

# The Lamb of God Chronicle

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## BIG EARTHQUAKE CAUSES MORE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO CLUSTER AND CENTRE

This section of the Chronicle was to have been 'Reflections' but this month we have an enforced change! Instead you are getting my experience of a traumatic incident in which our house 'rocked and rolled' in several directions at once- yet did not fall. And that in itself is a miracle as the earthquake register has now exceeded 5,100 aftershocks since 4 September.

On Tuesday 22 February Bruce Yocum and I were in a meeting in our home when a powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake absolutely rocked the house. The epicentre was eight kilometres away, and the depth a very shallow five kilometres. The force of the earthquake was such that it threw me forward across the room and onto the floor. I then jumped up, and totally ignored the much publicised recommendation to stand under a door frame during the shaking, and literally ran through the house shouting for Veronica!



I remember running through five rooms, all with swaying walls and falling items, then up the swaying stairs, without finding her. The noise was horrendous as stuff crashed and broke everywhere. I remember in all of this frantic running that I kept my eyes on the ceilings, expecting them to fall at any moment. Once I knew Veronica was not in the house I went outside and found her rolled into a ball on the garage floor. She was there to do some photocopy work. Bruce emerged from house and we stayed outside in the garden for a while before re-entering to assess damage.

The destruction has been massive and no doubt many of you have seen TV films of the devastation and tragic loss of life. Initial damage estimates sit at \$16 billion. Interestingly I have seen no TV coverage and only one newspaper because here in the Burwood cluster we have been particularly hard hit and in a few hours we enter day five of no power, no water and no sewer connections. In fact I am trying to finish this article by candle light so I can get the delayed draft to Tom Caballes in Auckland.

It is less than six months since the 7.1 magnitude earthquake inflicted damage to our home. The earthquake this week has caused more damage, not just inside but also outside, and we estimate damage this week of at least another \$30,000. However in the Burwood Cluster there is severe damage to the homes of several members and it is possible that some properties will face demolition. The Lamb of God Centre also has extensive damage to the hall and main kitchen [see photographs] additional to dozens of wall cracks and other less serious matters. Today we discovered what appears to be a serious separation crack between the hall and kitchen and where they join the main auditorium wall. We have therefore decided the hall/kitchen area is a 'no go zone' and must not be entered until a full structural engineers inspection can be undertaken. We are realistic enough to appreciate there will a long delay in such inspection as damage pertaining to this second big earthquake is expected to generate in excess of 100,000 new claims.



I have several times stated that our branch would need until February to start to recover from the September earthquake. And now this! We will need your support, prayers and love- but we will get there. We know that He who called us is faithful and true, and He is with us.

And today we learnt that Veronica's mother is hospitalised in England and near to death. By the time you read this Veronica will be in Manchester, hopefully arriving in time to be with her mum and family. LATE EDIT: Veronica's mum died today in the early hours NZ/Sunday and so it is a funeral Veronica will attend.

What a year.....

We are with you.

Roger and Veronica Foley

## OUR PEOPLE...

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

- Veronica and Roger Foley [Christchurch] and family, as Veronica's mum passed away.
- Pauline Marsden [Christchurch/Ashburton], as her brother in law has died.
- Bessie and Dominic D'Sa and family, as Bessie's brother passed away.

**[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**

### **EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - CHRISTCHURCH**

Another devastating earthquake has hit Christchurch last week. Many of our brothers and sisters' homes in the branch face various degrees of damages – and some are inhabitable. Most in the cluster area have no power, water and toilets to use and it will take some time to get them back. Some have re-located temporarily. Many offices, schools and churches have been either destroyed or damaged. Liquefaction has damaged roads and homes. A lot of their belongings have been damaged, destroyed or thrown off all over the floor. Many of our brothers and sisters are not sure of what will happen in the future regarding their homes, their workplaces, and their schools.

Many have enquired about how we can help and support our brothers and sisters in Christchurch. We are launching our Earthquake Appeal for our Christchurch Branch, similar to what we did last September. ***Can you help?***

#### **WHAT THE EARTHQUAKE FUND WILL BE USED FOR**

The fund will be primarily used for alleviating the needs of our brothers and sisters in the branch to make sure they have adequate food, clothing and shelter. The Christchurch leadership will decide on how to use the funds on an as-need basis.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

There are two ways of donating to the Earthquake Appeal:

1. Send a cheque [payable to The Lamb of God Community] to:  
Tom Caballes, 16A Parfitt St. Mt. Roskill 1041 Auckland                      or:
2. Donate directly online to:  
Bank/ Branch: Bank of New Zealand [BNZ]/ Christchurch Branch  
Account Name: Lamb of God Community  
Account Number: 02 0800 0873299 03  
Reference to use: **EQ Fund Chch** [this is important in tracing your donations]

If you want a receipt to be given to you, please make sure you inform Tom about your donation, either by cheque or online. For cheques, just write 'Christchurch Earthquake Fund' on the envelope itself or on a piece of paper inside. This will help in reconciling our accounts and tallying all contributions of individuals and by branches.

#### **PRAYER**

Please pray as well that the aftershocks will stop so that our brothers and sisters can start rebuilding their lives.

## JEAN BARBARA AND BRUCE YOCUM MEET PACIFIC LEADERS

Early in February the Christchurch Branch hosted the first ever major gathering of all main leaders of the Lamb of God National Community. The near seventy leaders were joined by leaders from the Patmos Community [Suva, Fiji] and Cornerstone Lamb of God Community [Nadi, Fiji] and the occasion was to welcome Jean Barbara [Beirut, Lebanon], the International President of the Sword of the Spirit, and Bruce Yocum [London], the Pacific Region President, to visit the Lamb of God. We have never gathered so many of our leaders together previously, mainly due to the high cost of travel between the North and South Islands. However the National Coordinator Council approved a budget of \$10,000 last July to 'gather the leaders' during Jean's February visit. We believe that such a gathering would be a great opportunity to strengthen the region and focus our leaders in their service of the Lord.

The gathering was indeed a blessing of inspired talks, rich fellowship, deep sharing, and joyful worship. On the Saturday evening we concluded our assembly with a relaxed wine and cheese social. The Lord is good.



## NATIONAL COMMUNITY APPOINTMENTS



In February the Lamb of God Community added four younger leaders to the National Coordinator Council and confirmed other service appointments to give deputy leadership coverage in regions and appointment of a person to lead the formation process in Wellington. *[From L to R: Mark Challies, Mike Cullimore, Tom Caballes and Harry Lowe]*

### **The revised list of National Council Coordinators is-**

Roger Foley [Senior Coordinator]  
 Andre Geelen [Deputy Senior Coordinator]  
 Greg Hall  
 Tom Caballes  
 Harry Lowe  
 Bill McElhinney  
 Mike Cullimore  
 Robert Van Doorn  
 Mark Challies  
 Alan McKenzie

### **The National Council Executive Group is-**

Roger Foley  
 Andre Geelen  
 Bill McElhinney

### **Regional Coordinators and Deputy Leaders are-**

Auckland Region	Greg Hall and Harry Lowe
Central Region	Andre Geelen and Tom Caballes
Blenheim/Nelson Region	Bill McElhinney and Mike Cullimore
Christchurch Region	Roger Foley and Robert Van Doorn
Southern Region	Alan McKenzie [on going coverage discussion]

### **Wellington Branch Formation**

Tom Caballes and the Wellington Branch Leadership Team

## ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP AT WAIPARA

The Christchurch Branch, with guests from Pleasant Point and Blenheim, plus Bruce Yocum from London, enjoyed another great Community Camp at Waipara over the February 11-13 weekend. The tradition of 'no teachings- just relate' was again the norm as families and singles came together to enjoy each other's company in the relaxed environment of fellowship, games, water slides, flying fox, football and more. A great weekend had by all.



## I-PRAY IS EXCELLENT- JUST 9 LEFT.....

We will soon have sold all available stock so if you are *thinking* about purchasing a unit [\$40.00] then act now! From the current stocks we have sold units to community members in Taiping and Penang [Malaysia] and Suva [Fiji]. A good friend of mine who is the senior pastor of a local church has also ordered one. And on top of all of the prayer features you have embedded over sixty powerful songs you can sing along or learn!



Roger @ [Lamb\\_of\\_God@clear.net.nz](mailto:Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz)

## CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion by Tom Caballes

### Heart Check: Full of What?

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*For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart. [1 Samuel 16:7]*

Usually, we are caught with the grind of daily living and sometimes we do things or think of things without really going deeper about it. We grumble, we resent, we do things just to please people or not to offend them – the list can go on and on. But at the end of the day, God looks beyond what we do – He is also concerned with our attitudes, our inner disposition, our intentions – He desires our hearts are to be in a good place. He wants our hearts to be full of love for Him and our neighbours.

#### So how do we make sure our hearts are in the right place before God?

1. Be purposeful in everything. Do not do things just for the sake of doing them. *So, ... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. [1 Corinthians 10:31]*
2. Offer your day to God and be mindful of your intention and goal that day: to love God and to love your neighbours.
3. Seek good environment for your heart – who your friends are, to what do you expose your heart to – TV, media, internet, etc.
4. Watch out for any forms of grumbling, deceit, dishonesty, bitterness, selfishness and malice.
5. Do not judge others. Only God can see the hearts of other people. Give them the benefit of the doubt. *Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. [1 Corinthians 4:5]*
6. Examine the condition of your heart daily – as you lie down to sleep, examine how your heart was during the day – and repent if you need to. *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! [Psalms 139:23-24]*

#### Other Scripture References

*Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. [Proverbs 4:23]*

*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart. [Proverbs 21:2]*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [Matthew 5:8]*

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [Matthew 6:21]*

*The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. [Luke 6:45]*

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [2 Corinthians 9:7]*

*Slaves, obey your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, [Ephesians 6:5-6]*

#### For Personal Reflection and Group Sharing:

1. Am I purposeful in everything that I do?
2. Do I let selfishness, malice, deceit, grumbling, bitterness and judging others in my heart?
3. How can I take care of my 'spiritual' heart better? What do I need to change?

## KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

### Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events for 2011

April 15 to 17	Pitstop Youth Conference, Blenheim
July 15 to 17	Mid-Winter V, Christchurch
July 22 to 24	Winter Oasis, Auckland
January 8-14, 2012	Summer Oasis 2012, Christchurch [tbc]

### Pitstop 2011 - 'Once for All' (1Peter 3:18)

The Blenheim Branch has started planning for the next youth event for the Lamb of God community. Pitstop 2011 will be held in April 15 to 17. Watch for this space in the future for details.

Start organising your groups to spend that weekend in Blenheim!

## WEB SITES WORTH NOTING

KAIROS South Pacific Web Site – 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.

The Kairos Media website is now available and you can find it here:

<http://www.kairos-media.org/>

### 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 [josethomascaballes@gmail.com](mailto:josethomascaballes@gmail.com). Each issue is closed around the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 -

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

### **BIRTHDAY INFORMATION**

[day and month, but year is optional] Branch leaders are asked to keep updated records and email all new attendee additions to –

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[3] The Chronicle has a national and international mailing schedule. If you know of others wishing to be added, notify [Lamb\\_of\\_God@clear.net.nz](mailto:Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz).

### *Birthdays for March - Happy Birthday!*

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>
Debbie Anngow	03/03	Christchurch
Kerry Fordham	03/03	Christchurch
Rhys D'Sa	04/03	Auckland
Jun Briguera	05/03	Central
Dwayne Lobo	06/03	Auckland
Terry Greig	07/03	Blenheim
Noreen Tod	07/03	Ch/Ashburton
Therese Sison	07/03	Wellington
Renita Martis	08/03	Auckland
Judith Rodgers	08/03	Blenheim
Luiza Antao	09/03	Auckland
Adam Lyons	09/03	Christchurch
Rosalie Barber	10/03	Nelson
Reena Fernandes	10/03	Auckland
Lisa O'Malley	10/03	Central
Rishabh Baptista	10/03	Auckland
Lisa Borkus	11/03	Christchurch
John Murray	11/03	Christchurch
Malaika Sequeira	11/03	Christchurch
Terry Westbury	11/03	Nelson
Jacob Kahonde	12/03	Auckland
Ray Muollo	12/03	Nelson
Bernard Forster	14/03	Christchurch
Gidget Mendonca	14/03	Auckland
Brian Hewer	14/03	Blenheim
Peter O'Connell	14/03	Nelson
Gareth Mendonca	15/03	Auckland
Mark Jackson	15/03	Blenheim
Christine O'Neill	15/03	Blenheim
Mark Stolten	16/03	Auckland
Marie Burke	18/03	Christchurch
Shalini Saldanha	19/03	Auckland
Winniefred Fernandez	19/03	Auckland
Lito Samson	19/03	Central
Robert Roxas	20/03	Central
Kathleen Black	21/03	Christchurch
Rachelle Dekker	22/03	Blenheim
Biju Joseph	22/03	Auckland
Vilma Lorca	22/03	Christchurch
Sophie Lyons	22/03	Christchurch
Petronella Kahonde	23/03	Auckland
Lote Masara	23/03	Christchurch
Colleen Gorman	23/03	Ch/Ashburton
Joshua Tham	24/03	Auckland
Ishaan Castelino	25/03	Auckland
Grace Challies	25/03	Christchurch

Roger Foley	26/03	Christchurch
Nathan Lowe	26/03	Auckland
Rina D'Souza	27/03	Auckland
Patrick Morais	27/03	Auckland
Fleur Carvalho	28/03	Auckland
Sarah O'Malley	30/03	Central
Charlotte Walker	30/03	Blenheim
Mikyla Challies	31/03	Christchurch

***Wedding Anniversaries for March  
Happy Anniversary!***

NAMES	DATE	BRANCH
Popong and Vilma Lorca	02/03	Christchurch
John and Dora Tham	03/03	Auckland
Tony and Lisa Borkus	06/03	Christchurch
Nui and Lisa O'Malley	11/03	Central
John and Kathleen Murray	16/03	Christchurch
Orencio and Riza Gueco	25/03	Central
Michael and Florence Quigley	30/03	Southern

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

### **Fight the good fight**

We live in a time when people demonstrate against wars and like in Vietnam where protest brought about an end. Again in Iran and Afghanistan protest is a part of the situation as people seek for peace. Protest is a way people show they are tired of war, a fear of nuclear holocaust and many seek for governments to reduce armaments. Christians are called to be peacemaker [Matthew 5: 9], to love and be reconciled to God and one another. Jesus calls for his followers to love and reconcile all people, not to hate, kill or destroy.

**Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.**

***1 Timothy 1: 18-19 NIV***

Our fight is not against men nor with bombs and guns but our battle is very real against the powers of darkness. Our enemies are not people but the wicked spirits and evil of the powers of darkness. There is a battle going on in the spiritual realm so as Christians we are called to 'fight the good fight'. In 1 Timothy 1: 18 the word 'fight' means 'to make war' or 'to wage war'. The battle is in this world but is a spiritual battle not physical. Importantly this fight will be difficult as it is real but its results have eternal consequences. Together let us 'fight the good fight' and keep the faith to reap the crown of righteousness.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Prayerwatch then please send them to me at 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], protect and bless their life and mission.

### **FAMILY**

**Auckland:** Keith & Rohini Lewis, Jo & Anila Collins, Bernie MacNevin, Peter Celestine, Yvonne D'Souza, Basil & Reena Fernandes, Joseph & Teresa Gomes, Dominic, Sandra & Francis Rajkumar, Caedmon & Nicky Rebello, Lionel & Carol D'Souza, Peter & Margaret Stoddard, Stanley & Teresa D'Souza, Lovlin & Honorine Franswah, Neville & Karen Coutinho, George & Dorothy Fernandez, Carol & Christopher Fernandez,  
**Central:** Jun & Angie Briguera, Henri & Cutie Zalamea, Rose Buladaco, Joel & Tiza Sison, **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,  
**Southern:** John & Janet MacManus, Richard & Christine May,

### **HEALING CANCER**

**Auckland:** Marinelle Misst, Maryanne Hall, **Blenheim:** Carol Cullimore, David Aberhart,  
**Christchurch:** Fr Paul Duncan, Mary Anngow, Robin Corbett,

### **HEALING HEART**

**Auckland:** Alfred Saldanha, Maria dos Anjos D'Souza, **Central:** Paul Oliver, **Blenheim:** Chris Fredericks, **Christchurch:** Dorelle Ham, Undine Cavanagh, Philip Middlemiss,

**HEALING**

**Auckland:** Thomas Hong, Edward D'Souza, Elise D'Souza, Cheryl Lobo, Jesse & Peter Delgado, Fatima Joy, Collin & Vimath Sequeira, Ruby Lowe, Tili Leatitagaloa, Lovlin Franswah, Cynthia Braganza, Manuel Lobo, Dominic Braganza, Alwin D'Souza, Maureen Lowe, Sean & Teresa Joseph, Teresa D'Souza, Annette Carvalho, Winona D'Costa, Olivia Fernandes, Lucy Misquita, Blanche & Denis Hollingsworth, Mary Surrey, Cheryl Donald, Mira D'Souza, Warren Holliday, Jemima Rebello, Peter D'Souza, **Central:** Stephanie O'Connell, Sharon Powick, Michael Powick, Jacob Muollo, Henri Zalamea, Aly Fernandes, **Blenheim:** Peter Greig, Josiah Grieg, Grace Weston, Mike Garrett, Micah Rodgers, Anita Fredericks, Jamie & Judith Rodgers, **Christchurch:** Lisa Borkus, Karin Van Doorn, Chris Aston Grieve, Veronica Foley, Siobhan Forster, Andrew Black, Bernie Black, John Murray, Moira McMahon, Maree Coutts, Chris Lyons, **Southern:** Fr Merv McGettigan, Daniel MacManus, Steven & Judy Homes & Family, Pat Forster, Michael Quigley,

**BEREAVEMENT**

**Auckland:** Gerard & Delia D'Mello, Bessie & Dominic D'Sa, **Central:** Michael & Diane Staite, Jun & Angie Briguera, **Christchurch:** Kath & John Murray,

**OTHERS NEEDS**

**Auckland:** Keith & Rohini Lewis & Family, Mark & Elizabeth Stolten, Bob Misst, Greg Hall, Alwin D'Souza, Allen & Judy Carneiro, **Christchurch:** Colleen Gorman & 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], Ashburton Group, Christchurch,

Preparations, Travel, God's blessing and protection to our brothers and sisters in the Christchurch branch, etc.

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