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REFLECTIONS... Is there the danger of becoming a 'Professional Christian'?

I have often thought about the danger of my becoming a 'professional Christian'. Now what do I mean by that? Surely the longer we are involved with anything in our lives, the greater the 'danger' we can start to take it for granted, to think we know it all, to see ourselves as a bit of an authority, to cut corners and compromise on safety or quality, etc.

Does that sound familiar with things in your life? It does in mine. And why should my Christian walk be exempt from the danger of my taking it for granted [no need to watch what I say or do because I'm a Christian aren't I], my thinking I know it all [yawn- not another boring teaching to sit through], my compromising on quality [I'm too busy to be at the gathering on Sunday but I've committed my life to you - right?]

I would be crazy to risk my life on the upper regions of Mt Rolleston by thinking or acting as though I knew it all in climbing skills. I would be a goner in sixty seconds.

How refreshing to receive this email from a sister, a long time leader in Lamb of God, and to read of the Lord challenging and prompting her through a recent talk and her journey of searching of how to respond to the Lord, He who called her and loves her.

EXTRACT: 'I wanted to thank you for the talk at the gathering a number of weeks ago. You shared how the early Christians made a difference in their environment and were a witness of Christ in a culture that contradicted the principles of God. Through that I sensed God giving me the Scripture from John 13:35, "All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another" and that we too, as the Lamb of God, need to be witnesses of Christ in our world today. But I sensed with that, a need to be direct witnesses of Christ, not just witnesses of 'good people' hoping that others will somehow align our 'goodness' as coming from God and therefore recognise us as witnesses of Christ. I sensed God telling me that I need to go beyond being 'nice' to people, because there are many good people in this world and many of them don't recognise Christ. That in this day and age, being 'good, kind, and loving' to people is not enough of a witness to be witnessing Christ. I need to go beyond that. I need to be "telling" of Christ,

whether it is by telling those people I'll pray for them, or by dropping a Bible verse into conversation, or by boldly telling them that God could actually change their circumstances if they came to him in prayer. I shared much of that at the gathering when you asked the Women Leaders Council to share, but God has continued to stir it in my heart and call me on in that direction.

Along with that, I have also had a stirring in my heart of a need for me (and maybe us as individuals within the Lamb of God) to share more of the things God is doing in my life/saying to me, etc. For a long time now I have often held back from talking "God" stuff freely with those in a social setting, because I've heard a little voice in my head say, "don't talk too much God stuff because it'll look like you're trying to be holy and remember - never think yourself better than anyone else". I'm recognising now that it is a lie and find that sharing what God is doing in my life encourages others to share what God is doing with them and together we are edified at how good God is. It only seeks to build up and give God the glory.

And I strongly feel that it's our sharing of God 'stuff' that makes us different from the "good" people in this world. They can share good and wholesome things but often fall short of giving the glory to God, which is what we can do as Christians. And for that reason, I believe it is vital for us to share the "God" stuff in our house groups even if it's only to say that we're really struggling with it, because if we don't, we become no different to a social support group, a health support group or any other group that meets with an incentive to share. **We belong to God as a group and that therefore is the most important thing we need to be sharing'.**

Kirsten Challies [Christchurch Branch]

No professionalism here- just a hunger to learn and grow and serve the Lord.



Roger Foley: Senior Coordinator

OUR PEOPLE ...

Congratulations!

- To the Lorca family, as Popong, Butch, Pie-pie, Blessie and Bea arrived in Christchurch to be with Vilma. Welcome to New Zealand and the Lamb of God community!
- To Philip and Alison Middlemiss, with the arrival of granddaughter Caitlin Middlemiss, new daughter of Chris and Niki. Congratulations!

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

- OG Gueco, who dad passed away in the Philippines.

[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

THIS FIJI MISSION TRIP 'HAD IT ALL.....'

The September-October Youth Mission trip was the biggest and busiest yet! Our team numbered twenty-one but with just a week to go we added seven young adults from the Cornerstone Lamb of God Nadi [Fiji] lifting our number to just under thirty- almost twice the size of any previous team. But with a God given purpose and focus from day one, and our busiest programme yet, it was a great trip.

The challenges were many, including:

- A very long first day with nine Christchurch team members needing to be up and ready to go by 5.00am for a 5.40 check in. The team eventually arrived at their base in Deuba, Fiji, by about 9.15pm same day
- Twelve Kiwi team members reporting in sick over the first three or four days [reason still unknown] and two others needing medical attention for a work related injury [paint in the eye] and severe insect bites leading to serious infection
- Making our limited budget 'stretch' to include and pay for the seven young folk from Nadi

But what a great response from our young folk! They worked really hard on the building site in demanding conditions and what a joy to see how well the Mission Station accommodation block has progressed since our last trip. God is good.



Each Mission Trip is divided into several important components, being-

- Living in close quarters in guys/gals 'flats', each unit having a pastoral leader responsible for order, prayer, and service
- Communal meals and working on service rosters
- Daily worship and Biblical reflection given by team members
- Pastoral Formation talks where every team member is assigned to a teaching team
- Small group discussions each day
- Evening prayer meetings, including one night with a guys/gals prayer meeting
- Working in teams to plan high activity events for Village Kids and other programmes
- Lots of recreational opportunities, including swimming, touch rugby, and net games
- And relational activities and sing-a-longs most nights, including around a massive bonfire
- And much more.....

The trip also included what we trust will be an annual event: a Combined Community Weekend for Lamb of God [NZ], Patmos Community of Suva [Fiji] and now Cornerstone Lamb of God [Nadi, Fiji].

Additional to the building work at the Coral Coast Christian Centre, and organizing the Village Kids Club, our team attended the local village church [Alpha and Omega] and thoroughly enjoyed a vibrant meeting with the villagers which included our teaching a couple of joyful songs. As is custom in Fiji, our folk were then honoured by the locals with having a generous lunch provided for us following the two hour service.

Mid week included a trip into Suva and catch up with some of the Patmos youth. And one Saturday morning the whole team, complete with guitars, went to meet up with Pastor Emosi and Timaima Kainabau and family. We had enjoyed relating with them on our past four trips to Fiji. Emosi and his family now live some distance from Deuba and he is no longer leading a church. We therefore met at his local church [Navua Christian Fellowship] which is just two doors from his home. It was a special time of joy and singing and having Tali Kainabau, his daughter, sing to us- what a voice! Emosi also went back to his house and wheeled his seven year old son over so we could all meet him. Young Gideon was hit by a three tonne truck four year ago as he played outside the village church. He is now severely disabled, unable to walk or talk- but much loved **[See the special notice regarding Gideon: page 7 Financial Appeal]**



Our busy trip concluded with two days in Nadi where we were welcomed by our new branch, the Cornerstone Lamb of God Community. Pastor Timoci and team had erected a special canopy structure with a matting base to accommodate the large number attending the community prayer meeting. It was a great day, and concluded by our hosts providing a feast of a meal for our team. There were many tears as our young people said goodbye, especially to the seven with whom we had spent many days in worship and service.

Prior to returning to Aotearoa each team member received 'Certificate of Mission Service' to add to their CV's and detailing the extent of service contributed.

Thanks to the generosity of Lamb of God members throughout New Zealand we were able to gift Cornerstone Lamb of God two electric keyboards, about forty Bibles, dozens of Children's Books and dozens of Christian Music CD's. Mike Cullimore also purchased a second hand guitar to use on this trip then gifted it to Cornerstone on departure. When added to the guitar gifted by Stephaine O'Neil last year, our Nadi group is well equipped for growth! Our special thanks to Luan, Kath and Mike for all those 'extra miles and smiles' of service.

Roger and Veronica: Team Leaders

Fiji Mission Trip Sharings

Bula! This year's Fiji Mission trip was much better than last year. And last year was great! We felt that the group got on really well and looked out for each other. For five days of the trip we prepared and presented some "Formation talks". These outlined how to talk, act and live out the gospel. One talk that particularly challenged the group was on up-building talk. Throughout the trip after the talk you could hear the words "That's negative talk" or "Up-building talk guys" coming from all of us! The talks were inspirational and packed full of useful tips on how to live like a Christian.

Some of the work we carried out while on the mission was leading a "Kids Club" education programme run for the local village kids. We also painted, sanded, and helped construct the new building going up onsite. Throughout the mission work at the Coral Coast Christian Centre (CCCC) a youth group from the Nadi Cornerstone Lamb of God came and joined us. For the 10 days we were there we got to know them really well and formed close friendships with all of them that we will treasure and strive to keep alive. We also met up with the Patmos community from Suva for the first weekend and it was great to catch up with them.



During the mission experience we attended three church services. The first at the Alpha and Omega village church next door to the CCCC, the second at Pastor Emosi's New Life church and the third at the Nadi Cornerstone Lamb of God community. At the Alpha and Omega service we ended up jumping all over the small church and singing our hearts out. At the New Life church we experienced something less upbeat but no less moving. The third we enjoyed a small session with a Lovu feast at the end of it (Lovu is when the food is cooked underground).

All through the trip we relished trips to Mama's Pizza Parlour, MacDonald's (Nadi and Suva), bus trips, shopping (Pacific Harbour, Nadi and Suva), swimming at the beach and at the Capricorn Hotel pool, the bonfire, friendships with the Australians staying at the CCCC, and good bonding time under the hot Fijian sun. And the food was choice!

We really loved the Fiji '09 Mission Trip and recommend it to everyone thinking of attending. It is a challenging experience which brings you closer to God and builds lifelong relationships.

-Mikyla Challies, Nathaniel Flynn and Clarice Flynn

Photographs

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| P1 | Roger at start of Bealey Valley track; Arthurs Pass | |
| P3 | Building Site at CCCC | Village Kids Club |
| P4 | Nat, Tim and Dan at work | Pastor Timoci, Veronica, Roger and Salaseini |
| P5 | Praying for Gideon | Navua Christian Centre |

I enjoyed being with the team in Fiji and doing things together. The Fiji people were great. I did painting on the building and enjoyed that. I bunked with Kath and Nicola, Kath was really good to me, she gave me lots of cuddles. I was shocked to see how poor some people lived, in sheds with no power - that was sad. The weather was great; I even got a bit of a tan. I loved the swimming and shopping. The travelling was long and tiring but the longest trip I have ever been on, it was worth it though. I really loved the experience and the excitement and would love to go again if I was able to.

Kirsty-Lee

Guess Who...? Were the 4 young women who were terrorised by a giant hairy cockroach while sleeping during the recent Fiji Mission trip? And who was the “Mighty Cockroach Warrior” who rescued them and afterwards disappeared into the night, just as quickly as he came?

Financial Appeal for Gideon Kainabau [refer page 4]

It was really encouraging to see our young people make a spontaneous private financial appeal for young Gideon [refer above article]. Clarice started a voluntary collection from what pocket money our folk had left with three days to home-time. By flight time the plastic bag contained \$321.00. Due to a second tsunami alert at the end of the trip it was impossible to get this money to Emosi before departure. However I was able to speak to him from an airport phone to tell him I hold the money for little Gideon and will get it to him in or before January. He was extremely grateful as they care for Gideon at home. So this is an opportunity you might wish to contribute a few dollars towards to ease the financial challenges faced by Emosi, Timaima, Tali and family in their home care of young Gideon who is immobile in a special chair. If you wish to help, please give cash in a named envelope, or by cheque payable to Roger Foley. Thank you.

Luan's Meanderings

Ni Sa Yadra! Bula Vinaka! Hello! The past month and a half of my gap year has found me in the beautiful islands of Fiji. I would love to smugly inform you that I have spent all this time enjoying much warmer temperatures and all-around sunshine Fiji is famous for. Alas! I cannot. My research on Fiji failed to include one pertinent fact – I would be arriving smack dab in the middle of Fiji’s cool season! Not only is it a lot cooler than I expected, but Fiji has been lashed with unseasonal rains over the past few weeks . So far I've experienced not tropical heat, but tropical rains! However, the weather brings with it its own brand of magic. Boiling clouds rolling in from the sea onto land, steam rising from the mountain forests after a sudden drenching on a hot day, misty mountains looming in the distance, frogs croaking (!), that special rain smell, big, fat and WARM raindrops – these have made Fiji a unique experience so far. My first week in Fiji was spent with the women of the Cornerstone community in Nadi. Getting to know the women of the community and running a one-day retreat for them, Veronica Foley and I were both truly blessed to be able to hear their stories and share in the common experience of being a Christian woman. I was humbled by the courage and faith some of the women exhibited in continuing in their walk with God – in spite of sometimes, overwhelming odds. From Nadi, I moved to Suva, to the Kado residence – which would be my home for the next three months. My time in Fiji has revolved around Patmos, their families and their youth group. In the past few weeks, I have gotten to know the lovely members of Patmos, have prayed, laughed and been thoroughly entertained by the Patmos Youth Group, made rotis for the first time (!), lost and found a dog (!), fed and looked after 4 big dogs on my own (this generally ended up being a circus), have woken up to find myself nose-to-nose with a big cockroach, killed a spider, learnt how to say ‘ Bula Vinaka’ without sounding like a foreigner, and received a marriage proposal!

I know that the next month and a half will fly, and soon it will be time to return back home to New Zealand. So until my next ‘meandering’, God bless!

House Cleaning in Nelson

Recently our son Mark bought a house along with his wife Lee and two children Evie and Flynn. Excitement quickly gave way to disappointment when they saw the dirty state of their new home. A huge job is needed with lots of cleaning and rubbish needing to be dumped. What a blessing to have community family arrive unasked, not only with cleaning gear but also a delicious lunch complete with birthday cake for Michael. What would have been a arduous job was cheered by willing and cheerful helpers. We actually ended up having fun and the joy of moving into a first home was restored. It is times like this that emphasise the loving care that is shared around within our community and we feel so blessed to be part of that. No matter where we go within the community we are welcomed with love and kindness - God is truly at work amongst us!

Diane and Michael Staite

Fr. John Rea in Wellington - A Personal Reflection

Lamb of God Wellington was so blessed by the presence of Fr. John Rea last Aug 2009. Aside from being touch by his inspiring talk on Personal Prayer, he also prayed over the whole community for what is called the Impartation of Gifts from the Holy Spirit. Brothers and sisters have felt different manifestations of the Spirit as Fr John prayed for individual outpouring. *"To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."* (1 Cor. 12:8-11).

The Holy Spirit was really at work. Fr John concluded with a prayer for healing and this too, has been a spirit-filled experience for all us.

Fr John, thank you for being an instrument of God. Thank you for being a blessing to us all. May God continue to use you powerfully in touching lives and bringing His people closer to Jesus. May God's gift to you continue to multiply and be shared among the people of God. We'll see you again in November 28-29 in Wellington.

Joel Sison

News from Fr. John Rea

In New Jersey, at a People of Hope meeting, a man and a woman stood on a call about arthritis. The Lord freed him from arthritis in his left hand, a condition he had for two years. He freed the woman from arthritis in the right hand. At a public meeting in Jersey City I prayed with a couple from Kerala. He has expertise in computer software and had been out of work for three months. I prayed with them both for speedy employment for him. They later emailed me to say that he was offered suitable employment the day after the meeting. A young woman was suffering with scabby sores all over her head and in her eyebrows as well. Her hair was coming out in tufts. Her mother stood in for her at a Mass I said at Koinonia Academy, the school that the People of Hope operates at both primary and secondary levels. In two days the sores had gone and the woman's hair was growing again. She stood up and witnessed to the healing at the end of Mass the last Sunday I was in New Jersey.

Fr. John Rea

Lamb of God Women's Weekend

HANMER SPRINGS AA PARK

Friday to Sunday November 27-29, 2009

Come and enjoy a time of worship, teaching and relaxation

Speaker- Linda Perry of Antioch Community, London

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

Camp cost Adults \$45.00, aged 13-15 \$20.00
Payable to Veronica, before or on Friday at the Camp. Cheques payable Lamb of God

Food Costs \$20.00 pp to Mary Joslen or Kath Murray

Transport Contact Helen McKenzie if you need, or can offer a ride, on 383 3639 or 021 1863307
Those seeking a ride should cost share with

Five Ways to Register

1. Mail name, address, 'phone to: Lamb of God, Box 35 054, Christchurch
2. Give the above details to Kirsten, Alison or Veronica at a gathering
3. Text Kirsten [027 4376737] or Alison [021 097633]
4. Call Kirsten [383 3298] or Alison [383 2581]
5. Email Kirsten chalganz@gmail.com or Alison a.d.m@clear.net.nz

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

BUT regos must close by 16 November for accommodation/catering

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Friday to Sunday November 27-29, 2009

Friday	Arrive	Before 8-00pm [no meal provided]	
	8.00 pm	Registrations [payment to Veronica]	
	8.30 pm	Prayer & Praise, fellowship & supper	[VMF]
		All quiet from 11 00 pm please.	
Saturday	7.00	Breakfast	
	9.00	Clean up after breakfast	
	9.30	Prayer and Praise	[Alison]
	9.45	'Celebration of Simplicity'	[Linda Perry]
	10.45	Coffee/refreshments/morning tea	
	11.00	Prayer and Praise	[Helen]
	11.15	'Serenity, more than a mask'	[Linda Perry]
	12.15	Lunch and relaxation time	[Mary]
	4.30pm	Fresh up for Church service	
	5.00	Church Service	
	6.30pm	Lord's Day & Meal	
	8.00	Evening Worship and Ministry	[Kirsten]
	10.00	Fellowship and Supper	
Sunday	7.00	Breakfast	
	9.00	Clean up after breakfast	
	10.00	Prayer, Praise and Witness	[Kath]
		Presentation: to be decided	
	11.00	Morning tea	
	11.15	Clean up and pack	
	Noon	Lunch	
	2.00	Departures, Hot pools or whatever	

CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion by Tom Caballes

“Living in the Light of Eternity”

November 2009

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:21

Introduction: Migrating Experience: Just Before Leaving

- Need to prepare; get everything ready; say our goodbyes; sort our things what to bring and what to leave behind; sell or give away belongings; buy guides and maps; get to know well our new country.
- In everything we do, what we think about is PREPARING for our new life.
- We know that everything we do now is temporary; we cannot wait until we are there; we experience excitement (looking forward) and sadness (friends and families we leave behind).

The Call of Abraham: Our CALL

Genesis 12:1 *“Leave your own country and people and go to the land that I will give you”*; like Abraham, we are also called to be exiles, wanderer, nomads, sojourners, and transients in this life.

- We are called to heaven, which is our ‘real home’; our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20); all that we are now, all that we do now is meant to be directed to our eternal call: to be with God in heaven.

Other Scripture references: John 14:2-3; 1 John 3:1-2, and Colossians 3: 1-4.

Some Areas of Our Lives: In the Light of Eternity

1. Prayer Life – connection to our destination; this is OUR LIFE – praise and worship, serving God; foretaste of the life to come; Romans 8: 23, 2 Corinthians 5:1-4: *...our inner self in groaning within us to be with the Father*; Psalm 84:1-2, 10-11; Are we too attached to the world to have no time for prayer?

2. Use of time and money –no one on a death bed wished he spent more time going after worldly pursuits; our best investment is to invest on things that will last and will really matter: God’s Kingdom – tithing and good works; generosity to our brothers and sisters and needy. As stewards, *we will leave everything behind*; we are not meant to build small kingdoms of our own.

3. Relationships in the light of eternity - God calls us to love; expressing love is very important as they are the imprints of ourselves that we will leave behind; grudges/anger /hatred/resentments/not forgiving are all EXCESS BAGGAGE we need to get rid of and leave behind (like bringing illegal substances when you migrate: these things can cause your DEPORTATION); we need to root out SIN from our lives. We need to forgive and seek forgiveness; we need to set ourselves and others free to enter God’s Kingdom.

4. Decision-making in the light of eternity - We know everything is temporary; we need to seek God’s will in all situations, in big or small decisions; our goal is to please Him; 1 Corinthians 10:31: *...do everything for God’s glory*. We need to ask ourselves: will this decision bring me closer to my goal of reaching heaven?

5. Christian community in the light of eternity - This is the support structure for our migrating process; we are with co-migrants, co-transients in this life; we experience a way of life consistent to eternal relationships including Kingdom VALUES and Kingdom CHARACTER. Christian community is our “home away from home.”

6. Evangelism and witnessing: the best gift we can give to others is heaven. We know that there is a ‘better place’ for all of us. Are we convinced how good heaven will be that we have to share it with our friends now?

For Personal Reflection:

1. Are our eyes, hearts and minds set on heaven or somewhere else? Where is our treasure?
2. Are we prepared and ready to go anytime? If we go today, do we have any regrets? Work on them now while there is still time.
3. Are we carrying ‘excess baggage’? Do we possess ‘illegal substances’ that can deport us?
4. Are we looking forward to heaven? Are we excited? Or are we too narrow minded about our daily concerns that we do not think and plan about heaven?

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, Oz, Asia and Fiji! Make sure you are able to come from January 10-14 plus January 15-16 for the leaders' training.

Our theme for 2010: **“For Such A Time as This...” from Esther 4:14:**

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

More details and rego forms are available on the website: www.kairossp.com and then go to Summer Oasis 2010 Registration.

Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events – 2009

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	Auckland

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

FR. JOHN REA HEALING MINISTRY ITINERARY FOR 2009

22-26 November	South Island Healing Services with Lamb of God Community
28-29 November	Wellington Ministry/Healing Services

SENDING NEWS FOR CHRONICLE PUBLICATION

Branches are encouraged to email news, photos, happenings and snippets to Tom Caballes at josehomascaballes@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 josehomascaballes@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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2010 FIJI MISSION-REGISTER NOW AS IT IS LOOKING LIKE A SELL OUT ALREADY!

Planning has commenced for the 2010 Encounter Jesus Mission trip to Fiji & our accommodation at the Coral Coast Christian Centre is already booked.

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.

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!

We already have a number of advance registrations! Act now.....

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 November

SURNAME	NAME	BIRTHDAY	BRANCH
McKenzie	Aleisha	01/11	Christchurch
Garvey	Beth	02/11	Christchurch
Thakur	Nikhil	02/11	Auckland
Caballes	Robert	03/11	Central
Sequeira	Vimath	03/11	Auckland
Dias	Gracie	04/11	Auckland
Lobo	Brian	04/11	Auckland
D'Silva	Shane	07/11	Auckland
Geelen	Andre	07/11	Central
Forster	Siobhan	08/11	Christchurch
McKenzie	Sarah	08/11	Christchurch
Ham	Dorelle	09/11	Christchurch
Misst	Yohann	09/11	Auckland
Braganza	Cynthia	10/11	Auckland
Lorca	Butch	11/11	Christchurch
Coutts	Maree	12/11	Christchurch
Amaral	Patrick	12/11	Auckland
Coutinho	Neville	12/11	Auckland
Coutts	Maree	12/11	Christchurch
Lorca	Popong	13/11	Christchurch
Tan	Maria	14/11	Auckland
Kahonde	Tadiwa	15/11	Auckland
Aguinot	Daniel Dominic	16/11	Christchurch
Saldanha	Chris	16/11	Auckland
D'Souza	Yvonne	17/11	Auckland
Alejandro	Miggy	18/11	Wellington
Gueco	Eunice	18/11	Wellington
Homes	Monica	18/11	Southern
May	Christine	18/11	Southern
Coutinho	Karyn	19/11	Auckland
D'Costa	Yohana	19/11	Auckland
D'Souza	Daniella	19/11	Auckland
Fernandes	Basil	20/11	Auckland
Lewis	Keith	21/11	Auckland
Machado	Steven	21/11	Auckland
Masara	Seva	21/11	Christchurch
Pinto	Patricia	22/11	Auckland
Simento	Mark	22/11	Auckland
Muollo	Raema	23/11	Nelson
Aberhart	Janet	24/11	Blenheim
Fonseca	Joyce	24/11	Auckland
Menezes	Neil	25/11	Auckland
Desouza	Deepak	26/11	Auckland
Pinto	Shayler	26/11	Auckland
Lewis	Lionel	27/11	Auckland
Nicholls	Isaac	27/11	Christchurch
Rufino	Karen	27/11	Wellington
Franswah	Ricardo	29/11	Auckland

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of November

SURNAME	NAMES		DATE	BRANCH
Sequeira	Steven	Maria	05/11	Christchurch
Castelino	Rudy	Veena	12/11	Auckland
Fredericks	Chris	Anita	14/11	Blenheim
Desouza	Deepak	Jacintha	18/11	Auckland
D'Sa	Dominic	Bessie	18/11	Auckland
Garrett	Mike	Cheryl	20/11	Blenheim
Collins	Jo	Anila	23/11	Auckland
D'Souza	Eddie	Cynthia	23/11	Auckland

PRAYERWATCH SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE

Last month I starting looking at spiritual warfare and the things we need do as part of our daily lives such as studying God's word, praying regularly and loving all people. As soldiers of Jesus Christ our lives are witnessing to His way and the Father love for all, but we need to acknowledge that Satan does not want us to know the Father's saving grace. Satan is real and fighting against God's kingdom so that we will not be saved or know a better way of life. **John 17: 15** *My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.*

We live in the world but Jesus warns us not to be of the world so we need to constantly turn our thoughts to God our Father and to keep meeting with our brothers and sisters in our small groups and community gatherings. We must also understand the outward, physical manifestations we see and are affected by are controlled by spiritual and ideological power that wants to destroy God's kingdom. As good soldiers of Jesus Christ we constantly battle the powers of darkness, sin and evil by the way we live our life, the support we receive from and give to our brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus by attending our meetings and keeping our lives in the light. God has given us spiritual weapons and a way of life in the 'Lamb of God' community, joined us to the international 'Sword of the Spirit' which helps us to remain in his Kingdom. A recent prophetic word [see below] from Christchurch highlights the gift God has given us of a spirit of praise, the importance of using this gift of praise in the way we worship and acknowledge that the battle belongs to the Lord.

Christchurch Prophecy 13/9/09

"As we were praising the Lord I had a sense of him with a mighty sword and saying I am cutting down the thorns, the thorns that the evil one has sown that strangle your life in me, as you praise me, as you enter into the deep praise of the Lord, I am cutting these thorns down so you can grow."

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 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,

PREGNANCY

HEALING CANCER

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

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, Annette Carvalho, Winona D'Costa, Glynnis Fernandes, Marinelle Misst, Olivia Fernandes, **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, Pat Forster, Michael Quigley,

BEREAVEMENT

Auckland: **Central:** OG and Riza Gueco, **Blenheim:** Gail Price & Family, **Christchurch:** Andrea & Bernard Forster,

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, Summer Oasis 2010, Women's Retreat, Hamner 27-29th November, Preparations, Travel, God's blessing on Retreat, etc.

"I have made you a Watchman" Ezekiel 33: 7