

# The Lamb of God Chronicle

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### **REFLECTIONS... 'Dwelling in the Shelter, Abiding in the Shadow, and an Earthquake that Keeps Rumbling on.....'**

On behalf of the members of the Lamb of God Christchurch Branch, I convey a sincere thank you for the prayers and concern expressed in this protracted period of earthquake activity in our city. As I write we have just had aftershock number 2033. That is a 'whole lot of shaking going on' as the singer Jerry Lee Lewis once sang. I must also say we are stunned by the generous financial response to current and upcoming needs in the aftermath of the earthquakes. We thank the various members of our branches who have responded, and also the Antioch Community of London, the Patmos Community of Fiji, the Covenanted for Christ of Penang and Taiping Malaysia, and the Servants of Yahweh Community of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. As yet we are unable to trace the donor of another generous international gift of nearly NZ\$700. But whoever you are - thank you!

The aftershocks just keep coming and we have had ten or more in excess of magnitude 5 on the Richter scale since the big 7.1 on 4 September. New damage is being reported daily from buildings which apparently survived the major earthquake on September 4. In the past few days our home has developed nearly twenty interior crack lines in walls and ceilings, plus chimney cracks. We have now needed to register for inspection with the Earthquake Commission with over 100,000 other claims on their registers as of today. We also had some upper floor 'creaking' but a later aftershock seems to have corrected the 'creak - crazy stuff indeed. Currently we have four known families in the branch with pretty serious house damage, including one in the heart of the cluster which will probably be demolished and rebuilt. It will be a couple of months before we can more clearly see the overall extent.

The government has awarded a tender to a major construction company to coordinate and fast-track the handling of approximately 50,000 damage claims in the \$10,000 to \$100,000 range. Those with estimated damage either side of that range will deal with the Earthquake Commission direct. Unfortunately we have now needed to register the

Lamb of God Centre with Earthquake Commission as our damage has now spread from the initial collapsing of the hall ceiling to the hall floor now showing substructure 'bounce', and the office centre with multiple interior cracks, and a once hairline crack running up a concrete block wall of the auditorium now noticeably widening at the top.

Our people are tired, and many folk are 'on edge' as these quakes just keep coming. Many are handling each day with still frightened children and with their school condemned that has meant relocation to another site for maybe two years. On top of that the large local Catholic Church which was attended by many from the Burwood Cluster has been condemned and now demolished, meaning the parish is now using a local school hall when available. The long time pastor of this church, Fr. Miles O'Malley, a good friend to the Lamb of God, passed to the Lord in hospital just days before the big earthquake.

Branch Sunday gatherings are continuing, but at a lower 'energy' level. However many other regular activities are at a low ebb. There is just not the energy. I predicted a month ago we might be back to a regular schedule by next February and I have no reason at this time to change that prediction.

***Psalm 91: 'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, WILL say to the Lord 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.....'***

Your continued prayers and support is appreciated.

Roger and Veronica

## NEWS AND ARTICLES

### THE LORD AT WORK IN FIJI: MISSION TRIP 2010

The September/October Mission trip was different. Previous Mission Trips have had a high, or entire, NZ composition. This trip we had 11 from NZ, 14 from the Lamb of God Nadi, and 2 from the Patmos Community in Suva, making a total of 27. This included 3 NZ and 4 Nadi team leaders. There were also new purposes to the Mission Trip agenda - being the support and building of the Lamb of God Nadi, and 'introducing' them to the established Patmos Community in Suva. The two Fijian communities are distanced by a four hour road trip. This 'connection' was mainly achieved over the final weekend of the Mission trip when three communities came



together at the Coral Coast Christian Centre for a weekend of teaching, fellowship and worship. This weekend brought together members of the Lamb of God New Zealand, Cornerstone Lamb of God Nadi [Protestant/Pentecostal] and Patmos Community [Wesley Methodist and Catholic].



Prior to moving to the main mission base at the Coral Coast Centre, the Lamb of God team spent three days in Nadi fellowshiping and working with the local community. During this time the youth connected well and in no time at all relationships were building. At the Sunday Community Gathering Roger completed the Newcomers Course with the talk on 'Our Approach to Unity'. Lamb of God Nadi has now completed The Pearl of Great Price, Kingdoms in Conflict, and the Newcomers Course. Roger also gifted funds to Pastor Timoci from member communities of the Association of Ecumenical Communities to assist in the building of

Cornerstone Lamb of God. Funds were also gifted to assist the final stages of land purchase for the purpose of growing food, and for travel visas for Timoci and Salaseini to visit Lamb of God for Summer Oasis, visiting branches, and attending a special February meeting with Jean Barbra and Bruce Yocum.

After Nadi the combined New Zealand and Nadi teams bussed to the Coral Coast Centre [three hours] for eight days of mission work in and around Deuba, daily teachings, and prayer and fellowship. At this point two members of Patmos joined our group. Our time there culminated with all of the Patmos Community joining us for the final weekend.



To close, I will comment on what I see as four significant things:

1. Lamb of God Nadi had eight young men attend the Mission Trip, six being single, and mainly in their early twenties. That is indeed encouraging.
2. If handled well, there is good potential/opportunity here.
3. Timoci highly recommends that next trip he and I visit together the interested satellite groups with whom he has links. These groups are located along the north coastal area of Viti Levu. Distance wise- Lautoka 30 minutes, Ba another 45, Tavua another 45, and RakiRaki another hour. Wow.....
4. Cornerstone Lamb of God Nadi has successfully obtained Sunday use of the Navaki Hart Community Hall for its meetings. Hart is a residential compound with twenty small dwellings housing widows and families classed 'at risk'. This means they have no supportive family to care for them, or they have been abused within family and have nowhere to live. Within the Navaki Hart Compound there is a community hall. Timoci has successfully applied to have access for Sunday use. No church has previously been allowed use but Timoci applied as a Christian



Community. In return the Lamb of God Nadi supplies fruit, vegetables and other items to the residents and takes care to keep the compound grounds in good order. All of our Mission Team leaders were impressed with this arrangement and social service. It seemed an initiative of God. Next trip Roger will seek to visit the Suva HQ of the Fiji Council of Churches to introduce our connection with Nadi and our supportive endeavors through the Sword of the Spirit.

## Auckland Spring Family Fiesta September 25

The Lamb of God Auckland Branch held its annual Spring Family Fiesta last September 25 – will a live band, games, prizes, hamper giveaways and more! The night is a major fundraising event for the branch. The evening started off with yummy dinner especially prepared and packed for all by brothers and sisters from the branch. Then the dancing rolled in – including spot prizes, ticket raffles, children’s games and more. What a great and fun night!

Thanks to the committee and the lovely service by brothers and sisters – you know who you are.



## Wellington Men Fellowship Night

On Saturday, 25th of September, the men (adult and teenagers) in Wellington had their first-ever poker night. It was held at the Capistrano household in Broadmeadows.

At first, very few knew how to play the game but the brothers were able to pick it up rather quickly. That’s when the fun began. Everyone had a blast playing the game. As the night went on, hands were won and lost and





eventually some players were eliminated. However, in the spirit of good fun, the winners would donate some of their winnings to those who lost so that they can continue playing.

In the end, we decided to play a final table to determine a champion and Robert Caballes came out as the eventual winner. Truly, it was a night of real good, clean fun,

were teenagers and adults further bonded together as one happy family.

By Miggy Alejandro

### Auckland Women's Conference September 17 to 19 Photos



## CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion by Tom Caballes

### To Love Like Jesus: Mission Impossible?

November 2010

*But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you... Do for others just what you want them to do for you. If you love only the people who love you, why should you receive a blessing? Even sinners love those who love them! **Luke 6:27-32***

Have you ever come into a point where you can't love, serve or forgive anymore? By human terms it is very difficult to love the unlovable, to forgive the unforgivable and to serve those who are undeserving. Our flesh rebels at the idea of turning the other cheek and running the extra mile for those we find hard to love. It is very hard – even impossible – to love and serve as Jesus did. Or is it?

#### So How Do We Learn to Love Like Jesus?

1. Appreciate and value what Jesus has done for you. He has loved us with His very own blood. *'Those who are forgiven little loves little, and those who are forgiven much, loves much'* [Luke 7:47]. Count often the many ways God has blessed you - everyday!
2. Decide to do the loving thing no matter how you feel. The key to becoming more loving is acting in love, not 'feeling being loving.' Love is a verb – act and do the loving thing!
3. Ask – if Jesus were in your shoes, what would He do? Then do as He would.
4. See the face of Jesus in all our neighbours. Many saints have grown to love the lepers, the poor and the 'unlovable' because they see Jesus in them.
5. Yield to the power of the Holy Spirit. God transforms and increases our capacity to love one day at a time. We will not transform overnight and become an instant saint –... *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. [Romans 5:5]* We need to be patient with ourselves – we will grow little by little, day by day.

Our capacity and ability to love others is initially determined by our human limitations and weaknesses. But God has provided for us a source of limitless capacity to love, serve and forgive – the Holy Spirit, the source of new life in Jesus. To love like Jesus is Mission – possible!

#### Other Scripture References

1. *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. **John 13:34-35***
2. *...Keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. **1 Peter 4:8***
3. *We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. **1 John 3:14***
4. *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. **1 John 3:16***

#### For Personal Reflection and Group Sharing:

1. Who among the people around me are difficult to love, forgive or serve? Why?
2. Why don't I see the face of Jesus on those who are difficult to love and serve?
3. What do I need to do more to grow in my capacity to love, especially the most unlovable?

## KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

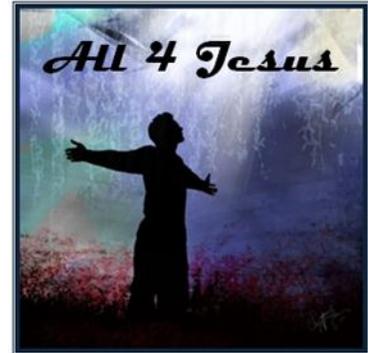
### Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events – Early 2011

January 8 -20, 2011  
January 9-15, 2011

Single Men's Household, Christchurch [tbc]  
Summer Oasis 2011 Christchurch

### Summer Oasis 2011 - 'All for Jesus'

Summer Oasis 2011 is on the way and we have less than 80 days to go! The youth conference will commence on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January in Christchurch and our theme is 'All for Jesus.' Like last year, we will have two streams – for High School leavers and for those in High School. We are also having the t-shirt design contest and song writing contest. For details, please visit [www.kairossp.com](http://www.kairossp.com) and go to the last 3 links on the left side. See you there!



### 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 [iosethomascaballes@gmail.com](mailto:iosethomascaballes@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 -

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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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## FR. JOHN REA MINISTRY with the LAMB of GOD

Programme for the South Island Prayer for Healing Meetings in 2010:

NELSON	Sunday 14 November	Combined Prayer Meeting
BLLENHEIM	Monday 15 November	Healing Meeting @7.30pm
CHRISTCHURCH	Wednesday 17 November	Mairehau Parish @7.30pm
	[Our Lady of Fatima Church - Mass then	Healing Prayer @7.30pm]
ASHBURTON	Thursday 18 November	Healing Meeting @7.30pm
RANGIORA	Friday 19 November	Healing Meeting @7.30pm
CHRISTCHURCH*	Saturday 20 November	Healing Meeting @7.30pm
CHRISTCHURCH*	Sunday 21 November	Healing Meeting @3.30pm

\* Note: Both November 20 and 21 Healing meetings will be held in the Lamb of God Centre.

## *Birthdays for November - Happy Birthday!*

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

***Wedding Anniversaries for November  
Happy Anniversary!***

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

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

Prayer is an important part of the life of a 'Soldier of Christ' as we pray for the things we need, but we are also called to pray against certain things. Firstly we pray against sin and evil which are happening in our world and around us in our daily lives. Sin and evil are displeasing to God, but also hurtful and harmful to people.

Secondly we pray against strongholds, areas where Satan has a hold over people, families, leaders or governments. The Lamb of God community has recognized apathy, witchcraft and confusion as strongholds that affect us and our way of life and the building of God's kingdom. We need to pull down these strongholds of the enemy.

Third we pray against the powers of darkness as we are in the middle of a spiritual war and there is no way we can avoid it as we are either on one side or the other- no sitting on the fence.

**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

***Ephesians 6:10-12***

This war involves the Lord and his people versus the powers of darkness. The devil especially opposes us through frustrations, sickness, temptations, etc. all things we experience in everyday life. While we seek to be obedient to God our Father and to do his will we will have to stand in this battle knowing Jesus has won the victory. We need to prepare the ground in our prayer time so we can stand up and speak against what is displeasing to God. We have not been called to passively accept, condone or compromise with evil, sin or false religions. We are to come against the powers of darkness by engaging in spiritual warfare so we can extend the Kingdom of God.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Prayerwatch, 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], 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, Ivan & Sheila D'Souza, Joseph & Teresa Gomes, Elizabeth Locke, Dominic, Sandra & Francis Rajkumar, Wayne & Michelle Cammell, 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,

**PREGNANCY Auckland:** Petronella [Jacob] Kahonde, **Christchurch:** Knedra [Chad] Parish,

**HEALING CANCER Auckland:** Marinelle Misst, Maryanne Hall, **Central:** Bryan Scoullar, **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, Ceejay Rodrigues, TJ Brown & Samuel, Elise D'Souza, Cheryl Lobo, Kati Cammel, Jesse & Peter Delgado, Fatima Joy, Collin & Vimath Sequeira, Ruby Lowe, Tili Leatitagaloa, Philomena Lobo, Susan Dias, Lovlin Franswah, Sheila D'Souza, Cynthia Braganza, Manuel Lobo, Dominic Braganza, Alwin D'Souza, Maureen Lowe, Grace Collins, Sean & Teresa Joseph, Teresa D'Souza, Annette Carvalho, Winona D'Costa, Olivia Fernandes, Lucy Misquita, Blanche & Denis Hollingsworth, Mary Surrey, Cheryl Donald, **Central:** Henri Zalamea, Aly Fernandes, **Blenheim:** Peter Greig, Josiah Grieg, Grace Weston, Mike Garrett, Micah Rodgers, Anita Fredericks, Jamie & Judith Rodgers, **Nelson:** Stephanie O'Connell, Sharon Powick, Michael Powick, Jacob Muollo, **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:** Elizabeth Locke, **Central:** Rico & Pep Namay, **Blenheim:** Julia Dekker and Family, **Christchurch:** Pauline Marsden, **Southern:** Steven & Judy Homes,

**OTHERS NEEDS Auckland:** Keith & Rohini Lewis & Family, Mark & Elizabeth Stolten, Bob Misst, Greg Hall, Alwin D'Souza, Allen & Judy Carneiro, Reena Fernandes,

**COVERING PRAYER** National Council, Kairos Ministries, Branch Life, Lamb of God Centre, Branch Visits, Clustering in Auckland, Ministry of Fr John Rea, Employment of Members, Light of Christ Special Ministry, Wellington branch [sickness among extended family], and Ashburton Group, Christchurch.

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