

## **Famous!: Wendy Spragge**

Having landed in N.Y. after entertaining the troops in Vietnam and a brief stint of travelling with the famous singer, Dionne Warwick, I needed a job! My boyfriend Omar, who I'd met in Oz as Sarah Vaughan's, the famous jazz singer's, drummer, introduced me to a Dr. Haley...a lovely man who ran the Upper Manhattan Medical centre in the middle of Harlem.

Office work didn't appeal to me, but I didn't consider myself good enough to dance in New York clubs, so I became a clerk and receptionist at this clinic. I didn't know it at the time, but was about to come in contact with one of the most famous men in modern history. There was a lot of excitement at the entrance of the clinic one day, and a well dressed black man was bustled in, surrounded by minders. He came close to my desk, but didn't check in, as Dr.Haley appeared and ushered him straight into the surgery. I had no idea who this man was and how famous he had become. A few weeks later the words 'I Have A Dream' was splashed over the cover of the New York Times...That man was Martin Luther King Jnr. and became famous for being the martyr and heading the Civil Rights movement in America and possibly for the rest of the world. I am honoured to have been in the presence of such a great and famous human being. This became the start of many famous encounters along my interesting and exotic road of life!