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REFLECTIONS... 'Sign that Bob Bell and Mike Shaughnessy Up! They Encourage Me...



The question is: how did Bob Bell in London get involved with the Lamb of God in Fiji? Answer- because he is an 'encourager par excellence'. And how did Mike Shaughnessy get my attention early this morning?

I am wired in a strange way. I do my best to work hard for God's purposes but if I have any characteristics my friends would probably class me as a perpetual optimist. I generally see and respond immediately to the positive, and I just love to hear people speak positively of others, positively of other churches and ministries, even seeing the positive in the direst situations.

There is plenty of negative stuff around, unfortunately even in a community setting but I do my best to speak encouragingly of what I see, and what I see in others. But those of you who might resonate and see yourself in the same light would well know there is another side to such a personality. There are the dark days, the questioning late evenings, or the 4.00am's restlessness when things don't look too positive. At such times encouragement 'lights up my day'. Let me share two examples.

Bob Bell and Fiji: The Lamb of God Fiji continues to reach out and has now started a new work in RakiRaki. I am not surprised by this as Pastor Timoci and Salaseini have strong contacts in the area and Timoci has been telling me for a year that the interest is growing. And now it is launched! The community also has access to a plot of land in the RakiRaki area near Mataweilevu Village and some produce is starting to now flow back for the members in Nadi and for the women and families who live in the HART Compound, where our meetings are held. You might recall the HART is an initiative of the Fiji Council of Churches and Lamb of God Fiji is a prime helper to the residents. HART houses abandoned and abused women of all ages and I for one am delighted

that we in the Sword of the Spirit can be directly associated with this work. Well done Lamb of God Fiji. I am also delighted with the interest of our brother Bob Bell in London. Bob is a regular 'encourager' of our work. A few evenings ago I emailed Bob and told him about the Village Farm initiative and how I am yet to visit it, but first I needed find exactly where it is located. When I opened my email next morning there was an email from Bob, complete with a Google Earth 'zoom' right on the village, plus a whole set of travel possibilities including estimated travel times. Bob blessed me by his enthusiasm and his practical help. A little thing you might think? Yes, but not for me. Thanks Bob. I now share with you an email just in this week from Elizabeth, Timoci's daughter who is community administrator in Nadi: *'Bula Pastor Roger - yes, thank you for the laptop. Pastor Timoci visited us on Saturday and we had a blessed meeting on Sunday. He sends his love to the both of you and has Good News because of the many families that have opened their doors to the Ministry. There are about 10 families and they have started their meetings every Tuesday and Sunday in RakiRaki. He has also advised that some of the families need Bibles and I should let you know. All the offerings collected yesterday have been shared among the ladies of the HART that were present yesterday. Brother Tom is also on leave and he has gone with Pastor Timoci back to RakiRaki this morning to spend 2 weeks on the farm. Each of us members received root crops and vegetables from the farm delivered by Pastor Tim and Salaseini on Saturday. Praise God for the abundant blessing. We all send our love and regards to all the members in NZ and let them know that we are all thinking of them in our prayers. We are ALL looking forward in August. Elizabeth'* Note that in August the Lamb of God Nadi will be visited by Dave and Jane Hughes of 'Word of Life', Ann Arbor.

And Mike Shaughnessy: this particular week is usually a toughie for Veronica and me as it is the anniversary week for our children. Danny died on this day [Monday] then later the same week on Friday, but a different year, Glen and his recently new bride Louise, and our friend Steve, were all killed in a black-ice accident up on a mountain pass. My early morning email dump today included some stuff where I needed some resource access, and quickly. I knew that Mike had what I wanted but I also know that Mike is a very busy man and often a man 'on the move'. I emailed him. Within minutes he responded and within an hour and by various communication channels I had access to his work and his resources. All that Veronica could hear was 'wow- this is great' as the emails and links pinged in from Mike. Again many folk would say 'so what', but for me, in my circumstance of this week, it was a blessing. Thanks Mike.

As we here in the Christchurch Branch endure into year three of the earthquake aftermath, and winter no. 3 in damaged homes for so many, let us 'dig deep' and be encouragers as best we can. The Lord IS with us and a word or two of encouragement will help us all see Him. Veronica and I are with you on this journey.
Roger Foley: Senior Coordinator

OUR PEOPLE...

Congratulations to:

- Barbara Summerfield [Ashburton – right photo] has served the people of Ashburton for 20 years volunteering for both Alzheimer's Ashburton and the Ostomy Society. Her award was the Volunteer Recognition Award presented by Volunteering Canterbury. Congratulations!





- Sarah McKenzie [Christchurch – left photo] on gaining the Gold Medal in her group at the Marlborough Gymnastics Competition. She is doing gym sports at gold level. Splendid!

With sadness, yet confidence in the Lord, we remember:

- Neville & Karyn Coutinho and Desmond & Charmaine Vessaokar families [both Auckland], as Neville's & Charmaine's Dad has died.

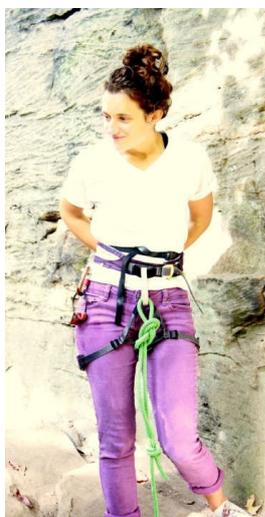
[Note to all Branch leaders: Please send your local news/snippets to Roger Foley or Tom Caballes so that we can acknowledge important occasions in the lives of our brothers and sisters and make sure we do not miss any of them.]

NEWS AND ARTICLES

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH NEWS: ANNIE TACCOLINI COMING TO SERVE...

Annie and I have been communicating a while now and recently arrangements were agreed for Annie to 'come join us' for up to a year. During this time Annie will be based in the Burwood Cluster and will serve in a number of areas, including assisting us through the aftermath of the earthquakes, working with Mark's team with our Kairos youth, arranging holiday programmes for our children, connecting with Mikyla and the girl's Biblical Studies, and with Tom on Kairos Events in other Centres. And importantly Annie will be helping us on the journey back to zeal for growth and evangelization as matters advance towards the restoration and rebuild at the Lamb of God Centre. And Annie, as you will likely read this somewhere in the United States, BE ASSURED there will also be plenty of fun times and awesome scenery to enjoy way down here in Aotearoa. Now here are some excerpts from a recent email from Annie as she responded to my asking for some 'this is me information':

'Roger and Veronica- I aim to arrive in August [or thereabouts] in order to get more settled before the school break then! Hopefully all my preparations go smoothly and that won't be a problem. I hope your retreats are going well, I will be praying for you! Climbing the Main Divide sounds wonderful, snow is something I am very familiar with and I look forward to getting to know the mountains! Now to a little about myself. I am a community kid from Ann Arbor Michigan, raised by parents who met through UCO [University Christian Outreach]. I attended the Ann Arbor Word of Life youth group all throughout high school. I spent my first two year of higher education at Michigan State University pursuing a degree in nursing. I was involved in UCO there in East Lansing Michigan. At the end of my sophomore year I had to decide whether I was going to continue working towards admittance into that program, study nursing elsewhere, or change my degree path. I asked the Lord to please open doors for me wherever I ought to be so that I should know His will. That same week I was offered a living situation in a house of UCO women at Grand Valley State University (in Grand Rapids Michigan). For the remainder of that semester, all of the



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difficulties of moving and transferring schools worked themselves out, and I moved to Grand Rapids last May (2012). In October I attended a 'Fan into Flame Retreat' in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. There I heard the Lord speaking to me more profoundly than any other time I can remember. He asked me to come away with Him, to leave the comforts of community in Michigan and empty myself in service elsewhere for Him. I resisted the idea strongly in my mind but brought it up with a few people at the retreat to receive prayer and advice. By the end of the weekend I knew I should apply for a Gap program, but I decided to wait a month before talking about it with anyone again and just pray. For a month I prayed every day for the Lord's will, and every day He asked me to come away with Him. I applied for various programs at the beginning of December then Nico Angleys [a brother who works for UCO] suggested NZ to me, and it has not left my mind and heart since then. I cannot necessarily even tell you why, but the desire to come to your community has been strong and growing since then. I know God has a lot of things to work on in me, and I am willing to serve Him in any way if the end will be more knowledge of my own self and Him. A few other things about me: I currently work at a bakery in Grand Rapids, I love to rock climb and cycle whenever I get the opportunity (and a break from the snow), I am leading several backpacking trips for high school youth this summer as part of a mission, and I am now studying Therapeutic Recreation at Grand Valley State University.'



Annie - we are really looking forward to welcoming you into our homes and our lives - Roger and Veronica and the people of the Lamb of God

NEWS FROM COVENANTED FOR CHRIST, MALAYSIA



The Penang Branch of Covenanted for Christ has just had three young people, Libby, Jeremy and Anne, return from an encouraging Kairos Asia Conference hosted by the Singapore Community. Two other Malaysians also attended being Rachel, daughter of Sam and Mary of the Taiping Branch, and Jessica Cruz who attended our Summer Oasis Conference and Young Women's Household earlier this year. The photograph also shows celebration as the Penang Branch once more gains access back into their own Centre following a long but necessary temporary move.

AUCKLAND BRANCH - YOUTH COMMITMENT

On June 19 Pentecost Sunday, the youth of the Auckland Branch made a commitment to the Community way of life. It was edifying for us as adults and parents to see our youth promising to make God the centre of their lives, at the cost of being different from the world. As Rachel D'Souza says below, community accepts each of us for who we are and teaches us to accept and help each other. And with firm faith, that is what our youth pledged to do. We live the Community way of life serving the Lord willingly and

joyfully, making a difference in the world. A huge thank you to our Kairos leaders, Nicky & Caedmon, Elizabeth & Mark, Tili, Rosanna, Patrick & Michelle and Ronnie & Rina for moulding our youth to be disciples for the Lord. Thank you to all members in community for supporting our youth.

What Youth Commitment means to me? *I have decided to make my youth commitment because I am convinced it is an opportunity where I can develop my relationship with God, deepen my faith and also give back to community. For the past 13 years I have*



been blessed spiritually, emotionally and in every aspect of my life thanks to the Lamb of God Community. For me, being a part of community means to be accepted for who you truly are and helping each other because it's the right thing to do. Over the course of the years, I have experienced this love many times. One instance was when my parents went to India. Heaps of people invited Alisha and I over for a meal and also offered to help us by taking us to school. I feel the love every time I interact

with people from community and come to a gathering. Your love just radiates by your smiles and hugs. It's so welcoming; it's practically my second home. Lamb of God has become a part of me and I feel like everyone here is also a part of my family. I have learnt many life lessons from the Children's ministry programme, Kairos, Life in the Spirit Seminars and Oasis. I can't wait to learn more about God and myself as I continue to walk my faith journey. Thank you for your Prayers.

Rachel D'Souza

FR JOHN REA IN FIJI

The annual Catholic Charismatic Conference in Fiji was held over the weekend, 03-05 May. Father Peter, the bishop elect, celebrated Mass on the Friday night. It was estimated that 1,000 people attended on the Saturday and Sunday and that there were 1,500 present for the final Mass on Sunday night. It proves what I've always said and that is that "healing" will always draw a crowd. Here are some of the healings that the Lord graciously performed:



A woman told Fr J. Crispin that on a previous visit to Fiji I'd prayed with her and her husband for fertility and said they'd be pregnant within two months. She pointed to the teenaged boy standing beside her and said, *"Here's the result of that prayer."*

Maria Rosa Prasad had been in constant pain for ten years. The doctors claimed the pain came from wrongly positioned organs in her body and they wanted to remove her uterus on the score that this would remedy the pain. She refused the surgery. She sought prayer on the Sunday and the Lord freed her from pain. Also, sometime during the Convention, the Lord took the pain from Maria Elena's shoulders and left hand. He healed Petero Dauvolo's right shoulder so that now, after a long time, he can sleep on his right side. The Lord Jesus also freed his wife Margaret from chest pains. Elisabeta

Salauca left the Convention no longer suffering from stomach, joint and head pains and a skin condition. Iva no longer has pain in her back and left side.

At some stage of the Convention Bernadette Qaianivalu handed me a letter. It reads, *"I am now 20 years old and am in my second year in College. I am writing to tell you the story of my healing that took place 11 years ago. My auntie came and took me to a meeting which you held in the Tamavua parish church. All I remember is that all of us went up to the front of the church to be prayed over. Towards the end of the meeting you said there was a little girl present who had a disability on her left side and that her healing would be gradual. I want you to know that that meeting changed my whole life. I am able to use my left hand in order to do my work. The healing has taken me forward and led me to the most prominent College in Fiji. Thank you very much."*

Here is another letter that was handed to me. *"My son Joseph is now 17 years old. In 1996, when you were at the Charismatic Convention in Fiji, Joseph was 6 months old. I had noticed that from the age of two months he always had a green and white pus in the corners of his eyes. Every month he was given a check-up and the circumference of his head was measured. His head was growing every month and his body was becoming smaller. At six months he could not turn over or crawl. One day during Mass at the Convention you gave a message about healing and after Communion you said that there was a baby present who had brain disease and that the Holy Spirit was touching him there and then. Joseph was fast asleep but yelled out. It was like plenty of pins and needles were pricking him. He began to cry and to sweat. The Lord healed him because from that time on the circumference of his head didn't change. Joseph served at Mass during this year's convention."*

Fr John Crispin emailed me on 24 May with the following testimony: *"Last night Pierina Tikoisuva of Nadera parish told me that about two months ago she had a stroke, which left her face very twisted, a lot of pain on that side of the face, and tears running down her cheek from that eye, and trouble drinking water because of the twisted face.. Since you prayed over her, she has no more pain, no more tears running down her cheek, and her mouth is only slightly twisted. Praise God."*

LEADERSHIP PROFILE - MEET ALISON MIDDLEMISS

[These coming months, we will feature different women leaders of the Lamb of God community. This month, we have Alison from Christchurch.]

Hi to all my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I was born and grew up in Christchurch, went to the local Methodist Church. I went to Shirley Primary School, Banks Avenue Primary, Shirley Intermediate, and Avonside Girls High School. I have 2 brothers one named Roger – my younger brother, and an older brother David who died with the boy down the road in a mountain accident in Arthurs Pass. I was 14 years old at the time. It was a devastating time but I do remember how the Church people and our neighbours were so kind to us and supported us through that time. I think it was my first experience of community. In my teens my mother used to conduct the Junior Choir at Church and I played the organ. It was great fun the organ had 2 rows of keys, foot pedals, and stops on both sides of it. Hence I think it fuelled my love of music and singing.

Many years ago I remember people at my Church saying that people speaking in tongues were weird, as one of our congregation had gone to the Pentecostal Church! I remember at the time I thought but it says so in the Bible that people speak in tongues.



At the age of 13 years old I gave my life to Jesus. I knew there were certain things one did as a Christian e.g. read the Bible, pray, fellowship and serve. However in the early years of our marriage, I heard about people being baptised in the spirit and knew this is what I wanted. So in the late 1960s, I asked to be baptised in the Holy Spirit, and a bit later Philip my husband did as well. We had nightly prayers and bible reading as a family most nights and we were often going to prayer meetings, and

Charismatic Masses but we also felt very strongly that there was more to the Christian life than just going to Mass and prayer groups. In 1972 we heard about a Christian community to be formed out at Tai Tapu in Sir Heaton Rhodes home and eventually went to live in the one house with approximately 5 other families. That was a big part of our experience during which we were moulded and tested and I personally learned to use the gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. I firmly believe that the Lord heals and over the years for me it usually took the form of inner healing and experiencing the love of the Father and walking as a Christian woman in the Lord. I can't remember the exact date but I believe God said to me to "bring the women together", so after submitting it to the leaders in Charismatic Renewal the women of the Charismatic Renewal met monthly in the Knox Church Hall in Bealey Avenue and we had teaching, charismatic prayer and also prayed for people who needed it. It was well attended.

We spent about 2½ years at Otahuna after which we lived in our home for a while and then we moved in to Maranatha in Bealey Ave in Christchurch with only 3 families this time. Maranatha was the centre for the Charismatic renewal, but after about 18 months it was time to be on our own again, so we moved to our own home in Mairehau and ran a prayer group in Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Eventually we began to think about Lamb of God and asked a few people who we trusted to pray about what our next move would be and it clearly came back to be part of the Lamb of God community. That was about 1983 and so we began a whole new chapter of our lives. It was not long after that when we were invited into leadership and in due course I was on the women's leadership team. It has been a learning and delight to serve my sister as best as possible. Cluster was formed in Burwood and we bought a house that was next but one to the Foleys!

Many of you will be aware that I work as a Registered Nurse at Burwood Hospital for 4 days a week. This is in the area of non-malignant chronic pain. The Lord led me into the job about 20 years ago and I really enjoy it and the different challenges that come my way. It has taught me about living in the world, and the spiritual battles that are around us so often. It is over this time that the Lord has led me and encouraged me to trust Him in all things – it is still growing.

I cannot finish off without mentioning Philip who has been beside me in all things – we celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary the other day! Our 3 children – Helen, Christopher, and Nigel and all their spouses who we delight in, along with our 11 grandchildren of whom we are very proud!

CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion by Tom Caballes

The Long Wait for 'Home'

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For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling... [2 Corinthians 5:1-3]

When I began in my Christian walk, it became clear to me that my life is only a short journey on my way to my real 'home' – heaven with God. I eagerly await the time when there will be no more "mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore" [Revelations 21:4]. But for now, what am I to do? Do I just 'wait at the bus stop until the bus arrives?' No one knows when God will come again or call me home. It feels like it is a very long wait for home. But God has something very important for me – and you - to do as we await the moment that we will see Him face to face.

So What Do We Do As We Wait for Our Permanent 'Home'?

1. Like a farmer eagerly caring for his plants to produce crops, we should eagerly care for our spiritual health – through daily prayer, Scripture meditation, service and community life. Our thinking, relationships, values and priorities should be deeply rooted with those who also await God's Kingdom through our brothers and sisters in Christian community.
2. Grow in the image and likeness of God. Be an active witness to the world around us that Jesus is alive and at work in us by being transformed by His Spirit. We are to reflect His glory!
3. We are all recovering sinners, but we should not let sinning be our norm. Our aim is to please God and to live a righteous life based on His standards. Our desire is to grow in holiness.
4. Our goal in this temporal life is to love as Jesus loved. This also means to forgive as He forgave and let go of our hurts and resentments - live in freedom from these!
5. As we live our day-to-day lives and make big and small decisions, our motto should be "Your will be done, Your Kingdom come." If Jesus were in your shoes, what would He have done? Have an eternal perspective in everything you decide on, especially the big decisions.
6. Aside from active witnessing, we should try to actively bring others to a relationship with God. We are called to be **rescuers** – to rescue those around us from a life of sin and death [Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1]. At the end of everything, people would only be either in heaven or in hell. Wouldn't they be eternally grateful to us if we helped them to go to heaven?

Prayer: *Lord, let heaven be the first thing I think of as I wake up and the last thing I ponder on as I sleep. Let heaven be in my mind in bad times and in good. Let heaven be my whole life: my recurring dream, my perpetual fantasy, my hidden treasure, my relentless passion, my daily conversation, my unquenchable thirst, my unceasing cause, my lasting vision, my steady norm and my very breath. Let heaven conquer my sinful heart and feeble mind and let it consume my very soul and being! Amen.*

Other Scripture References

1. *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. [Psalm 84:1-2]*
2. Other references: Psalm 42:1-2; Psalm 63:1; Romans 8:22-23 & 13:11; 2 Corinthians 2:15-16; Ephesians 5:15-16; James 5:7-8; Philippians 3:7-11; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Peter 4:7-8.

For Personal Reflection and Group Sharing:

Do I long to be with God in heaven? Do I ponder and daydream about my future life with God in heaven? Do I care enough about others to share to them about God? Do I care about their eternal destiny?

KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events for 2013/2014

July 19 to 21, 2013	Winter Oasis in Auckland
Jan 7 to 12, 2014	Summer Oasis in Christchurch
April 19 to 21, 2014	Kairos Blast in Wellington
July 11 to 13, 2014 [tbc]	Winter Oasis in Auckland

WINTER OASIS - AUCKLAND

The Winter Oasis will be held in Auckland from Friday 19th July 10 am to Sunday 21st July 3 p.m. at Carey Park Christian Camp, Henderson. The theme of the Winter Oasis is **“On the Edge of an Encounter-Step UP, Step OUT, Act NOW.”** The emphasis will be on “Life in the Spirit Seminar” conducted by the EDGE youth. The cost will be the same as compared to last year [\$110]. For details, please contact Caedmon and Nicky Rebello [phone: 09-627-9252] or Ronnie D’Souza [phone: 09-626-2006] or your local Kairos leader/s.

WEBSITES WORTH NOTING

KAIROS South Pacific Web Site HAS BEEN UPDATED with 2012 photos – go take a look ...

Check it out at: www.kairossp.com

You can network and chat with other young people by going to this website:

<http://www.kairossp.com/kairosspnzchatroom.htm>

We designated every Friday night at 10pm as a time to meet other young people.

Go and visit the International Kairos Media website: <http://www.kairos-media.org/>

Our Lamb of God website has been updated – please visit www.lambofgodcommunity.net.

Sign up [free] for Youth Culture Newsletter

The most recent edition of the Youth Culture Newsletter is now available online. It will no longer be sent to you via the Lamb of God e-mail list but you can get it at this link:

<http://www.kairos-na.org/youthculturenewsletter.htm>

This is a recommended Sword of the Spirit publication for youth and parents.

Living Bulwark Sword of the Spirit - Highly Recommended!

This Sword of the Spirit on-line publication has received more than 43,000 visits (an average of 135 visits each day) in its first year. All back issues for the past 12 months can be found at: <http://www.swordofthespirit.net/bulwark/archives.htm>. The current issue of the online magazine can be seen at: www.swordofthespirit.net/bulwark/index.html.

SENDING NEWS FOR CHRONICLE PUBLICATION

Branches are encouraged to email news, photos, happenings and snippets to Tom Caballes at iosethomascaballes@gmail.com. Each issue is closed around the 20th of the month.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OUR RECORDS

Membership Records and Data: Branch leaders are responsible to keep updated records and then email all new attendee additions, deletions, address and phone changes, births, deaths, transfers, etc to -

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BIRTHDAY INFORMATION

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Wedding Anniversaries for July - Happy Anniversary!

NAMES	DATE	BRANCH
Robert & Ethel Caballes	01/07	Central
David & Emily Matthews	14/07	Christchurch
Talea & Pogia Afamasaga	17/07	Central

Birthdays for July - Happy Birthday!

NAMES	BIRTHDAY	BRANCH
Ronnie D'Souza	01/07	Auckland
Angela Fordham	01/07	Christchurch
Tiza Sison	01/07	Central
Valerie Synott	02/07	Blenheim
Joseph Alejandro	03/07	Central
Seth Sison	03/07	Central
Henri Zalamea	04/07	Central

Lucy Misquita	06/07	Auckland
Analise Borkus	07/07	Christchurch
Valavia Masara	07/07	Christchurch
Collin Sequeira	07/07	Auckland
Misael Mendoza	07/07	Central
Brett Joslen	08/07	Christchurch
Tim Kay	09/07	Christchurch
Jerome Caballes	10/07	Central
Anna Jones	10/07	Blenheim
Jonathan Challies	12/07	Christchurch
Riza Gueco	12/07	Central
Rosana Kuresa	12/07	Auckland
Joshua Vessaokar	13/07	Auckland
Tony Borkus	15/07	Christchurch
John MacManus	15/07	Southern
Dorothy Fernandes	19/07	Auckland
Ben Masara	19/07	Christchurch
Hannah Stolten	19/07	Auckland
Julie Humphries	20/07	Christchurch
Jacinta O'Neill	20/07	Blenheim
Stephanie O'Neill	20/07	Blenheim
Hazel Patrao	20/07	Auckland
Sara Homes	21/07	Southern
Patrick Lim	21/07	Auckland
Felicity Lyons	21/07	Christchurch
Paolo Alejandro	22/07	Central
Helen McKenzie	24/07	Christchurch
Nui O'Malley	24/07	Central
Lawrence Hill	25/07	Christchurch
David Black	27/07	Christchurch
Andrew Blackwell	27/07	Nelson
Ambrose Challies	27/07	Christchurch
Jacinta Dalgado	28/07	Auckland
Christina Van Doorn	29/07	Christchurch
Janet MacManus	31/07	Southern

PRAYERWATCH - SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE

Reinforce the guard, station the watchmen, prepare an ambush! The Lord will carry out his purpose... Jeremiah 51: 12 NIV

Jesus said, "*Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only*" [Matthew 4:10]. Jesus knew the importance of worshipping God the Father before he started to serve, so we need to realize that worship comes before serving. Otherwise we get bogged down in what is happening to us, or around us, the problems and battles we have. One thing is sure that we are in a spiritual battle [Ephesians 6: 10-18], and there is no way we can avoid it, as we are in the middle of the battle. We only have to look at New Zealand society to know that a battle is raging and there is no escape for us. We need to focus on the victor in this battle and worship God by thanking, praising, adoring and loving him alone as he is the only one deserving of our worship. We need to take our eyes off our

circumstances, our problems, our battles and realize afresh that God is in the midst with us and he is walking with us and carrying us at times and with God victory is assured. The book of Psalms contains many psalms that will help us to praise and worship God. Some psalms have times of hardship, of being attacked by the enemy and other problems people face and how their writers put worship before their problems. From the depths of adversity comes many great songs as this is the time we should focus on God and worship him alone. Exodus 15: 1-21 shows how the Israelites responded with a song of victory and triumph when the Lord led them through the Red sea and delivered them from the Egyptians. Finally in the book of Revelations we see God's creation worshipping around his throne, a fore taste of the glories to be revealed. First the battle, then the final victory, then all praise and glory to the Lord of Hosts.

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5: 11-14 NIV

As soldiers of Christ we need to acknowledge our commander and give him the glory as by his actions here on earth he has won the victory for us. Jesus has shown us the way, he has equipped us in the power of the Holy Spirit and he has raised up the 'Lamb of God' community as a way of life. We need to stand firm in the gap as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are embracing this way of life and building God's kingdom here in this world and look forward to sharing in the final victory celebration.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Prayerwatch then please send them to me or give them to one of your branch leaders to send to me. God bless and watch over you all.

Alan McKenzie - National Coordinator, Prayerwatch

LAMB OF GOD PRAYERWATCH - PRAYER INTENTIONS

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Against strongholds of Apathy, Witchcraft, Confusion and other named spirits.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNITIES: Protect and bless the life and mission of THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, Patmos & Cornerstone Lamb of God [Fiji], Families for Christ [Melbourne], Vanuatu Group, Light of Christ [Nelson], The Covenanted Community for Christ, [Penang & Taiping], protect and bless their life and mission.

FAMILY: **Auckland:** Yvonne D'Souza, Peter & Margaret Stoddard, Desmond & Charmaine Vessaokar, Christopher & Carol Fernandes, Tili Leatitagaloa, Blanche Fernandes, Sequeria's & Saldanha's Families, Neville & Karyn Coutinho, Caedmon & Nicky Rebello, **Central:** Jun & Angie Briguera, Henri & Cutie Zalamea, Rose Buladaco,

Joel & Tiza Sison, Robert & Ethel Caballes, Tom & Mhel Caballes, **Blenheim:** Jamie & Judith Rodgers, Mark & Mary Jackson, Mike & Cheryl Garrett, **Christchurch:** Roger & Veronica Foley, Robert & Karin Van Doorn, Darren & Julie Humphries, Tai & De Stirling, Bruce & Bronwyn Harborne, Niul & Coila Kay, Lyn Keane, Pauline Marsden, John & Monica Haughey, Annette Sargisson, Toni May, Chris & Maureen Lyons, **Southern:** John & Janet MacManus, Richard & Christine May, Mike & Judy Prendeville,

PREGNANCY: Auckland: Jessie [Prasad] De Zoysa,

HEALING CANCER: Blenheim: Carol Cullimore, David Aberhart, **Christchurch:** Mary Anngow, Robin Corbett,

HEALING HEART: Auckland: Isabel Morais, **Central:** Paul Oliver, Dave Taylor, **Blenheim:** Chris Fredericks, **Christchurch:** Dorelle Ham, Undine Cavanagh, Philip Middlemiss,

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COVERING PRAYER: National Council, Kairos Ministries, Branch Life, Lamb of God Centre, Branch Visits, Clustering in Auckland, Ministry of Fr John Rea, Employment of Members, Light of Christ Special Ministry, Wellington branch [sickness among extended family], and Ashburton Group in Christchurch.

"I have made you a Watchman"