

# The Lamb of God Chronicle

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### REFLECTIONS... 'For everything there is a season, for men as there is for mountains...'



Two weeks ago, and eleven months after surgery, I was back up in the mountains for a hoped for decent work-out and to test how my body would handle an arduous and long day. I did go up a couple of months ago but heavy rain spoilt any chance of getting far, plus I was carrying [and still am] a recurring foot injury which isn't so bad when gaining elevation, but I feel it on the way down. The day was fine but cold with an

incoming storm due in about ten hours. Arthurs Pass Village was deserted and when I signed in at the Park headquarters, I was blessed to catch on duty one of the country's top climbers. He has written the climbing manual for all peaks in the National Park. I was able to talk with him about my grandkids showing an interest in climbing. He certainly treated my low skill and experience level respectfully and encouragingly and gave sound advice for introducing Clarice and Nathaniel to modest climbing in the area. Then he updated me on significant avalanche activity just started as the thaw season gets traction. He told me of avalanche activity I could expect to come across in where I was going that day but he said they were uncertain how far down these had come as they had only happened the day before. I kept a look out and indeed I found several [see photograph on page 2] and was able to assess they had not obliterated the normal route to the amphitheatre region. However all routes to the summits were officially closed except for the seriously experienced who would start their climbs at 2.00-3.00am and be pretty much down off the high areas before solar radiation loosened the snow fields. That is not me! The photograph above is of the Rolleston High Peak.

I enjoyed the day and my body, particularly my heart and lungs, did well. As anticipated I 'paid the price' in aches and pains next day- but that is just a part of what happens. I even suffered that in my twenties after a hard game of football or a day wriggling in and out of Yorkshire caves.



On the way up, and down, I enjoyed the awesome beauty of God's creation. I love the solitude and isolation of the mountains, I love negotiating the deep snowfields and seeing the occasional breaking through of new mountain lilies and other hardy foliage. And knowing the summit routes were all now closed excepting for what are termed alpine starts [2.00am, etc.], and the season of avalanche danger was upon us, I thought about the Scripture 'There is a season for every purpose under heaven...' so true. And I realised that within me there is a growing sense of a new season as I no longer seem to have the focussed drive to 'make that summit.' I find much joy and relaxation just being up there in the midst of this awesome silence and grandeur and a sense of God. And, God willing, I look forward to enjoying some of that with Clarice and Nathaniel and maybe in a couple of more years, with Sebastian.

Roger Foley: Senior Coordinator

## OUR PEOPLE...

### **Congratulations!**

- To Ron and Helen Elliott [Christchurch], and Andre and Karen Geelen [Central], for the arrival of their granddaughter Sophie Kate, to Stephen and Dascha.

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

- Julia Dekker, with the passing away of her son John.

**[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 VENUE ON THE MOVE [BUT NOT FAR...]**

This coming January, ALL Summer Oasis EJ and EDGE Youth Conference events will be held in the Burwood Cluster, not at the Lamb of God Centre. The opening Gathering, all Summer Oasis EJ stream sessions, and all combined Night Rallies will be hosted at the Burwood Christian Centre, Bassett Street, and the senior EDGE Stream will once more be held at St Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Burwood and Travis Roads. This move will keep everything 'in the cluster' and will of course simplify transportation needs as everything will be within walking distance of most hosting households.

## **CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE UPDATE from ROGER**

We continue to get aftershocks as all that is under the city and surrounds continues to settle. Last week we were rocked a bit with a 5.5 magnitude, the eighth equal most powerful in the past thirteen months. It has been classed as an 'event' meaning it is required as a separate insurance claim if further or new damage is noted. I have no reports of any further damage to member homes. There is the beginning of rebuilding and repair activity now in the cluster region and several Lamb of God households have been alerted to be ready soon to vacate for such repairs or rebuilding. When it starts it will be quite a significant disruption as everything has to be removed from the homes, including carpets lifted and stored if under ten years old. Also owners are not allowed back on site unless they apply for and are granted special permission by the contractor. The home is classed as a danger site whilst repairs are undertaken.

### **I VOLUNTEERED AND I WAS BLESSED...**

A couple of weeks ago we had one of those gatherings where 'things went wrong'. Some were sick, some away for various reasons and miscommunication and other factors meant key people were just not where they should have been. One result was we ended up with no one to take YPM [Young People's Ministry] and the session was to theme around 'Keeping the Peace'. We parallel the main gathering talk in YPM and we happened to be teaching on that topic in the main gathering. So I volunteered. I was handed a big envelope which contained all of the various background materials I would need to run the session. However I only had fifteen minutes to try to absorb it and I failed miserably. Why? Well as a senior leader those fifteen minutes before any gathering are generally full of activity and questions such as 'Roger where is.....' etc. So when the gathering started and the leader dismissed the YPM into its various streams with their teachers - I knew I was in trouble! So on the way through to the classroom I had some of the children pick up a dozen NIV Bibles from our Bible Table to take to the class. The Bible Table is a place folk can donate Bibles and they are there for anyone to use during talks, or simply take and give away to new people or whomever. During the YPM session I had the class turn to Matthew 5 and we journeyed through and discussed the Beatitudes section, but concentrated on verse 9 *'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.'*

I was richly blessed to reconnect and see what the Lord had been doing in YPM. I was so impressed by the courtesy, behaviour and attention of the fifteen children in my class. I was also impressed by their Biblical knowledge and how they handled the discussion aspect. God is certainly at work in family life and the evidence is there in YPM. I was sure glad I volunteered. Roger

### **READING GLASSES FOR FIJI**

Timoci in Fiji is asking if anyone has any old reading glasses which could be taken to Fiji. Last trip we took a large bag full and they were so appreciated. Veronica and Roger are travelling over on 10 November so if you have any to gift we would need them no later than say 6 November. Much appreciated.

## **'SHAPE OF COMMUNITY SEMINAR' AND PREPARING YOUTH FOR MISSION**

Over this past year Roger has been developing a short Power Point seminar with plenty of question and discussion time built in. The seminar has a purpose of preparing young men and women of the Lamb of God to serve in community building work in the Fiji Islands and beyond. Currently we are working with over one hundred and fifty people in Fiji and we are assisting in community building in Suva, Nadi, and developing and supporting new works in Ba, Tavua and RakiRaki. We are also serving in parts of Asia and possibly we will soon be assisting some work in Australia.

Traditionally we have been sending youth teams to base at a Christian Centre in Pacific Harbour, Fiji, and from there serve a number of local churches and works of mercy. But things are changing and our previous teams to Fiji need be better prepared for the wider tasks now opening before us. We need young people who can not only work with young people. We also need them to be able to confidently engage with adults and leaders of groups because often it is in social environments with such people that questions are asked about our life. And by 'our life' I am meaning the life of the covenant community, not just the life of the local Kairos ministry within the community. We need youth to be able to answer questions such as: how did the Lamb of God Community get started, why does it have small house groups, and why men's and women's groups? Why does it structure leadership the way it does, and what is its history, and when and why did it become a multi-branch national community? And why did it seek membership of the Sword of the Spirit, and what benefit has this connection brought?

In others words, those going out on mission service need be able to represent us to adults as well as youth, and be able explain the reasons we do things the way we do. The 'Shape of Community' Seminar launches in December.

## **'GOD'S GOT TALENT' IN CHRISTCHURCH**



On Saturday 17 September, the Christchurch branch of Lamb of God held its own talent show which we called "God's Got Talent". Participants from 6 years old to an octogenarian entertained us wonderfully the whole afternoon. Acts included singing, dancing, jokes, poetry, a keyboard number, a laughing policeman and were interspersed with video clips of The Muppets and Rolf Harris. Many of us showed our age as we were reminded of our childhood, while for others, these acts were brand new.



We had a fabulous turnout with friends and relatives joining community members to enjoy the show. Nathan Murray proved more than capable in his role as MC and kept us all laughing. The afternoon ended with a Lord's Day Meal of BBQ sausages, salads and possibly the greatest amount of scoops of hot chips the local fish and chip shop has ever supplied! Everybody had a fantastic time and all agreed that God did have amazing talent.

*The Lamb of God Christchurch  
presents*



# Prayers for Healing with Fr. John Rea

## DATES AND LOCATIONS - 2011

<b>Monday 21 November</b>	– St Mary’s Parish Centre, 61 Maxwell Road, Blenheim – 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 23 November</b>	– Holy Name Parish Centre, Cnr Winter & Burnett Sts, Ashburton – 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 24 November</b>	– Lamb of God Centre, Thames Street, Christchurch – 7.30pm
<b>Friday 25 November</b>	– Rangiora Catholic Parish Hall, 41 Victoria Street, Rangiora – 7.30pm
<b>Sunday 27 November</b>	– Lamb of God Centre, Thames Street, Christchurch – <u>3.30pm</u>

## **AN OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TOWARDS COSTS**

Please note the Lamb of God Community faces substantial costs in facilitating these meetings throughout New Zealand. We ask your generous support that we might meet costs and then be able to gift Fr John Rea, and the Marist Fathers.

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## CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Resource for House Group Discussion by Tom Caballes

### Preach the Word – In Season and Out

November 2011

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

**[Matthew 28:19-20]**

Before migrating to New Zealand, I remember my parents reminded me of the most important things I should do – take care of the family, take good care of my health, etc. and with their assurance of their love. In the same way, Jesus, after His resurrection, gave one important command to all His disciples – to make disciples of all nations. Are we to take His last and parting command lightly? Are we to preach the Word only when it is only convenient for us?

#### **So How Do We Preach the Word in Season and Out of Season?**

1. We need to live a life of integrity and without hypocrisy. We cannot preach the Word if our lives do not show we believe in Jesus. Yes we can never be perfect but we need to get our basics right: our prayer life, our speech, and our relationships.
2. We need know two tools and to be ready to use them at any time: our personal testimony and the basic gospel message. We need to practice them and be able to share to our friends, neighbours, relatives and even new acquaintances. We also need to be loving and gentle as we share, and not be preachy, judgmental or condemning.
3. Pray for specific friends, neighbours and relatives who desperately need hear about God. Conversion is not just our work but also the work of the Holy Spirit.
4. Try to invite those friends, neighbours and relatives to an open meeting event like Lord's Day meals or community social events. Some people are intimidated if you invite them to a prayer meeting. Introduce them to brothers and sisters in the Lord.
5. Be ready to be rejected. If they accept what you are sharing, follow them up and invite them to community meetings if they are open to come.

At the end of the day, it is our conviction about our relationship with Jesus Christ that would compel us to preach the Word. How much do we experience God's love, mercy and blessings that we cannot contain it? Are we happy to see our friends and neighbours be good Sunday Christians without really experiencing God's goodness and faithfulness to them? Is living under the power of the Holy Spirit optional?

#### **Other Scripture References**

1. *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus ... [to] preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. [2 Timothy 4:1-2]*
2. Other references: **Romans 1:15-16; Romans 15:20-21; 1 Corinthians 9: 16; Ephesians 4:29; and 2 Timothy 1:8.**

#### **For Personal Reflection and Group Sharing:**

1. What prevents me from preaching the Word? My life and example? My shyness and fear of rejection? Being ridiculed? My indifference to God's command?
2. Do I know how to share my personal testimony and the basic Gospel message? If not, who can help me learn how to do them?
3. Who can I specifically and strategically try to evangelise? What do I need to do?

## KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

### Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events for 2011

January 8-14, 2012

Summer Oasis 2012, Christchurch [confirmed]

### Summer Oasis 2012 - 'Guys & Girlz 4 God'

The Summer Oasis is on! All preparations are on the way and we will have Summer Oasis 2012 in Christchurch.

Online rego and rego forms are now available. Visit:

<http://www.kairossp.com/info4so2012ejstream.htm> for EJ stream and -

<http://www.kairossp.com/info4so2012edgestream.htm> for EDGE stream.

Online regos can be done here:

<http://www.kairossp.com/soonlineregistration.htm>

At the meantime, we have t-shirt design contest, song writing contest, and video making contest – refer to the right side for more information.

See you there!!!

Here's your chance to shine

## Oasis 2012

This years Oasis theme is ...

### Guys & Girlz 4 God

The theme centres around being the best you can be for God and growing in personal holiness and purity.

### 3 ways you can bless all the participants



#### Design a T-Shirt

Use the theme, include Kairos logo

Closing Date 1 Nov-11



#### Write a Song

Suitable for a prayer meeting  
Based on verses from the Bible  
Open to some tweaking

Closing Date 1 Dec-11



#### Produce a Video Clip

No more than 90 seconds  
Suitable for meetings

Closing Date 1 Jan-12

Send to Mark Challies at

Chalmnz@gmail.com

## 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.

Go and visit the International Kairos Media website: <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 [josehomascaballes@gmail.com](mailto:josehomascaballes@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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### **BIRTHDAY INFORMATION**

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

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

## **FR JOHN REA MINISTRY FOR 2012**

Summer Oasis	Christchurch	January 9 to 12
Healing Meetings	Kilbirnie	February 25 to March 13
Healing Meetings	Upper Hutt	March 18 to April 1
Healing Ministry	Canberra	April 19 to 23

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

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>
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
Christopher and Carol Fernandez	25/11	Auckland

## *Birthdays for November - Happy Birthday!*

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>
Aleisha McKenzie	01/11	Christchurch
Beth Garvey	02/11	Christchurch
Robert Caballes	03/11	Central
Vimath Sequeira	03/11	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
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	Central
Eunice Gueco	18/11	Central
Monica Homes	18/11	Southern
Christine May	18/11	Southern
Karyn Coutinho	19/11	Auckland
Yohana D'Costa	19/11	Auckland
Keith Lewis	21/11	Auckland
Steven Machado	21/11	Auckland
Seva Masara	21/11	Christchurch

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>
Raema Muollo	23/11	Nelson
Zuvarashe Kahonde	24/11	Auckland
Janet Aberhart	24/11	Blenheim
Neil Menezes	25/11	Auckland
Shayler Pinto	26/11	Auckland
Lionel Lewis	27/11	Auckland
Anne Hooper	27/11	Ch/Ashburton

## **LAMB OF GOD PRAYERWATCH - PRAYER INTENTIONS**

### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Against strongholds of Apathy, Witchcraft, Confusion and other named spirits.

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**COMMUNITIES** Protect and bless the life and mission of Sword of the Spirit, Patmos & Cornerstone Lamb of God [Fiji], Families for Christ [Melbourne], Vanuatu Group, Light of Christ [Nelson], The Covenanted Community For Christ, [Penang & Taiping], protect and bless their life and mission.

**FAMILY Auckland:** Keith & Rohini Lewis, Jo & Anila Collins, Bernie MacNevin, Peter Celestine, Yvonne D'Souza, Basil & Reena Fernandes, Joseph & Teresa Gomes, Dominic, Sandra & Francis Rajkumar, Caedmon & Nicky Rebello, Lionel & Carol D'Souza, Peter & Margaret Stoddard, Stanley & Teresa D'Souza, Lovlin & Honorine Franswah, Neville & Karen Coutinho, George & Dorothy Fernandez, Carol & Christopher Fernandez, Desmond & Charmaine Vessaokar, Brian and Joan Lobo, **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, Lyn Keane, Pauline Marsden, **Southern:** John & Janet MacManus, Richard & Christine May,

**PREGNANCY Central:** Dascha [Stephen] Elliott,

**HEALING CANCER Auckland:** Marinelle Misst, Maryanne Hall, **Blenheim:** Carol Cullimore, David Aberhart, **Christchurch:** Mary Anngow, Robin Corbett,

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

**HEALING Auckland:** Thomas Hong, Edward D'Souza, Elise D'Souza, Cheryl Lobo, Jesse & Peter Delgado, Fatima Joy, Collin & Vimath Sequeira, Ruby Lowe, Tili Leatitagaloa, Lovlin Franswah, Cynthia Braganza, Manuel Lobo, Dominic Braganza, Alwin D'Souza, Maureen Lowe, Sean & Teresa Joseph, Teresa D'Souza, Annette Carvalho, Winona D'Costa, Olivia Fernandes, Lucy Misquita, Blanche & Denis Hollingsworth, Cheryl Donald, Mira D'Souza, Warren Holliday, Jemima Rebello, Peter D'Souza, Delia D'Mello, Charmaine Vessaokar, Fr John Rea, Bradley Pinto,

**Central:** Henri Zalamea, Aly Fernandes, Rae Taylor, Katrinka Geelen, **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, Lyn Keane, Don Fletcher, Monica Haughey, **Southern:** Fr Merv McGettigan, Daniel MacManus, Steven & Judy Homes & Family, Pat Forster, Michael Quigley, Margaret McKenzie,

**BEREAVEMENT Auckland:** Kevin & Mary McCormick, **Blenheim:** Jenny & Bill McElhinney, Julia Dekker, **Christchurch:** Robert & Karin van Doorn,

**OTHERS NEEDS Auckland:** Keith & Rohini Lewis & Family, Mark & Elizabeth Stolten, Bob Misst, Greg Hall, Alwin D'Souza, Allen & Judy Carneiro, Jacob & Petronella Kahonde, **Christchurch:** Colleen Gorman & Family,

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

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