

# The Lamb of God Chronicle

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### REFLECTIONS... 'Living on the Same Patch, sharing the Same Life in God'

It is good to see the growing relationship of friendship and cooperation in things of God between the Lamb of God Christchurch branch and the brothers and sisters of the local Burwood Christian Centre Church.

Burwood Christian Centre [BCC] is a vibrant and welcoming local church which is located in the heart of the Lamb of God Burwood Cluster. As well as the Lamb of God Sunday Gathering being hosted at BCC these past three years as we sort out the Lamb of God Centre rebuild, we have had our Kairos Youth joining the Burwood Christian Centre Friday Youth Night, and right now a Kairos Life in the Spirit Seminar is being attended by BCC youth. Our branch men are regularly now attending the BCC 'Monthly Men's Breakfast' and Veronica is starting to assist the Friday morning local Children's Outreach team.



A next initiative is for Lamb of God to consider running a South Island Men's Retreat later in the year as a combined event with our brothers at Burwood Christian Centre. Also Pastor Nigel has been guest speaker at our Summer Oasis, and Nigel and his wife Mana are to speak at a Lamb of God Sunday Gathering in May. Roger has also been an invited speaker at three Burwood Christian Centre meetings this past year.



Yes - this is where we live, so in a sense this is 'our patch.' And our decision is to be grateful to God that we share it with these fine people. If we have any resource that will help strengthen BCC then we want to share it with them so as to further strengthen 'our patch.'

Your brother on this journey-

Roger - Senior Coordinator

## OUR PEOPLE

### Congratulations!

- To Eunice Gueco [Central], for being chosen as the President of Young Vinnies at St. Mary's College in Wellington. [See photo – Eunice is on the left]

**[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

### BLAST 2015 YOUTH CAMP IN WELLINGTON

Around forty young people from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Nelson converged at Silverstream Retreat Centre in Wellington to pray, praise, worship, fellowship, sing, chat, perform, play, compete and have fun together for the weekend 10 to 12 April. There were 3 main talks for the weekend entitled “Christ – Your Life,” “An Eternal Impact,” and “It’s Worth the Price.” The first night rally had a “Celebration” Worship Concert which turned out very well as it was the first time something similar was done in a Kairos youth camp. The second night rally featured a talk on the Armour of God. There was prayer ministry on both nights of the camp – and the adults were blessed during the ministry time too.

The main theme that resonated during the weekend was the responding to the call to radical discipleship for God and making an impact with how one lives his or her life. A couple of videos were shown about burning our boats [having no option of turning back] and if a person is put into a spot, would he or she be willing to die for God?

Below are some of the sharings and feedback of those who participated:

- *The Friday and Saturday night worship times were powerful!*
- *The worship leaders in general did a good job.*
- *The speakers did well giving the talks.*
- *The skits were fantastic. It's always surprising what the youth come up with.*
- *The music teams were marvellous! I thoroughly enjoyed the praise and worship times throughout the weekend.*
- *For me the highlight was the Worship Concert – that was a great time of soaking in the presence of God.*
- *I have not heard the word “charismatic” for a long while – we had a great charismatic praise and worship.*
- *I was anticipating coming to BLAST for a while now; it is great to be with brothers and sisters and interacting with everyone the whole weekend.*
- *The call to be a radical Christian spoke greatly to me.*

- *I had a great bonding time with brothers and sisters from different branches.*
- *I was feeling down during the week, but BLAST lifted up my spirits!*
- *When I went to BLAST I was not 'feeling it,' but when I went through that door, I felt a wind blow to my face. It was like a mental slap on the head, like "you've got to praise me." And during the praise and worship time and the night rallies, I was into praise and worship. In the next morning I had hay fever, but that did not stop me from praising God. I went to the night rally even though I was feeling sick and I still praised the Lord.*
- *I truly enjoyed BLAST 2015 and I'm looking forward to the next one!*

Here is a feedback given to the BLAST organising team: *I would like to honour you and your team for the success of BLAST and the great work you do behind the scenes. Your community have such servant hearts to serve your youth and this was seen at camp. People cooking, preparing, cleaning, praying, fellowshiping - in the little and big things, you were there to see to the safety and success of the camp. BLAST wouldn't have been possible without the commitment of your team and the community people.*

Well done Wellington BLAST team!





## AUCKLAND BRANCH UPDATES

While presenting the plans for 2015 to Auckland branch members, the elders stressed the essential ingredient of relationship building and how it would ensure a successful outreach within community and to those outside of community. How aptly this marked the Lord's Day Meal celebrated by Auckland members in the month of March. Leroy Lobo, one of the Kairos members who helped with the organisation of the evening, shares with us as to how an evening of fellowship and camaraderie transformed into Mission.

It was great to see every one of all ages fully participating in the games. In one of the games, some so willingly gave away their personal belongings instantly to win the game. What better Team Spirit than this! Soon after, everyone was on the dance floor and enjoyed themselves.

The theme was St Patrick's Day, as a result, the hall was filled with all shades of green. All Teams participated in the Team Chant and Costume Competition. We had Team 'Green Chillies' walking away with the 'Invisible Trophy'. It evoked a strong sense of what community is all about. With everyone coming together, praying together and building relationships – a strong platform to go out on Mission. A big thank you to everyone who helped in the preparation of this fun filled evening.

Another key aspect of the 2015 Plans is the spiritual formation of members. Earlier in the month, a Psalms course, developed by Steve Clark as a meditation during Lent, was offered to members who wished to do the course during the Lenten season.

Winding up the month, the men of the Auckland branch had their own relationship building session at their men's breakfast. The talk, "A Man's Relationships in Community" dealt with several facets of Christian relationships for 'Men of God.' This was the first of a series of talks which will be given at Men's breakfast meetings.

The Auckland branch is gearing up for mission and outreach with the launch of a Life in the Spirit seminar in the Mangere Parish starting end of April.

## CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion by Tom Caballes

Dead to Sin, Alive in God - May 2015

*So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. [Romans 6:11-13]*

Deeply entrenched within us is our old, unredeemed, sinful nature trying to battle against what we want to do as disciples of Jesus. It is like an old boss who was removed from his place but he keeps on dictating us what to do. It is like a toothless lion – looks terrible, roars loudly to us and makes us shake to the bone, but has neither teeth nor claws to harm us. The ‘flesh’ within never gives up, and creeps in at our slightest vulnerabilities. Our enemy likes to make us and keep us selfish, irritable, envious, greedy, lustful and proud among many things. It loves fights, disunity and resentments, rather than peace, unity and forgiveness. It is a formidable foe – it knows our strengths and weakness from inside out. But thanks be to God, because through Jesus’ Death and Resurrection He has set us free from our enemy. God also sent the Holy Spirit to help us and equip us as we battle against the enemy within.

### So How Do You Battle Against the Enemy Within?

1. Give your life to God completely. Hang on to the Word of God against the lies of the enemies. Dedicate your life daily to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you as you battle against the ‘toothless lion.’
2. Commit your life to habits of holiness. A life of regular prayer, Scripture, service and fellowship helps you to keep your enemy at bay and gives you the right frame of mind.
3. Never let your guards down. Guard your eyes, your mind and your heart from the lusts and the attractions of the world. The enemy strikes at any time – during highs and lows, joys and sorrows.
4. Choose which battles to fight against, which to flee from, and when to ask help. Everyone is different and has his or her strengths and weaknesses. There are some challenges in your life that are harder to deal with, and sometimes we have persistent problems. Ask help from someone you trust and has wisdom and compassion to help you through your difficulty.
5. Do not give in to discouragement. Your enemy likes to keep you down when you fall. Like a boxer, you need to stand up, clear your head and defend against the next punch of the enemies – his lies. You need to be patient with yourself. Look at God’s grace and mercy when you fall down.
6. Your goal is to be free from the dominion of your flesh, so that you can be free to love and serve the Lord with all of your life. Know that the battle is a lifetime one. You will struggle against your flesh until the day you die. Until then, you should stand strong and count yourself dead to sin but alive in God.

### OTHER SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

1. *So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. [Hebrews 12:1B]*
2. *Avoid the passions of youth, and strive for righteousness, faith, love, and peace, together with those who with a pure heart call out to the Lord for help. [2 Timothy 2:22]*
3. *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. [Romans 13:14]*
4. *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. [James 4:7-8A]*
5. Other references: **Proverbs 4:23; 1 John 2:15-16; Galatians 5:16-17; Galatians 2:20.**

### FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION OR GROUP SHARING:

1. In what ways is the enemy within trying to re-surface and make a claim in your life?
2. Who is the person who can help you pastorally when you have difficulties in life?

## KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

### Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events for 2015

July 16 to 18, 2015	Winter Oasis in Auckland [for High Schoolers]
August 28 to 30, 2015	UCO Retreat in Auckland [for Post-High Schoolers]
January 5 to 10, 2016	Summer Oasis 2016 in Christchurch

### WINTER OASIS 2015

The Auckland Kairos team is busy planning for the Winter Oasis 2015 Youth Camp. This will be the first time that Winter Oasis will be aimed at High Schoolers. Please start looking at reserving the dates and booking your flights soon. Details will follow later. Ronnie from Kairos Auckland is the main contact person for Winter Oasis 2015.

### WEBSITES WORTH NOTING

KAIROS South Pacific Web Site HAS BEEN UPDATED with 2014 photos – go take a look ...

Check it out at: [www.kairossp.com](http://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](http://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](http://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 [joethomascaballes@gmail.com](mailto:joethomascaballes@gmail.com). Each issue is closed around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous 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 -

Tom Caballes [joethomascaballes@gmail.com](mailto:joethomascaballes@gmail.com)  
and copy to [Lamb\\_of\\_God@clear.net.nz](mailto:Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz)

### BIRTHDAY INFORMATION

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### *Wedding Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary!*

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>
Joel & Tiza Sison	01/05	Central
Thomas & Irene Hong	02/05	Auckland
Terry & Sandy Westbury	03/05	Nelson
Priyan & Anusha Jayahama	06/05	Auckland
Mark & Kirsten Challies	09/05	Christchurch
John & Janet McManus	10/05	Southern
Nick & Rosalie Barber	11/05	Nelson
Ivan & Annette Carvalho	11/05	Auckland
Raema & Ray Muollo	14/05	Nelson
Alan & Margaret McKenzie	15/05	Southern
Tony & Christie D'Costa	21/05	Auckland
Ronnie & Rina D'Souza	27/05	Auckland

### ***Birthdays for This Month - Happy Birthday!***

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>
Rachel McKenzie	01/05	Auckland
Philip Middlemiss	04/05	Christchurch
Martin Patrao	04/05	Auckland
Saahil Castelino	05/05	Auckland
Clyde D'Souza	06/05	Auckland
Gail D'Mello	07/05	Auckland
Emily Matthews	07/05	Christchurch
Kathryn O'Malley	08/05	Central
Mike Prendeville	08/05	Southern
Fr Merv McGettigan	10/05	Southern
Carlos Briguera	12/05	Central
Alison Middlemiss	12/05	Christchurch
Cynthia D'Souza	13/05	Auckland
Ludeth Mariposa	13/05	Central
Sue Greig	14/05	Central
Winona D'Costa	15/05	Auckland
Ruby Lowe	16/05	Auckland
Trevor Wall	17/05	Ch/Ashburton
Anita Fredericks	18/05	Blenheim
Teresa Soares	20/05	Auckland
Brian Nazareth	20/05	Auckland
Nathaniel James	21/05	Central
Jacqui Blackwell	22/05	Central
Kimberly Coutinho	22/05	Auckland
Mike Garrett	25/05	Blenheim
Leroy Lobo	25/05	Auckland
Sarah Nicholas	26/05	Christchurch
Maryanne Hall	27/05	Auckland
Clifton D'Costa	28/05	Auckland

### **PRAYERWATCH - SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE**

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

### **SHIELD OF FAITH**

**Ephesians 6: 13, 16: Therefore put on the full armour of God... take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**

The picture we have of Roman soldiers is usually of them carrying a round shield but it is the word for the larger oblong shield that Paul uses, the shield that heavily armed soldiers use. A shield that was made to combat the dangerous fiery darts that were often used in warfare. Paul uses the shield as a symbol of 'faith' as we need to have complete and perfect trust in Jesus, our Saviour to protect us from all the temptations the enemy can use against us. When we have faith in an intimate personal relationship with Jesus,

the Son of God, and walk closely with him, we are safe from temptation. The people around us in the world are discouraging, unbelieving and falling to the temptations of evil, especially sexual sin as many are misled by the ways of the world. Also greed and the need for self-pleasure are leading people into sin and away from God and into the fiery darts of the evil one. A busy life of trying to accomplish as much as possible whether in work or leisure leaves little time for getting to know Jesus and being with our brothers and sisters in the Lord to help build our 'shield of faith.' We need to rise above the world with our 'shield of faith' in Jesus, who has already overcome the evil one. Unaided human strength cannot challenge Satan who is too strong, clever and resourceful for us without faith. As Christians we have absolute confidence in the power, wisdom and authority of God, the Father to handle Satan and any temptations he brings against us. The 'shield of faith' reminds us of the source of Christian authority over Satan – the power of God. So all we need do is stand firm in the name of Jesus and the full Armour of God.

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 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],

**FAMILY Auckland:** Yvonne D'Souza, Desmond & Charmaine Vessaokar, Tili Leatitagaloa, Blanche Fernandes, Sequeria's & Saldanha's Families, Neville & Karyn Coutinho, Ivan & Hilary Carvalho, Valerie Menezes, Russell & Gidget Mendonca, Wendell & Glynis Fernandes, Manuel Lobo, **Central:** Jun & Angie Briguera, Henri & Cutie Zalamea, Rose Buladaco, Joel & Tiza Sison, Robert & Ethel Caballes, Tom & Mhel Caballes, **Blenheim:** Mark & Mary Jackson, Mike & Cheryl Garrett, **Christchurch:** Roger & Veronica Foley, Robert & Karin Van Doorn, Darren & Julie Humphries, Tai & De Stirling, Niul & Coila Kay, Lyn Keane, Pauline Marsden, John & Monica Haughey, Annette Sargisson, Chris & Maureen Lyons, **Southern:** John & Janet MacManus, Mike & Judy Prendeville,

**OTHER NEEDS Auckland:** Mark & Elizabeth Stolten, Allen & Judy Carneiro, Gillian Puch, Joseph Gomes, Allan Carvalho, Blanche Fernandes, Peter Dalgado,

**HEALING CANCER Auckland:** **Blenheim:** Carol Cullimore, David Aberhart, **Christchurch:** Mary Anngow, Robin Corbett, Kerry Fordham, Trevor Wall, **Southern:** Christine May,

**HEALING HEART Auckland:** Isabel Morais, **Central:** Paul Oliver, **Blenheim:** Chris Fredericks, **Christchurch:** Dorelle Ham, Undine Cavanagh, Philip Middlemiss, Niul Kay, Andre'a Forster,

**HEALING Auckland:** Annette Carvalho, Winona D'Costa, Olivia Fernandes, Lucy Misquita, Blanche & Denis Hollingsworth, Cheryl Donald, Mira D'Souza, Peter D'Souza, Delia D'Mello, Fr John Rea, Maria dos Anjos D'Souza, Bruce Donald, Rosana Kuresa, Thomas Hong, Vimath Sequeira, Karyn Coutinho, Manuel Lobo family, Michelle Amaral, Alwin D'Souza, Eddie, Cynthia, Clyde D'Souza, Joan Lobo, Christopher Dalgado, Pam D'Souza, Christie D'Costa, Grace Collins, Alfred Saldanha, Philomena Coutinho, Arca Fernandes, **Central:** Stephanie O'Connell, Sharon Powick, Michael Powick, Jacob Muollo, Henri Zalamea, Aly Fernandes, Rae Taylor, **Blenheim:** Peter Greig, Josiah Greig, Grace Weston, Mike Garrett, Anita Fredericks, Judith Rodgers, Barbara Ryan, Jamie Rodgers, **Christchurch:** Lisa Borkus, Karin Van Doorn, Chris Aston Grieve, Veronica Foley, Siobhan Forster, Bernie Black, John Murray, Chris Lyons, Monica Haughey, Mikyla Challies, Bronwyn Harborne, Pauline Marsden, Ian Hamilton, David Black, David Marsden, **Southern:** Fr Merv McGettigan, Daniel MacManus, Steven & Judy Homes & Family, Pat Forster, Rhoda Woodfield, Alan McKenzie, Judy Prendeville,

**BEREAVEMENT Auckland:** Peter Stoddard & Family, **Central:** Rosemarie Buladaco, **Southern:** Florence Quigley & Family,

**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 the Ashburton Group in Christchurch.

***“I have made you a Watchman” Ezekiel 33: 7***