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REFLECTIONS

Lysanne: a short life, a lasting impact.....

Marcello and Lysanne came into our lives about two months ago. Lysanne died a few days ago riddled with extensive cancer but her impact upon me, and many others, will be long lasting. Marcello and Lysanne were connected to a small Pentecostal Church in Kaikoura. We have members in that church. Tai and De, our members, alerted us to their situation when Lysanne was transferred to Christchurch Hospital. The Lord moved Darren Humphries, supported by his wife Julie, to engage this family and to encourage our branch in contact and prayer. A group of us responded.

Marcello and Lysanne, together with their ten month old baby Athena, attended a December community gathering for worship and to receive prayer. Mum and dad, Stan and Bev, had arrived from South Africa to support their daughter and it was a joy to also have them with us. And so began a memorable journey as the Lord 'knitted hearts' in a special way.

Three things I will not forget as the Lord brought this courageous young mum into our lives.

1. Her tranquillity and peace during suffering. Many times in her final weeks Veronica and I would quietly enter her hospital room to pray with her having been told Lysanne had had a hard day and would not be aware of our presence. Wrong every time. As we gently held her hand or touched her shoulder and started to pray, her eyes would open and her lovely smile would welcome us. Every time we would whisper 'it's Roger and Veronica', uncertain of how she was going, but she would say 'I know who you are'. She would drift off to sleep as we prayed.

2. At her funeral service it was so encouraging to hear witness of how soon after walking through the door looking for a place of fellowship and relationship, she changed this little church into a 'little community'. It was Lysanne who suggested folk should stay behind after the service for tea, coffee and getting to share their lives. It was Lysanne who said 'why not start meeting together outside of services and go walking together on nice days'. Simple little things that changed a small congregation into a 'family of friends.'
3. And her passion to see her husband and her father baptized. When Lysanne became sick, her 'passion' to see her dad and her husband baptized became focussed and urgent for her. Her dad witnessed how she even telephoned him in South Africa to encourage him and to say she was praying for him. When her parents arrived in Christchurch the change in her dad was obvious. He had become a strong believer as Bev always had been. The passionate prayer of Lysanne was answered as both Marcello and Stan asked to be baptized. I was privileged to be in a position to get this facilitated for them one cold afternoon in an even colder Pacific Ocean here in Christchurch!

At the funeral I could not help but marvel how God had used this young mother so powerfully. In her brief thirty years she had loved Marcello from darkness to light and changed his life, she had brought love and relationship to her small church, she had 'prayed' her dad to become a fervent follower of Christ. And she impacted me at a point I needed it.

This girl had never given a talk, never led a big prayer meeting, never attended an international conference of leaders, never had been what we would call a 'pastoral leader'. More important than all of that - she lived every day for Jesus Christ. And that's how she became a 'teacher for Christ.' Thanks Lysanne- it was special to have met you.

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?' John 11 [25-26]

Roger Foley: Senior Coordinator

OUR PEOPLE...

Congratulations!

- To our Nelson Branch, on their 20th anniversary on February 10.

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

- Lysanne Cecchi, in Christchurch, as she went to the Lord on 15 January 2010. She is survived by her husband Mocello, daughter baby Athena and parents Stan and Bev.

[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

Summer Oasis 2010

Whew! What a week! About 75 young men and women from all over New Zealand plus some guests from Penang, Malaysia, Fiji and from Europe came together in Christchurch to attend the Summer Oasis youth conference from January 10 to 14 and the leaders' training from January 15 to 16 and it was a blast!

There were two three differences this year during the conference: one is that some weeks before the conference, participants were invited to write and compose praise and worship songs that can be used within Kairos NZ. Denver Saldanha's song was chosen and became part of the songs used during the weekend. Other songs contributed like Nicole Lim-Kwan's and Ben D'Souza's/Dan D'sa's song was performed during the night rallies. Thanks Darren for the work you have done here!

Second, suggestions from participants for a T-shirt design were held and it was Lynn Lewis's suggestion that was chosen. T-shirts were available during the Summer Oasis.

Third, we had 3 brothers from **Servants of the Word**, an international ecumenical lay Christian brotherhood, to help out during the Summer Oasis. Bruce Yocum, Tadhg Lynch and Dave Quintana [Q] contributed their part in making the Summer Oasis a great one.

Based from the feedback during the Leaders' meeting, the Summer Oasis is a huge success. Although there are some areas that can be improved, many young people thoroughly enjoyed the praise and worship times, the Bible streams, the workshops, the night rallies and the ministry time. Many young ones made significant decisions during the week that can impact the rest of their lives.

Many of them developed significant relationships and enjoyed the social activities and the night cafes. There were even discussions of Aucklanders planning to go to Pitstop in Blenheim and the Mid-Winter V in Christchurch and the South Islanders going to Winter Oasis in Auckland!

The Leaders' training session was also an excellent time for the leaders to be invigorated and refreshed and prayed for before going away to serve in their respective areas. In spite of various trying circumstances during week like international traveller's delays and sicknesses, God's work continues on in the lives of the participants!

A big THANK YOU once again to the brothers and sisters in Christchurch for all your sacrifices in hosting the Summer Oasis participants. A big THANK YOU goes to those who led the various tasks like Darren [Music], Mark [T-shirts] John and Kath [Accommodations], Robert [transport], And to all those who gave talks and led workshops, led praise and worship, served in the music teams, and did their bits and pieces to make the Summer Oasis a successful one, THANK YOU!

Summer Oasis 2010 Photo Collage



SUMMER OASIS 2010: WHAT ELSE COULD 'GO WRONG?'

Ten people from the Covenanted for Christ Community [Penang, Malaysia] were wait listed for flights to Christchurch for over six weeks, then with just hours to go six of them were given seats; a main speaker was delayed five hours by London snow when his flight was held on the tarmac at Heathrow; and another missed the same flight out of Heathrow due to snow delaying his connecting flight; a brother from Auckland had an accident and needed crutches; then two speakers fell ill, one needing hospitalization; and a Christchurch leader had basal cell cancer identified in a regular medical test; and another was hospitalized and needed nearly three hours of surgery; and oh yes, a pastor from Fiji was denied boarding access in Nadi and eventually arrived three days late! BUT- when I read the end of conference Evaluation Report from various leaders the summary stated that 'Summer Oasis 2010' was a great success and it went well. Phew.....

Roger

WANTED: SINGLE PERSON FOR YOUTH MINISTRY IN NZ AND FIJI

Last year Luan Antao [Auckland Branch] became our first 'Internal Gapper' meaning Luan served about six months in various Lamb of God Centres nationwide, followed by three months service in Fiji with the Patmos Community. The programme was a success and we are interested in offering a similar position [or positions] this year. Are you interested?

We are looking for a young man or woman from any of our branch regions. Ideally a candidate should be involved in EJ or EDGE ministries in Lamb of God. The programme will see you working in various branches and will include our sending you to serve in Fiji in the Patmos Community, Suva, and the Cornerstone Lamb of God in Nadi.

Duties will include assisting to develop and mature Encounter Jesus and youth activities, to assist families with younger children with chores and childcare, and work on special assignments from your supervisor.

Lamb of God is responsible to cover travel costs and pay you a small weekly allowance, hosting branches will cover your accommodation costs, and you are responsible for any passport and/or medical insurance costs you may choose to obtain. Candidates must also send a monthly report which may be included in the Chronicle.

Interested parties should in the first instance contact-

Roger on [03] 383 2631 or 021 817 232 or by email to: Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz

CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion by Tom Caballes

“Christian Community – Our School of Love”

February 2010

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." [Luke 10:27]

Introduction: The New Testament uses the word 'love' about two hundred times, depending on which translation we look at. It talks about 'putting off our old self and putting on a new self' [*Ephesians 4:22-24*]. Becoming part of a Christian Community is very similar to entering school or university. In what ways do the two compare?

Some Aspects of Our New 'School':

1. Our Teacher and Headmaster is not just anyone but Jesus Christ Himself.
2. We do not learn any particular subject but we learn Kingdom values, relationships and character; we learn to love and serve one another. We learn to be Christ-like in all things. And we also unlearn the 'old ways' of living and relating to one another.
3. We have one Book all the time we are learning – the Scripture, the Word of God.
4. We have 'classmates' and 'schoolmates' in the community who might have 'enrolled' earlier or later than us – they are the object of our love and service.
5. Our 'classmates' are as imperfect as we are. We need to learn to forgive them and ask forgiveness from them as the situation arises. We are called to love and serve them, in spite of their imperfections.
6. We do not earn any degree after some time – our learning in the school of love is meant to be a lifetime enrolment, until the Lord calls us somewhere else or call us home. Our graduation is in heaven, where Jesus would welcome us and say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"

Other Scripture References:

Romans 13: 14... put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh...

Romans 12: 9-21...outdo one another in showing honour...

1 Corinthians 13...if I have no love, I am nothing...

Galatians 6: 9-10...let us not tire in doing good... especially to the family of believers...

Colossians 3:5-17...put to death what is earthly in you... and put on love...

1 John 3:11-18... we ought to lay down our lives for one another...

1 John 4: 7-21...whoever loves God must love one another...

For Personal Reflection and Group Sharing:

1. What am I learning now in the 'school of love?' How much have I learned of Kingdom values, relationships and principles and have I applied them in my life?
2. What things do I need to unlearn in my life? What areas am I stubborn in learning?
3. Why am I in Christian community? What is my goal in being here?
4. Is the Lamb of God the place where God is calling me to live out my life? Am I here for the long haul, come hell or high waters?

KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

Kairos Media - Watch Out for It!

The brothers and sisters in Kairos International, the youth programme of the Sword of the Spirit, are doing initial work to put up a website where we can see media clips that are wholesome, encouraging and helpful to young people who are not only for members of Kairos throughout the world but for all the youth. The aim of the website is provide a media alternative for the young people today. It is an ambitious project and a lot of work needs to be done. But watch out for this space in the future!

Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events – 2010

April 9 -11	Pit Stop Blenheim
June 5-7	Mid-Winter V Christchurch [to be confirmed]
July 9-11	Winter Oasis Auckland
September 23-Oct 5	Fiji Mission Trip
January 9-15 2011	Summer Oasis 2011 Christchurch

WEB SITES WORTH NOTING

KAIROS South Pacific Web Site – 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.

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 - 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 .

New Lamb of God website! Visit and bookmark:

www.lambofgodcommunity.net

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 -

Tom Caballes iosethomascaballes@gmail.com
and copy to 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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GETTING CHRONICLE & OTHER NEWS BY EMAIL

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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.

FR JOHN REA MINISTRY with LAMB of GOD

Tentative Programme for the Healing Meetings 2010

AUCKLAND	April 11 to 17 [Venues to be chosen later]
NELSON	Sunday 14 November
BLENHEIM	Monday 15 November
LINCOLN	Wednesday 17 November
ASHBURTON	Thursday 18 November
RANGIORA	Friday 19 November
LAMB of GOD Chch	Saturday 20 November
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2010 FIJI MISSION-REGISTER NOW AS CLOSE OFF DATE IS 31 MARCH

This trip will include a twelve day Mission Trip comprising formation, leadership training, learning teamwork and practical living skills, and giving service in mission and works of mercy in local situations. It will include a combined weekend retreat with our brothers and sisters from the Patmos Community, and working with the Lamb of God Nadi Community.

Departure date Thursday 23 September [school holidays start next day] **Return date** Tuesday 5 October, within the school holidays

Accommodation will be at a premium and we are ideally looking to sign up a numerically balanced team of brothers and sisters.

NEW FEATURE will be the integrated inclusion of single guys and gals household flats with brothers and sisters from Patmos Community, Suva and Cornerstone Lamb of God, Nadi

What is the cost likely to be?

We will again equalize costs so everyone pays the same regardless of location. This will include a small levy towards extending the supervisory team to four. At this point [without applying any fundraising] please budget on \$1,600 per person. That means setting aside just over \$30.00 a week from now! I will even save it for you if you send it to me!

To date we have 5 guys and 5 girls signed up!

If you wish to advance register please advise *now* by calling Christchurch 383 2631, or mobile 021 817 232, or email to Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz

Birthdays for February

SURNAME	NAME	BIRTHDAY	BRANCH
D'Sa	Dave	02/02	Auckland
Hall	Greg	02/02	Auckland
Misquita	Aidan	02/02	Auckland
Garrett	Cheryl	03/02	Blenheim
Greig	Peter	03/02	Blenheim
Mathetha	Ngonigzashe	04/02	Blenheim
Crocker	Carole	06/02	Nelson
Mathetha	Abiot	06/02	Blenheim
Rebello	Caedy	06/02	Auckland
Menezes	Sherwyn	08/02	Auckland
Cammell	Michelle	11/02	Auckland
Roberts	Cassie	11/02	Christchurch
Lowe	Maureen	12/02	Auckland
D'Souza	Ivan	13/02	Auckland
Pinto	Tamara	13/02	Auckland
Quigley	Florence	13/02	Southern
Matthews	Juliet	14/02	Christchurch
Rebello	Isaac	15/02	Auckland
Sequeira	Maria	15/02	Christchurch
Carvalho	Annette	17/02	Auckland
Aguinot	Lilibeth	19/02	Christchurch
D'Souza	Rachel	19/02	Auckland
D'Souza	Stanley	19/02	Auckland
Stolten	Elizabeth	19/02	Auckland
Garrett	Joshua	20/02	Blenheim
Dalgado	Peter	23/02	Auckland
Ryan	Barbara	25/02	Blenheim
Machado	Alistaire	26/02	Auckland
Machado	Ashton	26/02	Auckland
Homes	Emily	27/02	Southern
Quigley	Michael	27/02	Southern
Misquita	Cosmos	27/02	Auckland
Antao	Luan	28/02	Auckland
Homes	Steven	28/02	Southern
Lobo	Joan	29/02	Auckland

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of February

SURNAME	NAMES	DATE	BRANCH
D'Souza	Ivan Sheila	02/02	Auckland
Lyons	Chris Maureen	04/02	Christchurch
O'Neill	Kerry Christine	10/02	Blenheim
Oliver	Paul Christine	12/02	Central
Carvalho	Allan Sharmilla	15/02	Auckland
Pinto	Bradley Chryslyn	19/02	Auckland
Patrao	Martin Hazel	23/02	Auckland
Crocker	Carole Andy	28/02	Nelson

PRAYERWATCH: SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE

As we start a new year it is good to look at what happened on the Prayerwatch last year. Last year [2009] we had 58 new listings [been 80 the last few years] on the Intercession Section with 48 coming off [been 60 the last few years], meaning we started the year with 117 on and ended with 126 on the list. Of the 58, 30 went on the Healing Section, 7 went on the Family section, 11 families were affected by the death of a loved one going on the Bereavement Section and the rest over the other three sections.

At the end of 2009 of the 126 on the Intercession list Auckland had 64 [50%], Central [Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Nelson] 14 [12%], Blenheim 15 [12%], Christchurch 27 [21%], Southern [Timaru and South] 7 [5%]. The 58 requests to go on the list last year came from: Auckland 32 [56%], Central 5 [9%], Blenheim 7 [12%], Christchurch 12 [21%], Southern 2 [4%].

Looking at the number of Covenant members in the Community shows, Auckland [54%], Central [8%], Blenheim [10%], Christchurch [24%], Southern [4%]. God is calling us to take a stand as in the prophetic word given from January till June 2009, the theme of spiritual warfare was in 39 words. From July to December 2009 another 36 words were received with encouragement to spiritual warfare. Back in June we had an increase in the prophetic word calling us to spiritual warfare as a warning of an attack on the "Lamb of God" Community.

As Nehemiah rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem to protect the people of the city so God is calling us to build a spiritual wall [Prayerwatch] around our families and our Community to protect us from the evil that continues to invade our world more intensely. The 'Lamb of God' has around 200 Covenant members and there are 168 hours in a week and we are trying to cover 144 hours outside of Sunday but we still struggle. With many Underway members taking an hour we really need to ask ourselves, is God calling me to be apart of the Prayerwatch? Am I protecting the "Lamb of God" and my family by being involved or am I leaving it to somebody else to stand in the gap? Some branches are doing well while apathy is affecting others.

Hours covered on a 144 hour week we have 119 hours [82%] covered and 25 hours [18%] uncovered. Regions cover the following hours, Auckland 38 [26%], Central 25 [17%], Blenheim 14 [10%], Christchurch 31 [22%], Southern 8 [6%].

If we are not taking our place on the Watch, we need to ask ourselves if we are being fair to our fellow members by not standing in the gap. We are asking members to take a time that suits when their branch is doing the Watch, not to take difficult times. Let 2010 be the year we have more people doing the Watch than there are hours in the week and contact your branch Prayerwatch leaders or talk with your pastoral group leader and take your place patrolling the wall surrounding the "Lamb Of God".

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Prayerwatch then please send them to me at alan.mckenzie@clear.net.nz 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 Community & Lamb of God Nadi Branch, [Fiji], 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, Gladys Gomes, Bernie MacNevin, Peter Celestine, Yvonne D'Souza, Basil & Reena Fernandes, Ivan & Sheila D'Souza, Joseph & Teresa Gomes, Elizabeth Locke, Dominic, Sandra & Francis Rajkumar, Wayne & Michelle Cammell, Caedmon & Nicky Rebello, Lionel & Carol D'Souza, Alwin & Mira D'Souza, **Central:** Orencio & Riza Gueco, Jun & Angie Briguera, Cutie Zalamea, Rose Buladaco, **Blenheim:** Jamie & Judith Rodgers, Mark & Mary Jackson, Mike & Cheryl Garrett, **Christchurch:** Roger & Veronica Foley, Robert & Karen Van Doorn, Darren & Julie Humphries, Bev Cummins, Philip & Alison Middlemiss, Lesley Tilston, Bernard & Andrea Forster, **Southern:** John & Janet MacManus, Richard & Christine May,

PREGNANCY

HEALING CANCER

Auckland: Christine Pinto, **Central:** Bryan Scoullar, **Blenheim:** Carol Cullimore, David Aberhart, **Christchurch:** Margaret Considine, Fr Paul Duncan, Josie Uren,

HEALING HEART

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

HEALING

Auckland: Thomas Hong, Edward D'Souza, Ceejay Rodrigues, TJ Brown & Samuel, Elise D'Souza, Valerie Menezes, Cheryl Lobo, Kati Cammel, Jesse & Peter Delgado, Fatima Joy, Audrey Cabral, Collin & Vimath Sequeira, Ruby Lowe, Tili Leatitagaloa, Philomena Lobo, Susan Dias, Lovlin Franswah, Sheila D'Souza, Cynthia Braganza, Dorothy Fernandez, Manuel Lobo, Joel Tham, Nathan Coutinho, Dominic Braganza, Alwin D'Souza, Maureen Lowe, Grace Collins, Sean & Teresa Joseph, Teresa D'Souza, Annette Carvalho, Winona D'Costa, Glynnis Fernandes, Marinelle Misst, Olivia Fernandes, Lucy Misquita, **Central:** Stephanie O'Connell, Raphael (Bubbles) Rufino, Alice Rufino, Sharon Powick, Michael Powick, Jacob Muollo, Henri & Cutie Zalamea, **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, David Black, Siobhan Forster, Andrea Forster, Catherine Roberts, Andrew Black, Bede Haughey, , John Murray, **Southern:** Fr Merv McGettigan, Daniel MacManus, Steven & Judy Homes & Family, Pat Forster, Michael Quigley,

BEREAVEMENT

Auckland: Allan & Sharmilla Carvalho, **Blenheim:** Gail Price & Family, Julia Dekker and Family, **Christchurch:** Chris Ashton-Grieve,

OTHERS NEEDS

Auckland: Keith & Rohini Lewis & Family, Mark & Elizabeth Stolten, Bradley Pinto, Bob Misst, Greg Hall, Christine Fonseca, Alwin D'Souza, Allen & Judy Carneiro,

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, Life in the Spirit Seminar, Pre-J, Auckland, February.

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