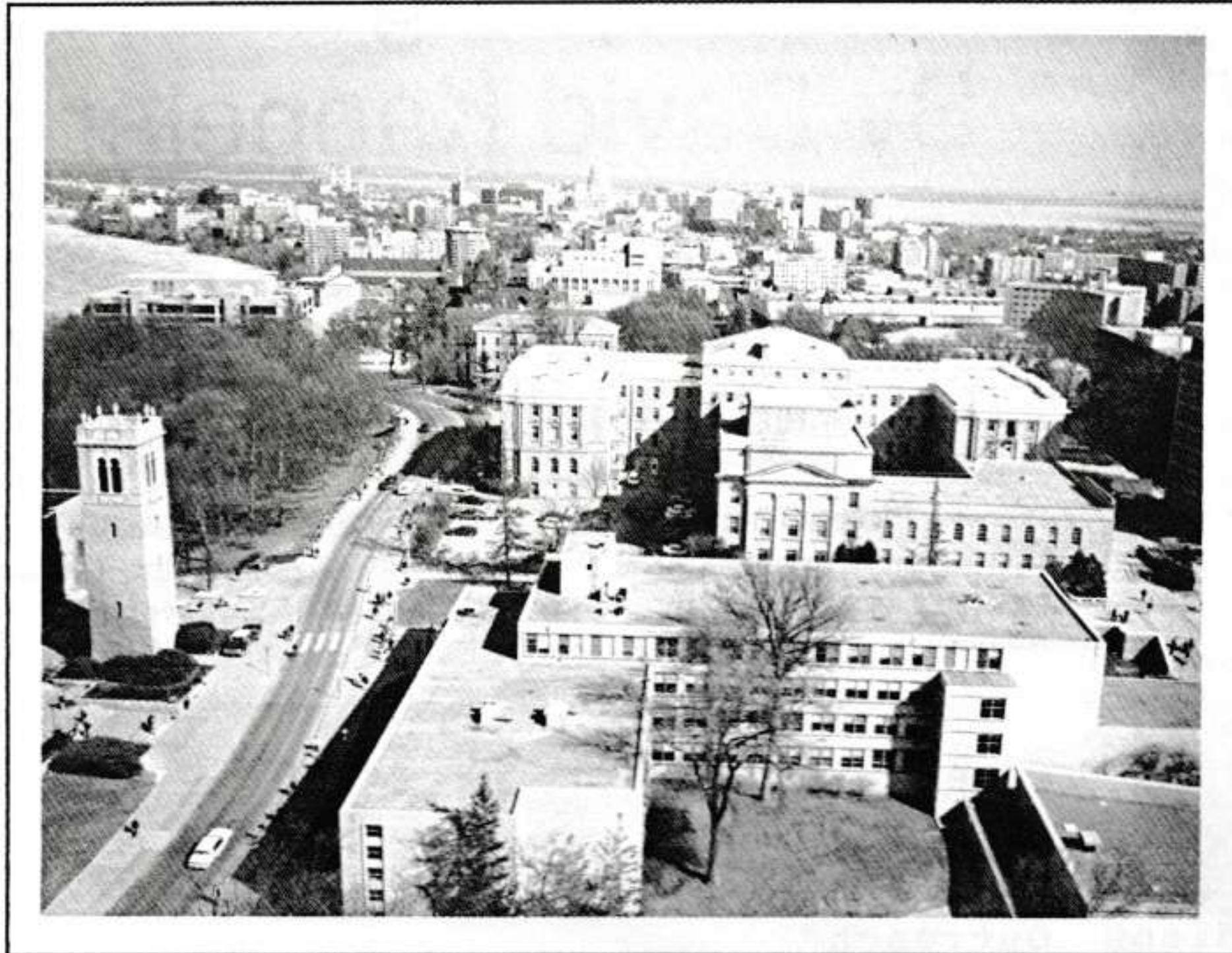
Greetings from Texas! Recently, 17 people and I went to Madison, Wisconsin to apply what we have learned for the past eight months in Youth With A Mission (YWAM pronounced Y-WAM) Tyler's School of the Bible (SOTB). The team participated in college, church and inner-city ministry. We work with YWAM-Madison where they have a coffee house ministry called, "The Catacombs" in the basement of an old Presbyterian Church called The "Pres House." From The Catacombs the team planned and executed outreach opportunities like teaching in 13 chapel services at a Christian High School, prayer walks at the Univ. of Wisconsin, talking to people about Jesus at the coffee house, and doing a service at a mission. We also did inner-city ministry in downtown Milwaukee, in the form of music, dramas, testimonies, feeding the people of the community, and teaching adult and children Sunday School classes in several churches.

During this outreach, I taught in two adult Sunday School classes on the leadership principles of Nehemiah and realized that I like teaching. What I found interesting is that every time you teach with the same material you always get a different teaching. The teaching is always different because of the questions asked by the audience or where God may direct the focus. Also, that God is faithful in preparing for what you will need in the future. A case in point was at one of the adult Sunday School classes where an individual asked a tough question that I did have an answer to but, only because of a teaching I had heard a few days earlier.



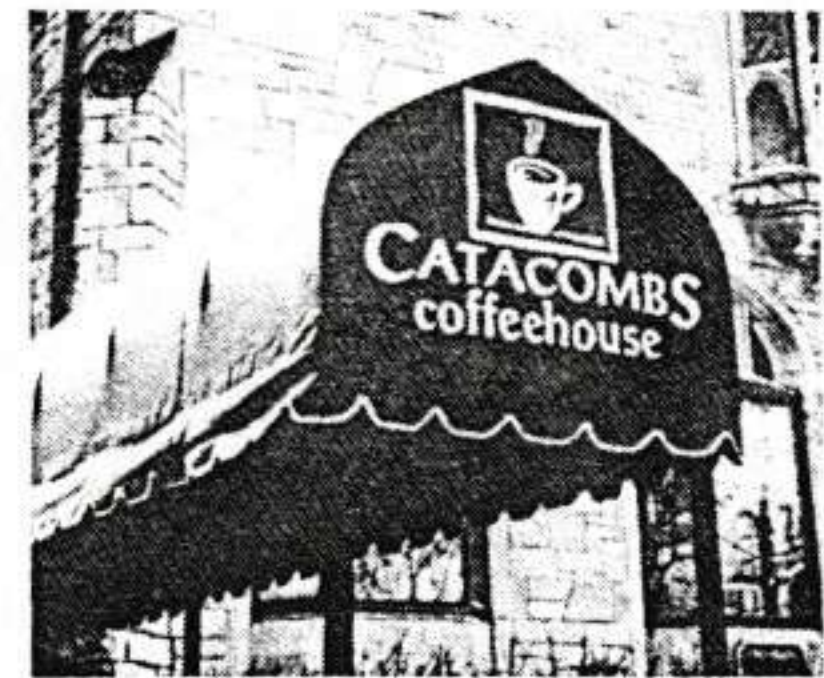
To the right is a brochure on "The Catacombs" coffee house ministry, which is next to the Univ. of Wisconsin where the team had it's meetings.

Below is the campus of Univ. of Wisconsin where we participated in prayer walks.



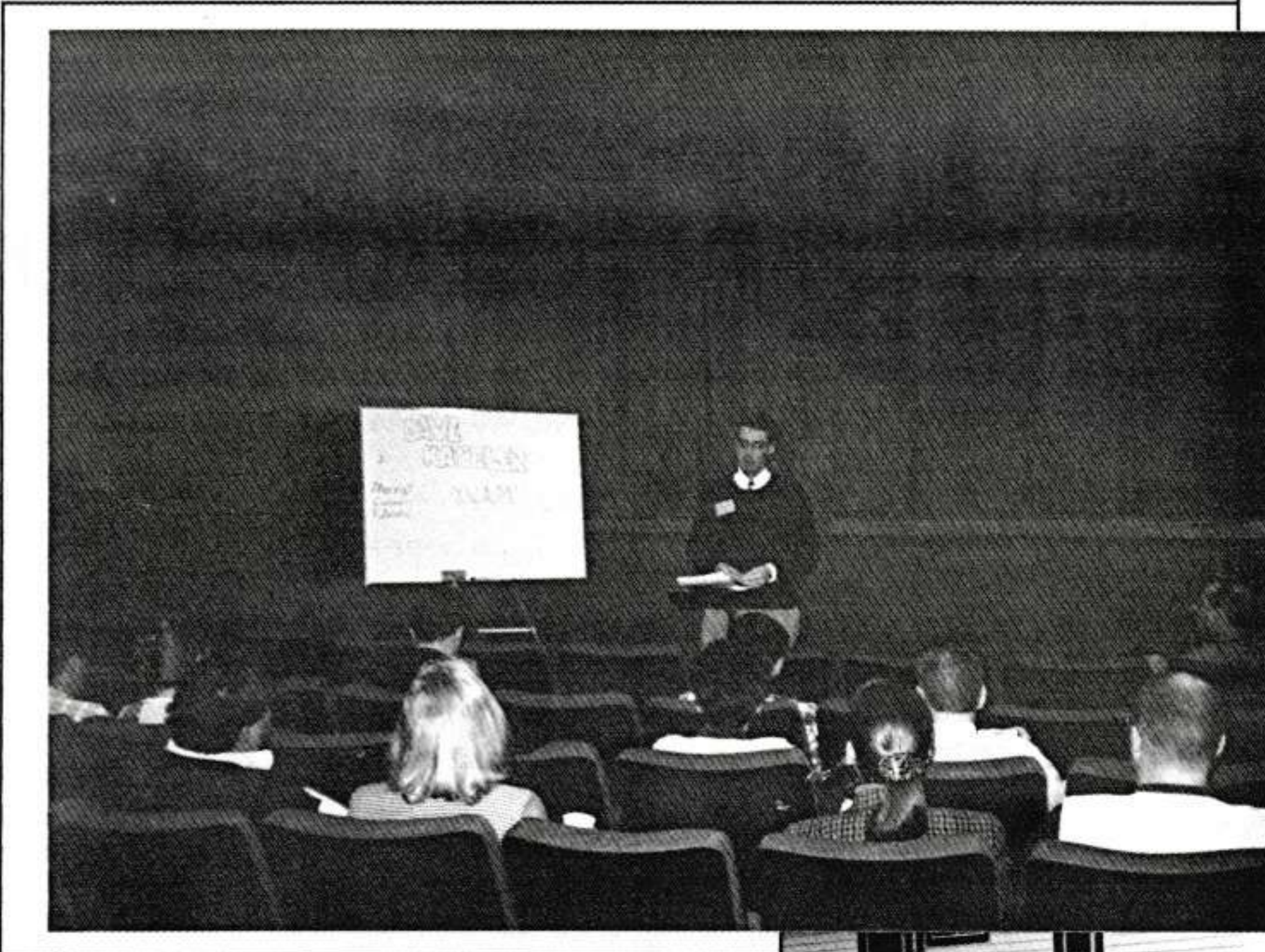
A mission of Madison Campus Ministry, housed in the basement of the historic Pres House, with room for all points of view,... Where giving a cup of cold water -or hot coffee- in Jesus' name, has its own reward.

The Catacombs



Like the coffee that's always brewing, the aroma of Christ permeates the Catacombs. The Christian witness is subtle but pervasive. You can read it in the books on the shelf and the magazines on the rack. You can see it in the artwork and poetry on the walls. You can hear it in the music wafting overhead or staged up front. You can sense it in the table talk and community.

One way or the other, we are bridging the cultural gap at the UW between the Gospel and the State Street bars or Fraternity Row parties. Our 50,000 patrons (in the first three years), plus 20 part-time staff and volunteers—Christian, Jewish, Muslim and others—always find a friendly, welcoming spirit. You will, too.



Pictured here at left teaching an adult Sunday School class.

At right, doing a drama with my teammates in vacant lot in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin where afterwards we served hot dogs to people in the community.



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Prayer Requests: