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# The Standard

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## From David's Desk

Dear Worshipping Warrior,

I actually AM writing this from my desk this time!! After a full year of travel and expansion it is nice to be sitting still for a change.

What a wonderful, fruitful year it has been—full of challenges and stretching. I'm not where I was this time last year - nor is the team from Out of Our Minds Banners! Apart from anything else we have nearly doubled in size!!

Kathryn Jowett has joined us as Business Manager and Lynda Turnbull has become our U.S.A. representative and is busily setting up our American office. They join Stacey Mason, Mary Lou Johnson and Robyn Small in servicing your need for tools of worship and weapons of war. With this issue Lynda also takes over the monthly newsletter production from Del Kussrow who established it for us back in February.

I was delighted to take delivery of our new DVD teaching set last month. It is a full 7 1/2 hour workshop and it was a MAJOR undertaking with 100's of hours of filming and editing to get it just right.

The new collapsible poles also had their first release this year and seem to be taking the worshipping community by storm.

My crowning glory for the year is finally seeing a 4 year marathon to get my book "Wielding Banners for Worship and Warfare" out. It has more than quadrupled in size and information in that time. I am delighted with the content and the images we have been able to assemble. We are in the final weeks before the E-book becomes available on-line and the paper book will follow in the New Year. It has been a mammoth effort, but truly worthwhile!

This last 12 months has also seen the expansion of banner workshops into Vanuatu, France, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago as well as in Australia and the USA. As I have reviewed the trips over the last few days there have been warm memories of my interactions with many of you during the year. What a privilege to be able to mix with people like you!! You have helped to make it one of the best years of my life—and I can hardly wait to get "out there" again next year.

God is GOOD and has been faithful to us here at OOOMB and so have you! As an expression of our appreciation for your support, we have included a voucher on page 2 of this newsletter for you to spend on the banner of your choice. Just type the code into the shopping cart on our website [www.worshipbanners.org](http://www.worshipbanners.org) and we will take \$10USD off your order automatically (that's about 5 GBP, 8 EUR, 13 AUD, 11 CAD, 36 MYR, 70 SEK, 71 ZAR, 110 MXN, or even 21,446 VEB!)

**Thank you!!**

**A special "Thank you" to all those who over the last year have supported this ministry in prayer, financially and getting the word out that God is raising up His Standard in this hour. May the blessings of this season be in your heart and home and may His banner of love hover over you in a very special way.**

## Resurrection Life!!

Here at Word of Life Fellowship in Mi Wuk Village, California we have many of your banners and use them regularly in our worship services.

One of our members, Laura Benoit, is 85 years old and loves to wave the banners as she is able. Her life is a miracle. A few years back she died of a heart attack in a service and our Pastor ran over to her, prayed for her and she was resurrected!

Her most exciting memories of church include the worship banners. Her heart leapt when the banners were used at Christmas time last year. "I got up and started dancing and praising until I was exhausted. After that I missed church for a while because I danced so much—but it was worth it" Laura says. Her favourite banner is the Resurrection Power banner.



At a banquet held recently at her church which honoured members of the congregation over the age of 70 Laura was given a very special gift—a Resurrection Power banner - which symbolizes the miracles in her own life!!!! [\(Click here to read this amazing story in full and see more photos of Laura.\)](#)

## Ring of Fire

I fell into a burning ring of fire

I went down, down, down and the flames went higher,  
And it burns, burns, burns - the ring of fire, the ring of fire

As Joel plays his guitar, with Jack pounding on the jimby Julie is the first to wheel through the "ring of fire"! With an archway of billowing banners held over our heads, Julie leads worship as only Julie can.

Imagine someone dancing in a wheelchair - the person wheeling the chair orchestrates the motions, but as she is a'turning and a'twirling, her smile says it all. "This is fun!" she cries out—and we hear her voice as clear as a bell.

In an environment that is at times harsh and devoid of the love of God as we continue to sing—the reality of "His banner over me is LOVE" suddenly becomes something tangible. The Great I Am who can meet the needs of these women shows up and His Presence fills the air.

One young woman approaches me and whispers "I brought my friend with me tonight.....but I don't know if she believes in God. She said she would pray with us though." Now if I stop to wonder, "Hmmm—maybe I shouldn't do the banner thing because the new girls might think its weird" then I'll never do it. [\(Click here to read Cindy's complete story of what God has done\)](#)



## Why "Out of Our Minds" Uses the Word "Banner"

*(an excerpt from David's book "Wielding Banners For Worship and Warfare" - to be released soon!!)*

In some Christian circles a clear distinction is made between flags as things you wave and banners as things that are hung or carried. At "Out of Our Minds" Banners we have chosen to use the word "banner" to cover the range of products we distribute, and train people to use. We have done this for a number of reasons:

1. In the early stages of the ministry people responded better to the word "banners" than to the terms "flags" or "standards". This applied particularly to men who didn't seem at all interested to get into flagging. Flags didn't seem to attract people to experience something new, interesting and exciting.
2. We believe our distinctive designs are prophetic declarations of aspects of God and the Christian faith and as such "banner" was a message into the heavenly realm, while the word "flag" was a little dry.
3. The use of fabric on poles by God's people traces its foundations to the Old Testament where it was most often translated "banner" in English versions of the Bible.
4. Around the world our banners are waved, hung, carried, ministered with, wrapped, used in making declarations, identifying allegiance, decorating, signaling, attracting and focusing, even worn as garments. Therefore we thought the word banner best encompassed all these uses.

***It doesn't really matter what you call them, as long as you USE them in worship and warfare.***



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