

The Lamb of God Chronicle

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REFLECTIONS: 'You are my Hiding Place O Lord.....'

Some years ago Lamb of God was privileged to host the singer John Michael Talbot and a team from the Brothers and Sisters of Charity, Little Portion Hermitage, to New Zealand. During this visit, we organized two 'events:' [not really what you would call 'concerts'] one in Christchurch and the other in Auckland, and both in large Pentecostal auditoriums. The events were a great success and wonderfully presented to large and enthusiastic audiences.

At times in our lives most of us would probably be able to recall 'gems from God'- those totally unexpected, spine chilling, hair raising, special moments of 'encounter' with something special and spiritual touching our deepest inner core. Yes? I was blessed with one such unforgettable encounter as I worked with my friend Philip inside Beulah Christian Fellowship Auditorium checking systems as John Michael was to sing there that night. I remember John and his team being somewhere way across the other side of the darkened auditorium, I remember Philip and I being near the entrance foyers.

It was quiet and it was dark. And then.....

John Michael, unknown and certainly unseen to us, had found what he needed and had plugged in. Then across the darkness came the filling of the Beulah auditorium with a guitar skill and voice resonance that I will remember forever. It was awesome and special-

Psalm 32

You are my Hiding Place O Lord. You saved me in my distress

You are my Hiding Place, You saved me from distress

You surround my soul with cries of deliverance

Let every good man pray to You, in his hour of need
 Flood waters may reach high, But him they shall not reach
 Let every good man pray in his hour of need

You are my Hiding Place O Lord
 You gaze into the secrets of my soul

A hidden secret wastes my frame, I groan through the night and cry through the day
 I will confess my sin, my guilt I will not hide, I will confess my pride
 And God will forgive

You are my Hiding Place O Lord.....

I thank the Lord for that moment, those many years ago, when He prepared me for many challenges through that moment of pure gift and grace in hearing the words of John Michael Talbot as he sang 'Hiding Place' in the darkness of that auditorium. In a sense no-one else was there, no audience, no crowd, just God at work preparing an unsuspecting heart.

Roger Foley: Senior Coordinator

PS - An apology as my usual other contributions to the Chronicle are not present this issue; I have been sidetracked!

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. Happy is the one whom the LORD does not accuse of doing wrong and who is free from all deceit. When I did not confess my sins, I was worn out from crying all day long. Day and night you punished me, LORD; my strength was completely drained, as moisture is dried up by the summer heat. Then I confessed my sins to you; I did not conceal my wrongdoings. I decided to confess them to you, and you forgave all my sins. So all your loyal people should pray to you in times of need; when a great flood of trouble comes rushing in, it will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will save me from trouble. I sing aloud of your salvation, because you protect me. The LORD says, "I will teach you the way you should go; I will instruct you and advise you. Don't be stupid like a horse or a mule, which must be controlled with a bit and bridle to make it submit." The wicked will have to suffer, but those who trust in the LORD are protected by his constant love. You that are righteous, be glad and rejoice because of what the LORD has done. You that obey him, shout for joy!

OUR PEOPLE ...

Congratulations!

- To Analise Borkus [Christchurch], for her first place finish in the level 5 category in Canterbury Gymnastics Championships. See a short article and photos below.
- To Francesca Humphries [Christchurch], whose entry has won a bronze medal at the 40th World School Children's Art Exhibition. See photo on the following pages.

[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

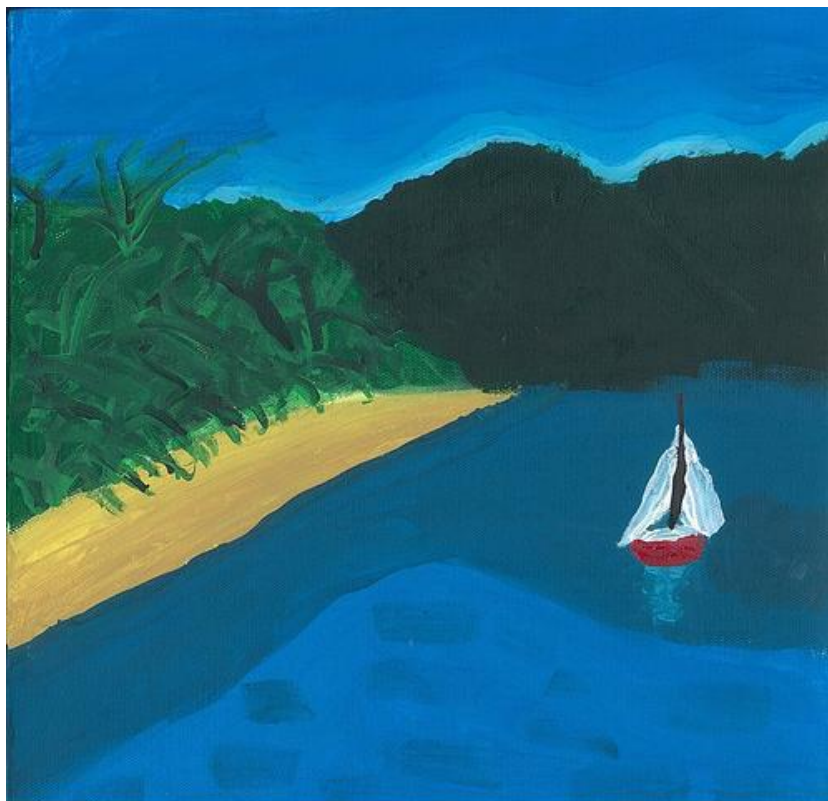
Analise the Gymnast

Analise Borkus [Christchurch Branch] attended a two day Canterbury Gymnastics Championships event held in Christchurch. She was able to finish in first place in the Level 5 category (Level 1 is for littlies and 10 is the highest a gymnast can go to) and in doing so will be eligible to represent Canterbury at the National competition in the next school holidays. She gets a few days off training and then prepares for the South Island Champs in Timaru in a month's time.



Auckland Conference on Ecumenism

The Auckland Branch held a conference on Ecumenism from July 24 to 26 and Bruce Yocum spoke to the branch on topics such as 'Our Call and Challenge', 'The Ecumenism of the Churches', 'Our Ecumenical Approach' and 'Meeting the Challenge.' He then spoke about 'Ecumenism and Community' in the combined gathering on Sunday.



Francesca's Art Work

On the left is Francesca's entry that won a bronze medal at the 40th World School Children's Art Exhibition.

Congratulations Francesca!

Lamb of God Men's, Sons and Grandsons Weekend Camp

HANMER SPRINGS AA PARK

Friday to Sunday September 18-20, 2009

Friday	Arrive	Arrive before 8-00pm [no meal provided]	
	8.00 pm	Fellowship/tea and coffee/social time	
	8.45 pm	Prayer and Scripture Reflection	[Nelson]
Saturday	7.45 am	Morning Prayer and Intercession	[ChCh]
	8.30	Gourmet Breakfast @ 'Café Marko Challies'	
	9.15	Praise and Worship	[ChCh]
	9.45	'Being a Christian Man' then small groups	[Blenheim]
	10.45	Coffee/refreshments/morning tea	
	11.00	'Christian Decision Making' small groups	[Nelson]
	Noon	Gourmet Lunch @ 'Café Marko Challies'	
	1.00pm	Fellowship and Multiple Choice Recreation	
	5.00	Church Services [local churches]	
	7.00pm	Lord's Day and Testimony	[Southern]
Sunday	8.30pm	Prayer Meeting and Ministry	[Blenheim]
	9.45	Fellowship, Board Games and Supper	
	7.30 am	Morning Prayer and Intercession	[ChCh]
	8.30	Gourmet Breakfast at 'Café Marko Challies'	
	10.00	South Island Branch Action Plan	[Roger]
	10.45	Prayer, Exhortation, and Witness	[ChCh]
	11.30	Clean up, pack up, and pack vehicles	
	Noon	Gourmet Lunch @ 'Café Marko Challies'	
	2.00 pm	Departures, Hot Pools, or whatever	

BROTHERS- WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What to bring: Recreation clothing, swimming gear, rain coat, toiletries and towels, sleeping bag or bedding and pillow, Bible, notebook, and any musical instrument you might have.

Camp costs: Adults \$45, Youths aged 16 & under \$20

Payable to Roger, before or at the Camp

Cheques should be payable to Lamb of God

Note: for those wanting chalet/motel accommodation there is limited availability @ \$60 per person rather than \$45. Share four. However this is limited and you need advise RAF urgently.

Food Costs: Additional to above is 15 per person cash to Mark on your arrival.

Transport: Contact your House Group Leader NOW if you can offer transport or need transport.

Four Ways to Register

1. Mail name, address, 'phone to: Lamb of God, Box 35 054 Christchurch
2. Give the above details to Roger, Mark, Robert or Muzz at a meeting
3. Call Roger on 03 383 2631, or by text to 021 817 232
4. Or by email to Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz

Registration money can be paid either at the Camp or in advance

BUT regos must close by **10 September** for accommodation/catering.

CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion: Tom Caballes

‘Sons and Daughters of God’

September 2009

If someone asks, ‘Who are you?’ what is your response? - Aside from the basics [name, job, residence, etc.], what identifies you most?

Our identity may be different from our own sense of identity – we may not act who we really are and we act as if we are different from who we really are. We need to develop our sense of identity as close as possible as to who we really are. But who are we? What is our most important identity? **We are God’s children - Sons and Daughters of the Most High God.**

1 John 3:1a *See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God’s children---and so, in fact, we are.*

Romans 8:15-16 *For you have not received a spirit of slavery that leads you into fear again. Instead, you have received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.*

[Other Scripture references: John 1:12-13; Galatians 3:26; Galatians 4:7]

Three Special Privileges of Sons and Daughters of God:

1. We have our Father’s authority – when we face various trials and difficulties in life and in our service, we can face them as sons and daughters who bear our Father’s authority. We can command our unruly emotions, wrongdoing, etc. We can intercede for our needs and the needs of our brothers and sisters, and reach out to others as someone who bears The King’s authority.
2. We have our Father’s access – what are the chances that you can come face to face with the Prime Minister of New Zealand? Not much. Yet, we can come to the Creator of the universe, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords - because we are His children. He understands our needs. We can have confidence in our Father – He is never too busy for us.
3. We have our Father’s inheritance – As we are God’s children, we will inherit everything that our Father has. We are like millionaires, even billionaires – in waiting. We will live with God forever and gain an inheritance that ‘will never perish, spoil or fade away’ [1 Peter 1:3-5]. Yet during these times, do we worry about our future and our finances? Do we hold on to our material things as our security? Do we fear and panic when we hear office rumours of redundancies? Are we not generous with our resources because we are not sure of our future? Do we live as paupers, anxious of our future, or as prince and princesses of God’s Kingdom?

Discussion Starters:

1. Which of the 3 privileges as sons and daughters of God [authority, access and inheritance] do I need to appreciate more and grow more?
2. In what way am I suffering from ‘spiritual amnesia’? How can knowing more my identity as a son or daughter of God change what I do? What specific steps do I need to take?

KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

Summer Oasis 2010

Something big is on the horizon... Summer Oasis 2010! We will expect some international speakers, guests and participants from Europe, Asia and Fiji! Make sure you are able to come from January 10-14 plus January 15-16 for the leaders' training.

Watch for this space next month!

Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events – 2009

Sep 12	EDGE Family Night	Auckland
Sept 24 – Oct 6	Fiji Mission trip	Fiji
Oct 03	Kairos Youth Leaders Training	Auckland
Oct 17	EDGE Family Night	Auckland
Dec 11	Kairos Christmas Party	Auckland
Jan 10-14	Summer Oasis 2010	Christchurch
Jan 15-16	S/O Leaders Training	Christchurch
Jan 17-27	Men's Summer Household	TBA

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!

We recently lost our right to use our previous domain name [www.lambofgodcommunity.com] and we secured a new name for our website. Our new website is:

www.lambofgodcommunity.net

FR. JOHN REA HEALING MINISTRY ITINERARY FOR 2009

03 -13 September	Healing Services, "People of Hope". New Jersey
14 -20 September	Healing Services, "People of God", Pittsburgh PA
21 Sept- 03 Oct	Healing Services, "Work of Christ", Lansing MI
05-31 October	Samoa; Carmelite Retreat and ministry for Archbishop Alapati
22-26 November	Christchurch/Blenheim Services with Lamb of God Community
28-29 November	Wellington Ministry/Healing Services with Lamb of God

SENDING NEWS FOR CHRONICLE PUBLICATION

Branches are encouraged to email news, photos, happenings and snippets to Tom Caballes at jsoethomascaballes@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 jsoethomascaballes@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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[2] If you are receiving this by hard copy but you have an email address, please send your email address to Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz.

[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.

Birthdays for September

SURNAME	NAME	BIRTHDAY	BRANCH
Antao	Tony	01/09	Auckland
Dias	Esther	01/09	Auckland
Franswah	Craig	01/09	Auckland
McKenzie	Margaret	01/09	Southern
Caballes	Monica	02/09	Auckland
Joslen	Mary	02/09	Christchurch
O'Connell	Ruth	02/09	Nelson
D'Souza	Maria	03/09	Auckland
Forster	Briana	03/09	Christchurch
Lobo	Manuel	03/09	Auckland
D'Souza	Peter	06/09	Auckland
Ryan	Terry	06/09	Blenheim
Staite	Michael	06/09	Nelson
Castelino	Rudy	07/09	Auckland
Pinto	Chryslyn	07/09	Auckland
Coutinho	Nathan	08/09	Auckland
Menezes	Erika	08/09	Auckland
Namay	Rhea	08/09	Central
Namay	Rico	08/09	Central
Tham	Dora	08/09	Auckland
Castelino	Veena	09/09	Auckland
Lorca	Pie-pie	09/09	Christchurch
May	Richard	09/09	Southern
Beattie	Paige	10/09	Blenheim
Joy	Charissa	12/09	Auckland
D'Souza	Chris	13/09	Auckland
Franswah	Lovlin	13/09	Auckland
Matthews	Jack	13/09	Christchurch
Samson	Maryann	13/09	Central
Dekker	Julia	14/09	Blenheim
Geneta	Von Paolo	14/09	Wellington
Pereira	Anna	14/09	Auckland
Roberts	Jimmy	14/09	Christchurch
Lyons	Connor	17/09	Christchurch
Prendeville	Judy	17/09	Southern
Challies	Kirsten	19/09	Christchurch
Hopkins	Maria	19/09	Auckland
Sequeira	Jayden	19/09	Christchurch
Elliott	Helen	20/09	Christchurch
Mendoza	Jenny	21/09	Central
Rebello	Nicky	21/09	Auckland
Fernandes	Olivia	22/09	Auckland
Collins	Noah Ray	23/09	Auckland
Fernandes	Lucio	23/09	Auckland
Pinto	Bradley	23/09	Auckland
Caballes	Ethel	26/09	Central

SURNAME	NAME	BIRTHDAY	BRANCH
Roberts	Catherine	26/09	Christchurch
Korovavala	Vula	27/09	Christchurch
Taylor	Rae	27/09	Central
Attewell	Amy	28/09	Christchurch
Carvalho	Fleur	28/09	Auckland
Dias	Vincy	28/09	Auckland
Tan	Colin	28/09	Auckland
Simento	Rose	29/09	Auckland

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of September

SURNAME	NAMES	DATE	BRANCH
Celestine	Peter Marina	09/09	Auckland
Staite	Michael Diane	14/09	Nelson
Stolten	Mark Elizabeth	14/09	Auckland
Joslen	Bruce Mary	17/09	Christchurch
Caballes	Tom Mhel	19/09	Auckland
Mariposa	Jaison Ludeth	23/09	Central
Tan	Colin Maria	28/09	Auckland

PRAYERWATCHSOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE

This month brings the 17th anniversary of the Prayerwatch and many of its soldiers enter an 18th year of service in the fight to protect the 'Lamb of God' Community and its members from the attacks of the evil one. Since starting in 1992 the foundation warriors at an hour a week have totaled 884 hours or 36 days in service, an important contribution to the life and growth of the "Lamb of God". Many other members have taken up the challenge of this vision and continue to make a similar impact by building a spiritual wall of protection around the community. In the Prophetic Word we receive at our Gatherings, God is reminding us that we are in a spiritual battle and is calling us to stand firm in this battle. In 2007 we received 33 words referring to Spiritual Warfare, followed by 49 words in 2008 and already this year 38 words have been received so God is encouraging us to build a stronger spiritual wall around the 'Lamb of God' as he called Nehemiah to rebuild the wall surrounding Jerusalem. Today we still have gaps on the Watch at hard to fill times, which can limit people's participation on the Watch. We want more soldiers to enlist so as Wellington have done by running 2 teams side by side from 6 p.m. till midnight. Make sure you are a part of a team and not a lone ranger so you receive and pass on the Watch as disciplined soldiers. **Ezekiel 22: 30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land"** The wall spoken of here is not made of stones, but of faithful people united in their efforts to resist evil. If you are not taking a place on the Watch you need to think seriously about the call for volunteers 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 Prayer Watch

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 and Sheila D'Souza, Joseph & Teresa Gomes, Elizabeth Locke, Dominic, Sandra & Francis Rajkumar, Wayne & Michelle Cammell, Caedmon and Nicky Rebello, Lionel & Carol D'Souza, Alwin and 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 & Family, Robert & Karen Van Doorn & Family, Darren & Julie Humphries, Bev Cummins, Philip & Alison Middlemiss, Lesley Tilston, Bernard & Andrea Forster, **Southern:** John & Janet MacManus, Richard & Christine May, Margaret & Alan McKenzie,

PREGNANCY

Auckland: Anila [Jo] Collins,

HEALING CANCER

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

HEALING HEART

Auckland: Alfred Saldanha, Maria dos Anjos D'Souza, **Central:** Paul Oliver, **Blenheim:** Chris Fredericks, Jamie Rodgers **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 Cammell, Jesse and Peter Delgado, Fatima Joy, Audrey Cabral, Collin and 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 and Teresa Joseph, Teresa D'Souza, **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, **Christchurch:** Lisa Borkus, Karin Van Doorn, Chris Aston Grieve, Veronica Foley, David Black, Siobhan Forster, Andrea Forster, Catherine Roberts, Andrew Black, **Southern:** Fr Merv McGettigan, Daniel MacManus, Steven & Judy Homes & Family, Sara Homes, Pat Forster,

BEREAVEMENT

Blenheim: Gail Price & Family, **Christchurch:** Imelda Van Der Werff, Andrea & Bernard Forster,

OTHERS NEEDS

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

COVERING PRAYER

National Council, Kairos Ministries, Branch Life, Lamb of God Centre, Branch Visitations, Clustering in Auckland, Ministry of Fr John Rea, Employment of Members, Light of Christ Special Ministry, Wellington branch [sickness among extended family], Luan Antao in Fiji, and

West Auckland District's Children's Life in the Spirit Seminar

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