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**FROM
TONY'S
HEART TO
YOURS**

a Man of Peace

Of the many trends that have swept through the advancing Kingdom globally over the last decade or two is one referred to as the Luke 10 principle or "Finding the Man of Peace"

"But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house'. And if a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you." Luke 10:5-6

"And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you." Luke 10:6-7

Once you find your house of peace, stay there. Or as Peterson says in the Message, "Do not move from house to house looking for the best cook in town." Once you find a house of peace, honor that house. Demonstrate relational integrity, faithfulness and friendship. If God has led you there, stick out any misunderstandings and difficulties and stay there. Work it out.

The context of Luke 10 is clearly eastern and rural where three generations and families of several siblings plus servants could make up a household of twenty to forty members. To live among them and teach the person of peace to become the pastor/elder of their family and friends and to see that multiply through family patterns is what is happening right now through many third world cultures and these patterns are fuelling rapidly multiplying church planting movements.

My purpose in this article is not to teach on this subject but to honor one such man who - along with his wife - became a "Man of Peace" to me, Marilyn and our young family and to show that the principles of Luke 10 are not just for the East but can work in Western culture as well.

It was around the end of 1975 that a returned missionary from India, Sheila Jones, representing a small group of believers in Milford Haven in Wales, visited a mission base in England where we were living and having our lives reshaped and rebuilt. She had a request for a team to come to Wales and help them, as they were seeing and hearing of the move of God in other places but it had not yet reached or affected this uttermost part of Wales.

It was agreed that Marilyn and I lead a small team to spy out the land which shortly after resulted in us going to do an outreach. This two week outreach led to us and our family - along with others - spending the best part of the next two years living in and out of Milford Haven. What a season it was! A true authentic move of God that maybe one day will become a chapter in a book, but enough to say now, a season that laid the foundation for what we

now enjoy as Church of the Nations. Among the first people Sheila introduced us to was a local doctor, who along with his wife Jean and family, became our home away from home. Dr. Ian Patterson became our man of peace.

Countless meals, late-night drinks, fellowship around sporting events, wise counsel and a growing deep friendship highlighted a relationship that lasted for almost 40

years. He and Jean's generosity helped me go to the nations. Ian's standing in the community was high and his willingness to stand with us, who came from various parts of the world, many times put his good reputation on the line. Our children grew to know them as Uncle Ian and Auntie Jean. Marilyn and I grew to know them as very dear friends.



Dr. Ian Patterson

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There are many stories of this season that would make you laugh and cry but enough to say that Ian believed in us and that God had put us together with him, his family and others in Milford Haven for "such a time as this". A number of those who met the Lord during those early days are still part of our COTN related church there that Ian led for so many years.

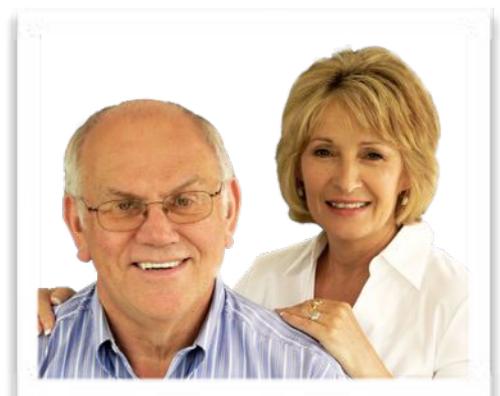
Just over a year ago Jean went to be with the Lord and as I was beginning a European trip at the beginning of June, I received the news that my friend "the man of Peace" had gone home to spend eternity with the Prince of Peace. On Wednesday, June 11, Marilyn I were able to join with others in Milford Haven to say one last farewell as we remembered a life well lived and to be reminded yet again of the impact of one life that, with others, believed

for the kingdom to come to his town.

We celebrate the birth of COTN as 1979, when officially we planted the first Church. A few believe it started organically 3 years before that in a small town in the coastal region of West Wales called Milford Haven. If we really believe in the principle of moving from relationship to structure, from the organic to form, then maybe they are right. The one thing I do know is that today in Milford Haven, per church size and town population, there are more people being saved, baptized and delivered than anywhere else I know in our COTN global family, but that is another story.

I will be forever thankful for God's gift to me: Ian, my Man of Peace!

Tony



Tony & Marilyn Fitzgerald

Exit Darcus

A Novel from Kerry Cole

Many of you are aware that Kerry Cole has written Exit Darcus, her first full-length novel, as a continuation of the project which spawned the dramatic Art book, "The Purple Veil."

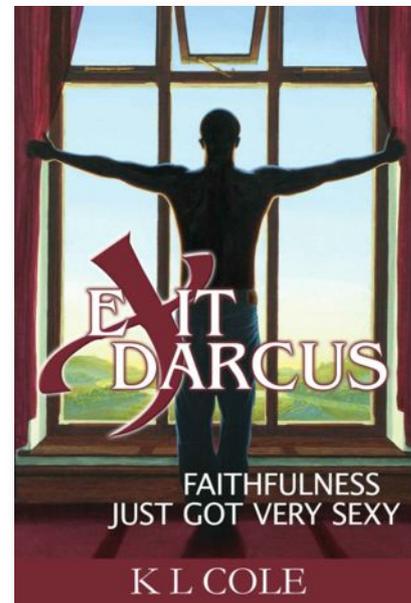
This first book by Kerry Cole is well written and a good read! It tells of the Heavenly Father's unconditional love for us and how much he cares about our relationships and the details of our lives.

This is a page turner and holds you until the unexpected ending!
– Marilyn Fitzgerald

The novel centers around the beautiful, yet troubled, runaway, Alice Delaney. She trespasses onto the grounds of the ancient estate of Beulah in an attempt to escape her external circumstances.

A safe haven to relieve her inner demons proves harder to find, but is shown to be possible by the disclosures of a sexy young artist who is willing to strip his soul naked before her. With its many twists, turns and layers this book is compelling reading and is powerfully unlocking. Below the links for UK and US.

UK: <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Exit-Darcus-K-L-Cole-ebook/dp/B00HAR44E4>
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