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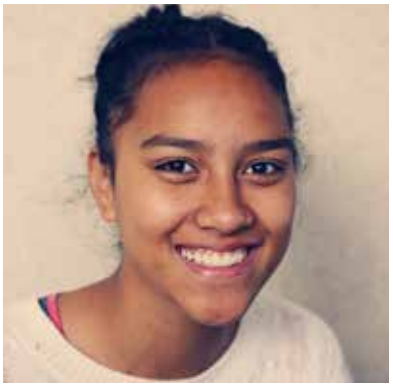

Welcome to our winter edition of News from the Pews. If you are a visitor to Papsda, it's great to have you here reading our magazine. We hope you enjoy taking a look at some of the great things happening in our community. We welcome contributions from photos to thoughts to pieces of writing that have inspired you. We'd love your feedback.

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M'mic Jesus

~BY NORMAN HURLOW

Jesus' call to people 2,000 years ago is the same simple, yet weighty call to you and me today! He succinctly summarised His entire plan for the disciples in just two words: "Follow Me". *(Matthew 4:19)* **Those two words were what He spoke to Peter, Andrew, James and John as they fished, and to Matthew as he sat at the tax office** *(Luke 5:27)***; and those two words are what He still calls for on the streets of Auckland, in our homes, and at work.**

Are you personally following Jesus? Is your day lived with Christ? Is the presence, power and mission of Jesus your goal, your focus?

As He taught, Jesus explained that His people were those who heard His voice, became His sheep, and *followed* Him *(John 10:27)*. Jesus called those followers His disciples or *learners*. The gospels are a record of how disciples spent time with Jesus for over three years watching, listening, and most of all *following* Him.

Do you hear His voice today?

Jesus called Himself *The Way*; and described salvation as the beginning of a life-long journey of following Him *(John 14:6)*. This call to a life of following, at times needs to be renewed. Jesus demonstrated this after His resurrection, when Peter was restored to ministry as Jesus again said *follow* Me *(John 21:19)*.

Is the path, the trajectory of your life toward or away from Jesus?

Christ's plan was to have close, personal *followers* who were also learners and doers of His Way. They listened to and followed Him as they learned from Him how to do what He did. The Church at the beginning was simple, everyone was following Jesus, acting so much like Him they were described by unbelievers as little-Christ-imitators or *Christ-ians*. As the church gathered, they were taught that every facet of their lives were to be reflective of what they learned while following Jesus personally. This *learning-and-doing-by-example* model was the key to the early church growing; Paul described a plan for having each person in Christ's church actually involved in a life-long learning process of following Jesus Christ. This is why believers are called imitations or *mimics* of Jesus Christ. The Greek word in the bible for *follow* and *followers* is ***mimetes*** (literally *mimics*). Paul took this idea to its full expression when he challenged the Corinthian believers *(1 Cor 11:1)*, "Follow me as I follow Christ," or mimic me as I mimic Jesus!

I often challenge myself with this thought. Today would I be brave and transparent enough to say the same to someone else? Would I say,

"Follow me" ... ?

REAL & IDEAL

NORMAN HURLOW & KEIRA BULLOCK

I think everyone experiences it: It is not until something is gone that you miss it. It's not until you are without something that you realise how much you value it. We have the option to *just go with it* and let that be an ongoing reality, but our calling and our conviction is to live with greater purpose than that.

So imagine this… you get sick. You spend the week miserable and fighting a cold and you think to yourself, "I forgot to remember to be thankful for my health last week." Inevitably you get better slowly and you have two options. One, just get on with it and do the whole pattern on repeat and remember to value your health when next you get a violent reminder of what it is like to not have it, or two, start to value your health in a way that alters your thinking and your living: Eating starts to become more considered and healthy; exercise starts to make it back onto the priority list of the day; sleep is no longer an incidental, "I'll-go-to-bed-when-I-get-it-all-done," kind of mentality. Things change, because that value is illuminated, held under a microscope, recognised as a life-altering experience and placed in front of us as not just the experience of *real* life, but the experience of *ideal* life.

Church is often just a reflection of how we live our lives—a macro-version of life maybe, because it is collective, but it certainly is a mirror that reflects what it is we *value* explicitly and what it is we just *do* implicitly. Church health? Same deal. We often don't know what we value until it is missing, and even then we have a choice. Do we hold it up and start to reorient our habits and our living around this value? Or, do we just fall into routine and remember to value it the next time we notice its absence and proceed to get on the treadmill of reaction and damage control? Then, we sigh when the whole thing lands itself back in bed for a week or two taking medicine every couple of hours, or worse case scenario, in the hospital for an extended period of time in need of an intense rehab program.

As a local church, we didn't want to be on an *implicit* value track. It's not okay with us to ask a Papsda person what we value here at this local church and have the answer be a shrug, or, "I am not sure", or "you will have to ask the pastor." Values need to be part of our DNA, because they reorient our time and our resources… and we don't want to recognise these values by knowing what is missing, we want to recognise them by living them and aspiring to them.

Two years ago I (Norman) discovered that Papsda was changing and it wasn't clear what it was we were holding up in front of us as our aspirational and real values in this next season… and the season was changing. So we gathered. A group of willing leaders and volunteers (of a variety of gifting, ages and stages) crammed ourselves into a room for several weeks over multiple meetings to try to discover what it was we valued. What does our activity indicate is important to us? What are we uniquely equipped and gifted to do? What do we aspire to as a community? If our church

disappeared would anyone notice?

After wrestling this out over a period of months—dealing with our differences, our thoughts, the silences, the fatigue and the lack of clarity, 7 values emerged and 7 values stuck and 7 values remain. Now as Adventists we love the number 7, but the reason there are 7 is really because if any one of them went missing then something we value would be missing and we don't want to wait until it's gone to realise that. We want to reorient our lives, our time and our resources in the deliberate pursuit of these values. We feel called to that, compelled by it, convicted of its importance and set to live it out to the best of our abilities. We want every Papsda person to be able to recite it, live it and aspire toward it.

We sense momentum and change. We know that our community would indeed notice our absence if Papsda disappeared. They would ask: "Where has that **INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY** of **STAUNCH FOLLOWERS** gone? Where are those **CREATIVE** people that are constantly **CHANGING** and **SELFLESSLY SERVING** with **GENEROSITY** that blows our minds? Where are the ones that celebrate life **HOLISTICALLY**, with body, soul and mind?" Where are those people that love God and love us?

It is with great conviction that we speak, pray and move toward the reality of that which we value. It is with great thankfulness that each day we have the privilege to live out the reality of that which we value. It is with great determination that we set our minds in a deliberate way to be mindful of that which we value.

Papsda, we will not only notice what we value, by sensing its absence… We will know, define and set our hearts toward it. Because if God values it, we do too.

We Value
INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
We are a gathering of believers, seekers and sceptics. Because God loves all, we love all!

We Value
MIND-BLOWING GENEROSITY
We choose to trade the values of consumerism for selfless living. It's an honour to be generous for Jesus and His mission.

We Value
DYNAMIC CHANGE
As we grow in Christ we change and inspire change. God enables, we commit.

We Value
STAUNCH FOLLOWING
God's Word grounds us and His Spirit leads us. We are "full-on, hard-out, step-by-step" followers of Jesus.

We Value
SELFLESS SERVICE
We willingly serve! Jesus did!

We Value
COMPELLING CREATIVITY
We choose to creatively communicate God's story.

We Value
HOLISTIC LIVING
In a 24/7 world, we value Sabbath. Full and healthy living (mind, body and soul) celebrates God.

VOX POP

PAPSDA'S VALUES:
We asked some Papsda-ites to share their thoughts and experiences on one of Papsda's Values.

SELFLESS SERVICE • GLORIA TEULILO

I work in one of the poorest areas of New Zealand. Every day I see evidence of this when students come to school—students who come without eating breakfast, students who don't have books, students whose school shoes are held together with masking tape and students who pretend that life is easy for them—but it is not. We do what we can to meet the daily need. The school provides breakfast, we have a collection of black shoes we give to students who need them, staff have helped buy school uniforms and also helped to pay school fees. For me, meeting the daily need and having the opportunity to encourage students to stay in school and praying with them is one of the most fulfilling things that I have done recently. It is also something that I continue to do daily because my school is my place of service.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY • BIANCA WHITE

My experience with feeling loved and accepted at Papsda is through a Life Group with a small group of girls. I am very blessed to be part of this group which is run by Liz Hurlow and Linda Curtis. Our Life Group meets every two weeks. The evening involves Bible study, watching movies, service activities, playing games and just getting to know each other better. Liz and Linda have put a lot of time and effort into our Life Group and they make me feel loved and accepted not only in the Life Group but in the wider church as well. I really appreciate everything they have done for us and for Liz letting us raid her house! I love being involved in the activities, enjoy attending group and I am very thankful for Liz and Linda making me feel loved and accepted in our Life Group and in our church.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY • GLENICE LEOTA

Life Group—It's all about doing life together. Reading from the Bible; exchanging ideas and thoughts on what we have read together; praying for our church: for our little group and the wider community; sharing our week with each other and the ups and downs of life. I'm blessed to be planted with a group of ladies who do not judge me for my past but accept me for where I am in my journey with Christ. We all have a story. Mine will be different to yours, but we all have the same goal and that is to be part of the Kingdom.

DYNAMIC CHANGE • WILL SCALIONI

We need to adapt to whatever people around us require. If we are stuck in time, looking to ourselves and trying to fulfil our own requirements about church and life, we immediately become irrelevant to others, and that's exactly the opposite of what LOVE requires. If we observe and are in sync with communities around us, we can do life with them and understand *their* needs and how God can work through us in order to make the Kingdom happen in their lives also.

COMPELLING CREATIVITY • PETER GREENFIELD

During our recent Bible Lands Tour, I was really impacted by Dr Larry Geraty, creatively bringing to life a Bible story we know so well.

Many of us were raised from childhood with Bible stories which seemed so far-off in time and place that in some cases they hardly seemed real.

We all know the story of David and Bathsheba, and how subsequently King David tried to cover his tracks by various means, and finally he sent poor old Uriah the Hittite out to the battle front only to be killed in action. This story really came alive for me when we visited the Citadel wall in Amman, Jordan, the very place where Uriah met his death so unjustly all those millennia ago.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY • NELISE TEULILO

A time where I've experienced love and acceptance at Papsda was when I went on a surf Life Group trip with Bre. We went away on a weekend and usually my Life Group just sees each other on Saturday mornings or Monday nights when we have evening Life Group, but I feel that when we were all together at this surf camp we just bonded on a whole new level. The girls and I spent two nights in a tent just talking about school, home, life, God and all sorts of different things it was a real DMC (deep and meaningful conversation) moment. No phones or social media was needed and through those stories shared I saw that we all saw each other in different ways. There was just this massive blanket of love wrapped around all of us because we got to understand each other way better than we ever did before. Through these stories we shared we knew we were blessed to know each other. The fact that we're all so close and have a special bond shows that we accept that and know that our friendships are a beautiful gift from God. For that I'm forever grateful because being accepted and loved by my Life Group sisters for who I am is a feeling that is inexplicable and one I would never take for granted.

SELFLESS SERVICE

REPLAY

There's a Memory:

Sabbath August 29th 2015 became a memory-making day for us as a community as we saturated Clendon with food parcels as part of a regional cluster of churches. The highlight video to date has had over 3.8 thousand views in its celebration of us delivering over 2,000 food parcels to a hungry Clendon.

The greatest memories though are the ones where people walked away having made human connection—having met someone's need even before they asked: Guard dogs lay down as we entered unwelcoming gates, people told of how they didn't know how they would feed their family that very night, we prayed with people who seemed open and hungry not just for physical food but for human kindness and connection. The kingdom was real, present and walking through the streets of South Auckland.

Remember how we asked: "What's next?" We know we could let this be a one-time awesome memory or we could build, extend and engage once again and see what the Spirit does this year. What is in store for iCAN58 2016?

There's a Date: Sabbath, 27th of August 2016.

There's a Purpose: As a regional cluster, the churches and schools of South Auckland (South Auckland Samoan, Papsda, Calvary Community, South Auckland SDA Primary and ASDAH) have the united heartbeat to see our community transformed by our love for each other. We want to have

eyes to see and meet the needs in our immediate communities and beyond.

There's a Plan:

- A Sabbath morning prayer walk
- Worship service, celebration and story
- Lunch in the park
- Afternoon food drop in Clendon

There's a Posture: Joshua 1:3 & 5 "I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you ... No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.'"

So our posture is to be strong and courageous. It is what is termed *a prophetic posture*. It's a united body claiming what is to come by standing firm in our faith that God will do what He says He will do. It is about entering victorious, claiming land and knowing we cannot fail.

When we do this, when we are able to see the harvest before the seed has even broken through the soil, amazing transformation starts to take place. Harvest begins even before the fruit is visible.

Our prophetic posture transforms our communities through:

1. Our Visibility.
2. Our Engagement.
3. Our Incarnational (from within) Involvement and Commitment

We choose to remain visible in Clendon. In addition to that, we seek to engage further because we believe the Holy Spirit is working through iCan58, through our sisterhood of churches and through August 27th 2016. We believe that before we even step foot on the land which is His to claim for the harvest, He is there and He is making streams of living water through the desert (Isaiah 58). Let's be part of that mission.

Let's mark it in our calendars Papsda because there is much, much more to come!

Sabbath, 27 August 2016

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MEET A C.A.P. FAMILY

Meet the Lotulelei Family!

Liliani is a single mum of three children: Lesila (11), Brian (4), and Vaioleti (2).

Originally from Tonga, Liliani arrived in New Zealand in 2008. She is currently working at a temp agency and has recently joined CAP.

Some of their favourite family activities are reading, drawing, going to the library and on Monday evenings they go to the park and have a family night. The children also enjoy playing games on the phone.

When I first met Liliani the burden of debt was heavy. She was struggling to provide for her children and pay her debts. But the burden started to lift as she was given hope… hope that she was no longer alone in this struggle, hope that there were others who cared about her, and hope as she started to see God's provision in her life.

This past week the Lotulelei family received a huge blessing! They needed to sell their car in order to release money into their budget for basic living expenses. One person from the church agreed to help her get her car cleaned so she could sell it and get a good price for it.

Then, later in the week, I received a phone call saying that someone would like to donate his car to a CAP family! This was given to the Lotulelei family!

I love the way God has the details already worked out. And I also love the way the church works together. It's not one person doing a big thing but rather a lot of people giving what they can—whether that be time, finances or support.

It is Isaiah 58 being lived out!

ISAIAH 58

"IS NOT THIS THE KIND OF FASTING I HAVE CHOSEN: TO LOOSE THE CHAINS OF INJUSTICE AND UNTIE THE CORDS OF THE YOKE, TO SET THE OPPRESSED FREE AND BREAK EVERY YOKE? TO SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH THE HUNGRY AND TO PROVIDE THE POOR WANDERER WITH SHELTER..."

Please pray for the Lotulelei family as they continue on their journey with CAP!

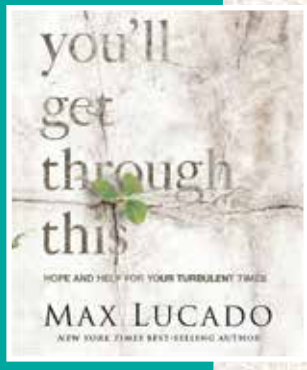
—Trena Morse

READ WATCH or listen

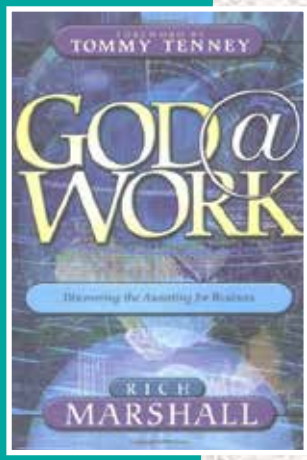
WITH KEIRA BULLOCK

READ:

Esme and her team in the library work to bring a range of reading, listening and watching resources to the local church and they are always bringing new and awesome stuff. Here's some books off Esme's reading list:

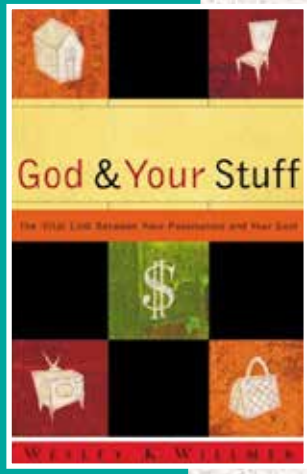


MAX LUCADO "YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS: HOPE AND HELP FOR YOUR TURBULENT TIMES": Max Lucado explores the story of Joseph and the truth of Genesis 50:20. What Satan intends for evil, God redeems for good.



RICH MARSHALL "GOD @ WORK": Discovering the anointing for business. An older book but a weighty message reminds us that you don't have to be a pastor to reach people. In fact the Bible talks about Kings being anointed for serving the community through business. The same can be applied in today's environment: There are people in the business world who are well-positioned to be examples of Christ to the secular business world.

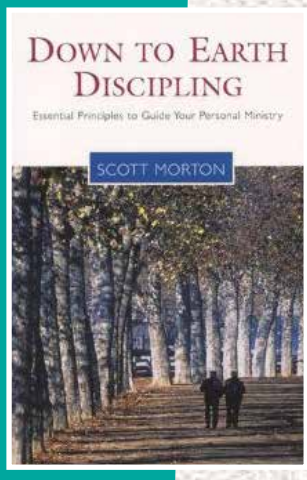
KENNETH WILMER "GOD AND YOUR STUFF": The vital link between your possessions and your soul. Have possessions become idols? Reconsider your life priorities in relation to where you focus your attention and time.



SCOTT MORTON "DOWN TO EARTH DISCIPLING": Essential principles to guide your personal ministry. A practical guide to telling the salvation story in a one-on-one environment and then guiding someone in their growth walk.

WATCH:

I am yet to watch it myself but it is on my must-see list. **"THE DROP BOX"** is a documentary story of a pastor in South Korea who finds an abandoned infant on the steps of his church and in response builds a heated hatch to rescue any others. The DVD is in our church library, but both Donald Miller and Francis Chan endorse it, and Steven Curtis Chapman does some music, so I am looking for a free 77 minutes as soon as possible!



LISTEN:

Every now and then you stumble across an artist or an album that sings straight into your soul. Here's my top 3 in the last few months:

ANDREW PETERSON "THE BURNING EDGE OF DAWN" Andrew has the ability to encourage you and tell you a story all at the same time. My personal favourite song is, "Be Kind to Yourself".

AMANDA COOK "BRAVE NEW WORLD" Such a nice album for personal worship. My personal favourite songs are, "Heroes" and "Closer".

AUDREY ASSAD "INHERITANCE" Aptly titled inheritance combines beautiful instrumentation with timeless lyrics of your favourite hymns.

DYNAMIC CHANGE

MEET SOME PAPSDA-ITES

Lorraine

Tell us your name and your nick-name. I was named Lorraine Emily Mercy Reuben, the second daughter of my God-fearing parents Samuel and Priscilla Reuben. My husband is Dheven Covenden and I am now known as Lorraine Covenden. I am fondly known as Lol by my close family and friends, a name which has different meanings these days.

Where do you originate from and where are you living now? I was born in Durban, Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. I spent a year at Andrews University, Michigan, studying towards a Master of Music degree. We immigrated to New Zealand when my son Darian was born seeking a safer lifestyle. We spent a few months in Rotorua to gain New Zealand experience and then returned to Auckland where I was offered a permanent job. We lived in Albany, North Shore and then moved to Dannemora.

What's your occupation? Tell us a bit about it. Both my parents were teachers, and it is not surprising that three of their four children are teachers. You could say that teaching is in our genes. As Head of Department of Music at Southern Cross Campus, I was also responsible for leading literacy across the curriculum which prompted me to complete the Graduate Diploma of Teaching English in Schools to Speakers of Other Languages (GradDipTESSOL). Last year my career took a dramatic twist when I was encouraged to apply for two positions at my school and was offered the Head of Department: ESOL and Teacher Mentor positions. I was asked by many people if I missed teaching music. The reality was that I have been so busy enjoying my new roles that I didn't have time to think about it.

Tell us about some of your ministry roles. Growing up in South Africa, I attended the Maranatha SDA Church where I held many roles including Youth Leader and Sabbath School Superintendent. While my sons, Darian and Jaden, were young, I helped in the children's Sabbath School at North Harbour and Papsda. Today I am the leader of a Life Group on a Sabbath morning. David and Audrey Harvey, Val and Russell Jones, Fanie van de Walt, Vaikini Teulilo, Hartley and Liesl Holtzhauzen, Cindy Overberg, Chris and Christine Williams and Deliah Reuben bring rich insights to our dynamic discussions.

What has been your most surprising (or revealing) discovery about God lately? One year after I thought I was in my dream job, a non-Christian friend encouraged me to apply for the Deputy Principal position at ASDAH and I got the job and will commence in June this year. To affirm that God takes care of every detail, I will be teaching Music as part of my new role. The Lord only revealed to me little glimpses of the tapestry of my life each step of my journey. Today I am humbled as I acknowledge God's constant leading in my life.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." ~Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Richard

What is your name? Richard Van Weerd. I've been married for 32 years to my wife Jean, and we have three adult children. Two are married, and youngest is still at home. My nickname is Ricki.

Where do you originate from and where do you live now? I am an Aucklander but my parents were Dutch immigrants. I was brought up in Hillsborough and now live

Solange

What's your name? My Name is Solange Ponciano, I'm the eldest of 7 kids. I grew up in Brazil without a mum and dad so life wasn't easy and I had to learn how to survive on my own from a very young age.

Where do you originate from and where are you now? I'm originally from Brazil, from a very small town deep in the country where there was basically no technology, no television, and no electricity. Life was pretty basic. As I grew up with no parental guidance, living was a bit "here and there" and life was meaningless. I was always moving from place to place looking for something better. God gave me three children which gave some meaning in my life, and from that time I started living for my kids. But in my heart, something was missing and I couldn't figure out what it was. One day I was on the side of the road trying to get a lift to the next city to sell fruit, and one car stopped. Two young men very well dressed in their suits came to me and said, "Sorry, I can't take you because you have too much stuff—it can't fit in the car, but we just stopped to tell you Jesus loves you". Those words! They impacted me to the core and whole my body shook. I couldn't control my tears. Today thinking about it, I wonder if the two men were angels God sent to bring me hope at a time where I had none.

What's your occupation? As I was always on the move looking for better life, we ended up here in Auckland. Life was hard in the beginning as we couldn't speak any English. I felt as if I had landed on another planet! However, here I was and God prepared the way for me. We had a friend here that helped us with our English and work—interior and exterior house painting. Now I'm happily living in Wattle Downs with my daughter and my son-in-law and their two beautiful kids. I'm experiencing the joy of being a mother again as I'm full-time grandmother looking after my grandsons while my daughter goes to work.

Where do you serve at Papsda? This year I started helping in the library and in the kitchen. I love to help as it helps me to make new friends. The relationships with my team give me new ideas and give me purpose.

What has been your most surprising discovery about God lately? Something that keeps prodding me is the mission that Christ commanded us as His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations teaching them to observe all things He has commanded us. Because of those commands I took part in the *Contagious Christian* course that Karl and Karyn led back in April. It was really good as once again I could feel the love and care of God for the lost, like I once was. It's a privilege to be a follower of Jesus, but it's a big responsibility too. I hope, pray and believe that God's will can be accomplished in my life.

in Three Kings.

What do you do for a living? I am a self-employed builder. I left school at the age of 16 to start an apprenticeship, and I started my own business when I was 24-years-old. I've trained 17 apprentices. I have four employees, and my eldest son works with me. We specialise in large renovations and new builds.

Where do you serve at Papsda? I'm on the church lunch dish-washing roster and the set-up team. I like to help with building work at Papsda constructing sets for special services. My favourite role is being involved with the Papsda dirt-bikers riding club (a group of guys who share the same passion for motorbikes). I help choose rides and organise the boys to get day passes.

What has been your most surprising or revealing discovery about God lately? I found the series about Mind-Blowing Generosity very helpful and God has directed me to give generously of my time. Being led by the Holy Spirit is my prayer each day. Hearing is the easy bit, however being obedient is harder. The Holy Spirit leads you places that you would never normally go. I find it very rewarding and fulfilling.

SETTING THE Stage

BY DAVID HARVEY

"We are very grateful for all the volunteer hours and hard work (you know who you are - thank you) which has saved a huge amount of the cost of the finished project, resulting in a clean, modern, open stage."

MIND BLOWING GENEROSITY

"It has been awesome to see the stage come to life and be re-worked in order for us to have a more efficient, clean, safe and user-friendly stage. We would worship anywhere, in the middle of a paddock if we needed to, however we are abundantly blessed to have a beautiful platform (literally and metaphorically) to reveal the greatness of our God in a creative and inspiring way. We are truly blessed by this progress."
—Keira Bullock

You may or may not have noticed a number of significant changes that have taken place around our building complex.

After more than 25 years the church has undergone a number of essential major upgrades. The main area of the church was re-carpeted, re-painted and wallpaper replaced a few years ago. The major internal gutters have been replaced and a new expanded alarm and smoke detection system installed in every room. As a sign of the times, a CCTV security system has progressively had to be installed throughout the complex. By this time the carpet in the sanctuary had reached a very sad state after almost 30 years.

Thanks to the generous contributions of the people of Papsda, the carpet offering reached $46,000 and a team considered and recommended what work needed to be done. Of particular interest was the need to improve Health and Safety requirements, remove the need for cables running everywhere during major programmes and to improve the safety of the stage and stairs. Also to improve the appearance of the stage by removing much of the clutter of equipment.

VIDEO RECORDING

As a result a Video Recording Room has been set up in part of the Parent/Children's Room and five video recording connections have been placed in strategic points in the floor and side walls of the building.

SOUND & LIGHTING

The Sound and Lighting Team had some excellent recommendations for tidying up the stage by providing channels to hide the cables in the stage floor, making the steps safer by removing the very narrow steps on either side and using the space to lower or conceal the fold-back speakers.

THE STAGE

The temporary staging we have been using for many years has now been built in and at the same time built the whole stage to the same height creating one complete safe, level surface. We still have some work to do before the stage is complete.

CARPET

In July 2015, we ordered 900 square metres of carpet for $38,250 plus the expected cost of carpet laying, other materials and fittings and specialist cabling work. All the preparation for removal of pews, lifting of the carpet and alterations was completed by volunteers.

After much planning, Monday evening October 20 saw a strong team of young people and ShedX members, up in the balcony, moving the pews, lifting the carpet and scraping off all the glued rubber underlay ready for the carpet layer to start. It took the whole week to prepare and lay the carpet after which the carpet layer went on a much deserved two week holiday.

Sunday afternoon, November 9 saw a group of (mainly older) people moving all the pews (which are very heavy) into the hall and lifting and removing all the carpet. At the same time a group of ladies worked at cleaning the dining room and hall chairs. The carpet layer had most of the carpet laid by Thursday afternoon so a group of 12 strong men were able to replace most of the pews in the evening. All was back in place ready for Sabbath.

The work on the stage was delayed until after Easter to fit in with the Easter Praise Service and availability of Richard Van Weerd and David Harvey to carry out the modifications to the stage and the addition of two large sound and lighting cupboards in the back of the stage with a cabinet to house all the sound gear in one place, off the stage and around the church. At the same time, Finé Teulilo spent a lot of time moving and rewiring all our sound gear.

The total cost is over $60,000 with the extra funds coming from the building rental income. We are very grateful for all the volunteer hours and hard work (you know who you are—thank you) which has saved a huge amount of the cost of the finished project, resulting in a clean, modern, open stage. ■

"The sound system is now producing a much cleaner sound. It runs at about a third of the previous settings because of the new digital link. All the gear is now stored behind the stage instead of on the stage and behind the balcony."
—Finé Teulilo

PAPSDA FAMILY NEWS

A huge congratulations to **Maurice & Linda Curtis** on the safe arrival of their second baby girl, **Elle Josie Curtis**, who arrived mid-Summer on 19 January 2016 at 2:40am, weighing a perfectly delicate 3.3kg. Elle is the treasured baby sister of little **Aria**.

Congratulations to Associate Professor **Warwick Bagg**, Head of the Medical Programme at The University of Auckland's Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. Warwick received the award for **Teaching Excellence: Leadership in Teaching** on 11 May 2016.

Baby number two arrived safely on 12 January 2016 to **Dean & Estelle Edwards**. Baby **Kate Estelle Edwards** weighed in at 3.74kg is grand-daughter to **Maureen Cazalet**.

Welcome to handsome little **Kaenan Judah Tawera Herrick**. Kaenan is baby number 8 (yes, eight) for **Nyree & Alan Herrick**. Nyree & Alan have also fostered countless other babies and children over the years. Kaenan arrived on 26 February 2016 weighing 6lb 15oz.

Huge congratulations to **Kristyn Gentry** on graduating recently with a Master of Speech Language Therapy Practice (MSLTPrac) from The University of Auckland.

Congratulations to grandparents **Tui & Fuatino Seve** and parents **Fiaseu Seve & Ferial Williams** on the birth of their handsome baby boy, **Jeremiah-Royale Alofiele Seve-Williams** who was born 27 February 2016 weighing 6lb 8oz.

Introducing baby **Nikau Whitiraa Ngapera** who arrived 17 March 2016 to **MJ Vries & Dennis Ngapera**. Baby Nikau weighed in at a very manly 10lb 6oz.

Welcome to baby **Joanna Evelyn Sukumar**, baby number two for **Deena Samuel & Ponnachen Sukumar**. Joanna arrived via caesarian on 13 April 2016 weighing a dainty 3.01kg. She is just adorable and is loved and doted on by big brother **Jonathan**.

Congratulations on the birth of **Blake Michael Flores-Phare**, who arrived on 9 April 2016 to **Verlaine Flores & Kris Phare**. Blake weighed in at 4.12kg (that's over 9 pounds!) Big brother **Callum** (pictured) looks stoked to meet his new baby brother.

Introducing **Avery Fay Matthews**, baby number three for **Rowan & Chely Matthews**, and a beloved grandchild for **Franklin & Zelda** Matthews.

Huge congratulations on the engagement of **Jaz Newport & Vaea Puni**. Vaea popped the question in style on ANZAC Day, 25 April 2016.

KIDZONE

As you walk through the church on a Sabbath morning, it is definitely exciting to hear all the noise and laugher coming from the Kidzone environments.

Seeing so many happy little faces and their excitement for Jesus is a highlight of every Sabbath morning.

Kidzone is such an awesome environment for young kids to grow their relationship with God, with their friends and with others. It is a place filled with song, dance and play, and where they are welcomed and loved. Kidzone has a range of different events and activities that take place throughout the year. Check out some of the experiences below from events that took place earlier this year.

If you are interested in finding out more about Kidzone or would like to join our extraordinary team please speak to myself or call past Guest Central to enquire. We would LOVE to have you!

—Melissa Mataio

EXTREME CONNECT CAMP ~MISS JESS

For our **EXTREME CONNECT CAMP** earlier this year, we went to Parakai pools and stayed the night at the **PARAKAI SPRINGS CAMP GROUND**. This was my first time attending an Extreme camp as a leader and I loved the opportunity to get to know our kids better and to give them a chance to get to know each other outside of their usual Sabbath environment.

We played games (in the rain), had awesome worship at night, shared stories in our tents and raced down water slides. I got to experience what community looked like through our Extreme-aged kids. Around half the kids who attended camp that weekend were from the community and it was great to see the way our regular kids embraced and welcomed the newbies.

Not only was camp an awesome time for the kids to bond and have fun, but it was also a place where I got to improve my leadership skills and build stronger relationships with the kids and the other leaders. Overall this camp was a great success in creating a sense of community amongst our Extreme age group and I'm excited to see what the next camp brings.

TREEHOUSE PICNIC ~MR SEL

We have an awesome bunch of kids in TreeHouse and it was great to get out and enjoy the beautiful warm, sunny weather at **TOTARA PARK** back in March!

We played skipping games, **DUCK, DUCK GOOSE** and ball games. We topped this off with a wonderful refreshing swim at the pools. It was so awesome hanging out with everyone, friends and family alike, having a great time. Thank you to our wonderful families that joined us and made it fun, hope to see you all at the next one!

WE ARE ON THE HUNT for more amazing people to help out in TreeHouse, if you are interested please chat to Mel or Sel. We would love to see you!

FARMYARD AND JUNGLE CONNECT EVENT ~MR BRADEN

They say to never work with animals or children. I am not sure who 'they' are—but they're wrong!

Back in March a group of kids and parents from Kidzone (Farmyard 0-2, Jungle 3-5) spent Sunday morning at

AMBURY FARM, one of Auckland's coolest, free activities for any age. With animals galore, great company and only one passing shower (this is Auckland after all), the scene was set for an awesome **CONNECT EVENT.**

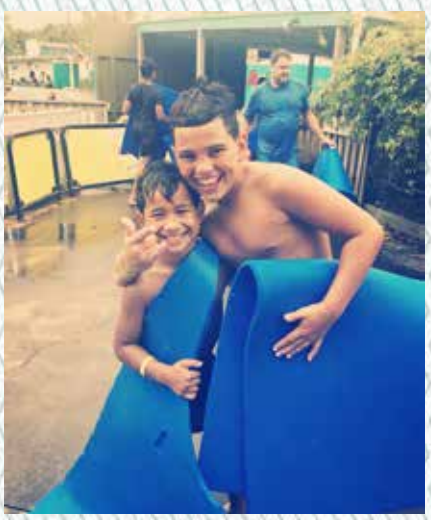
Chickens were chased and patted, sheep and cows were fed and grass hills were conquered. Thanks to the Liggetts (who volunteer at Ambury Farm) the kids were also able to hold one of the rabbits!

Speaking of rabbits, with Easter just around the corner the opportunity for an **EASTER EGG HUNT** couldn't be missed. After a quick briefing detailing the differences between miniature Easter Eggs and sheep poop (just kidding) the kids were off. How great it is to see our little ones so enthusiastic about doing their best, but also taking the time to help their friends and share with the littler ones in the group.

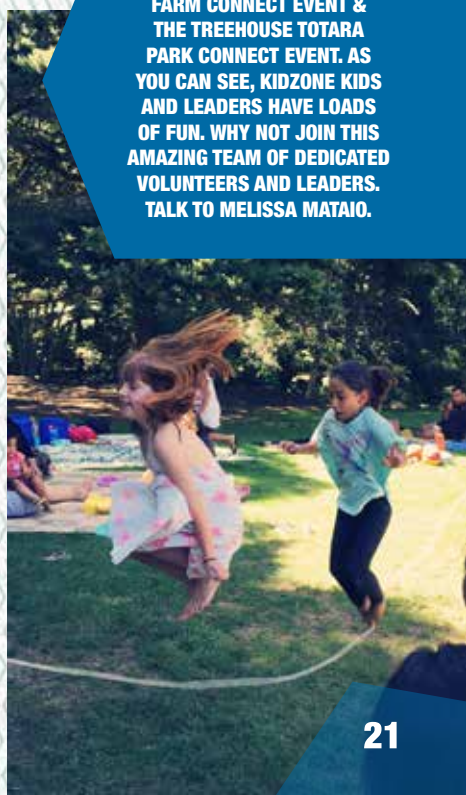
The sun shone for a quick **PICNIC LUNCH** together and then it was home for a nap while the kids played.

A **BIG THANKS** to the Kidzone leaders for making events like this happen and for reminding us all that spending time with animals and kids is one of the most rewarding things in life*!

**Not a parent or mourning an empty nest? You don't have to miss out—why not volunteer to spend some quality time with our Kidzone kids? Don't worry the only animals involved are painted on the wall.*



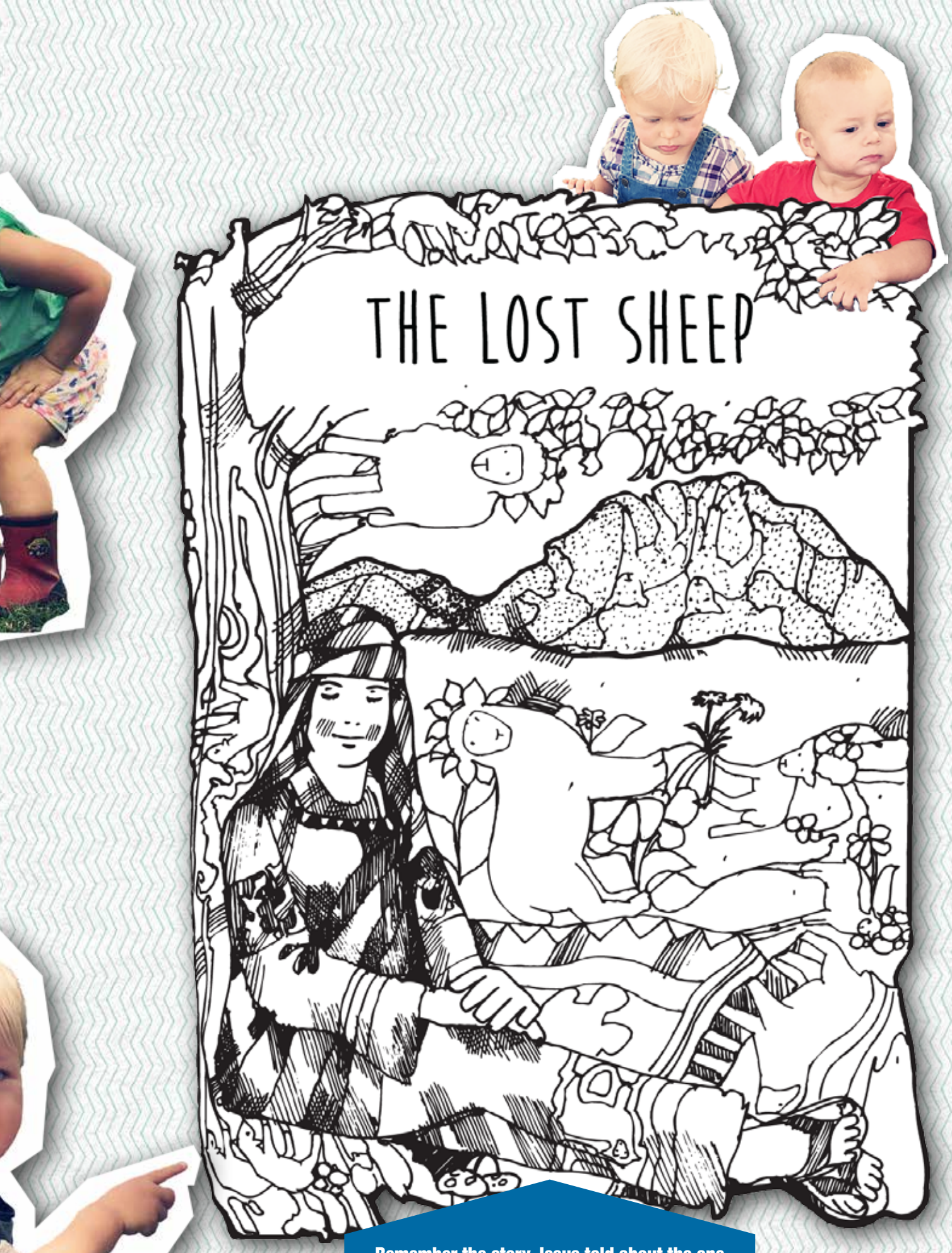
PHOTOS FROM EXTREME CONNECT CAMP, AMBURY FARM CONNECT EVENT & THE TREEHOUSE TOTARA PARK CONNECT EVENT. AS YOU CAN SEE, KIDZONE KIDS AND LEADERS HAVE LOADS OF FUN. WHY NOT JOIN THIS AMAZING TEAM OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND LEADERS. TALK TO MELISSA MATAIO.



KIDZONE

QUEEN ESTHER

Esther is being crowned Queen: How many differences can you spot between the two pictures?



Remember the story Jesus told about the one lost sheep? Read about it in Luke 15:3-7. While this shepherd took a nap, twelve of his sheep disappeared. Can you help him Find them?

MOTHER'S DAY PAMPER EVENT

TASTY CARROT SOUP

6 carrots (peeled & chopped)
3 cups of water
2 Teaspoon chicken or vegetable stock
2 Tablespoon Peanut Butter
1 Tablespoon Soy Sauce
1 Teaspoon Nutmeg
Pinch oregano
2 cloves crushed garlic
1 onion chopped
1 cup milk (optional)

Method:
Mix all ingredients in a pot and boil until carrots are soft.
Blend together and add 1 cup of milk (this is optional).
Swirl sour cream or cream on top to garnish.

ELAINE'S GLUTEN STROGANOFF

Gluten Steaks

2 eggs
1 Packet Maggi French Onion Soup
1 cup Milk
Soy Sauce to taste
Herbs to taste
Handful of Rolled Oats
1 cup Gluten Flour

Canola oil to fry
(see extra ingredients for broth)

Method:

Mix ingredients together in the above order.
Add more water if mixture is too stiff. It needs to be quite soft.
Fry gently in spoonfuls.
Once fried, place in a pot of water with 1 chopped onion, 1 packet of Maggi mushroom soup, 1 teaspoon of Marmite and 2 dessert-spoons of Bisto dissolved in water.
Simmer for 20 minutes.

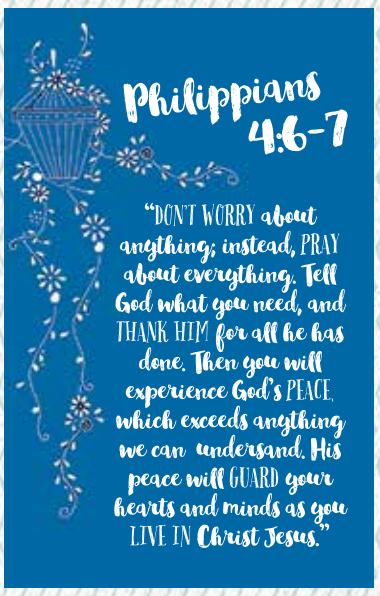
While the glutens are cooking in the broth, make the mushroom sauce.

Mushroom Sauce

250 gm mushrooms sliced, and sautéed in butter.
Make into a gravy by adding ¾ cup milk and ¾ cups water (approx).
Thicken with Bisto & cornflour.
Season with salt & pepper to taste.

To Put Together

Take glutens out of broth, but save the broth.
Slice gluten steaks into strips length-wise
Brown in a little oil (be very gentle) in fry-pan
Heat broth. Gently add fried glutens and mushroom sauce.
Sprinkle 1 packet of Maggi French Onion Soup on top and mix in.
Heat through and mix in 125 gm sour cream before serving.



MEET A KIDZONE Papsda-ite

Meet Darius Teao, Age 11

What school do you go to?

SOUTH AUCKLAND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL, RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO PAPSDA.

What Kidzone environment do you belong to?

EXTREME.

What is something that you love about Extreme?

LEARNING ABOUT GOD, HANGING OUT, AND THE COOL TEACHERS.

What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time?

DRAW AND PLAY SPORTS.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

ABU DHABI BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE RICHEST CITIES IN THE WORLD AND IT HAS A LOT OF ASH-AS STUFF.

What is your favourite Bible verse?

JOHN 3:16. NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT) "FOR THIS IS HOW GOD LOVED THE WORLD: HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Who is your favourite Bible character?

JESUS! AND ALSO KING SOLOMON BECAUSE HE WAS THE WISEST MAN THAT EVER LIVED.

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360 NEWS

Confidence in the future is completely dependant on remembering how God has led in the past (or something like that!). This is so true for 360, Papsda's high school and youth ministry.

Ten years ago a group of Pathfinders approached me at a Pathfinder Camp and asked if they could have a chat. I remember for a split second trying to decide between them and the delicious gourmet breakfast of baked beans on toast. So glad I chose to listen to them because what they shared set in motion a unique ministry that has, as its core mission, a passion for leading young people to Jesus.

The programs, environments, camps, sports, seminars and community outreach initiatives have all been about bringing what they believe to life! Helping our young people discover their spiritual gifts and utilising their natural talents has been a passion of the Leadership Team. Engaging our young people into the life of Papsda and helping them make this church their spiritual home has also been a major goal of this ministry. To see the high number of young people involved in the mission of our church today brings us heaps of joy and satisfaction.

I'd like to thank you, our church, for continuing to be the grace-filled community that you are—for loving and guiding our young people. For caring about them, praying for them, building relationships with them. You are the reason that we can stand at this point in the ministry and praise God for His leading over the past ten years, and look forward to His continued leading into the future.

—Karl Saifoloi

TOUCH TOURNAMENT

360 had an awesome Touch Rugby Tournament this year. I'm not sure what the best part is? Is it the road trip or the tournament itself? In any case, our teams represented us well. In the hugely competitive Men's Open Grade, our Men's Team (this is the first year we have entered a Men's Team) made it to the semi-finals. Our Mixed Team were the winners of their grade and our Juniors Team, made up of up-and-coming young players, won an award for fair play. We are grateful to our coaches (Richard Wolfgramm, Men's A; Brittany Ah-Young, Mixed Team; Caleb Saifoloi, Junior Team). Well done 360 Touch!

—Karl Saifoloi

360 CHURCH

It's significant that on this, our 10th anniversary year, we've decided to bring back 360 Church. It's significant because this is how 360 started. April 1 was the date of our first 360 Church. We ran it in the car park out of ShedX. The theme was *Crazy Love*. It was awesome to have a number of testimonies from the ShedX community of their journeys with God so far. A big thanks to the ShedX Team for being a safe place for people to experience God in community.

May 6 was the date for our next 360 Church entitled *Raw to ROAR*, a journey into vulnerability. The praise and worship team were on point! The ice-breaker crew did an great job in getting everyone into the vibe! We were delighted to have GraceGate Youth and Bre join us and testify through dance and spoken word. Then Esther spoke. One word—Powerful! Thank you Esther for sharing your story and for being vulnerable.

We're all loving having 360 Church back on the calendar. Watch this space for upcoming dates.

—Karl Saifoloi

CONNECT CAMP

To kick-start our 10 Year Celebration of 360 Ministries we wanted to take a FRESH approach. For our annual 360 Connect Camp it was out with the salt water and in with the FRESH water of Lake Ohakuri. The open fields and pristine views of fresh water surrounded by glorious green mountains provided the perfect atmosphere for a weekend of chillaxing, munching, laughing and most of all connecting. With over 90 campers ageing from young to the young-at-heart with a mix of our own peeps as well as 20 or so who were invited from the community, this camp was definitely going to produce its fair share of memories and boy did it.

At the start we all had the usual feelings of excitement and nervousness about what the weekend would bring but by the end of it we all knew that this would be a camp to remember. Just to give you a hint of what we felt during camp I'm going to quote one of the campers who shared on social media their experience of connect camp.

"When you think you're building a raft but

you're actually building friendships".

If there was a sentence that summarises 360 Connect Camp 2016 this one hits the nail on the head. We had fun building rafts, competing in tug-of-war and hearing inspiring messages but what it all boils down to is this one word. CONNECT. We value the importance of our young people connecting and making new and lasting friendships and 360 Connect Camp is one of the best ways we do this. Thanks to everyone who made this camp possible. To all the volunteers who put in time and effort to make this camp special we say THANK YOU! We couldn't have done it without you.

And a huge congratulations to the team who took out the 360 Connect Camp Champions Cup—Rugrats!

—William Wolfgramm

TRAIL BUSTER

On the cool and crisp morning of March 13, over 120 registered participants took on the hills and slopes of the great Hunua Ranges for our Trail Buster 2016 Fundraiser. At the start line there was the usual hustle and bustle of runners preparing for the race. For the serious runners the race had already began, having already mentally prepared their minds for the next few hours of running. For the not so serious it was all about getting out in the beautiful mountain ranges of Hunua with family and friends and getting a good sweat-out.

But regardless of age, fitness level, or training each runner gave it a go and finished the race. Someone once said, "It doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack, or last. You can say, 'I have finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that."

So huge thank you to you ALL for running to support two awesome charities who definitely make an impact in their communities: ADRA New Zealand—changing lives at home and overseas; and 360 Community Trust—Supporting Youth Mentoring & Leadership.

Because of you ALL we were able to raise $5,068.66.

We would like to give a special mention to our awesome sponsors who made this possible:

Sanitarium Vending > Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing > Frooze Balls > Revive > ADRA > Broderick Printing > Auckland Council > ShedX > 360 Community Trust

Also a huge Congratulations to our winners:

- First Place 8.6km Male: William Wolfgramm
- First Place 8.6km Female: Jess Williams
- First Place 17.2km Male: Russall Fredericks
- First Place 17.2 Female: Melanie Cossar

Special Prizes:

- Top Fundraiser: Keri Maunder
- Best Dressed Group: Southern Cross Cadet Unit

—William Wolfgramm

360 SAMOA SERVICE TOUR

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"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" *(Romans 15:5–7).*

On the 9th of July, we will be celebrating 10 years of 360 Ministry by boarding a plane bound for the beautiful islands of Samoa. We are blessed to have Day7 travelling with us. These men are an inspiration to us and will join us in sharing messages of hope and unity. They will also be our drivers, food gatherers and body guards!

Our 60-strong tour group will visit churches, schools and community groups, sharing a message that was the subject of Jesus' last prayer for His followers: **UNITY.**

TEN YEARS OF 360 MINISTRY

As I reflect on **10 years of 360 Ministry**, I can truly say that the most powerful moments, the most Spirit-filled moments, the moments where God has revealed Himself to us, have been the times when we have been most united. There is nothing more powerful than a spirit of unity amongst God's people. Of course it needs to be the right type of unity, from the right Source, and for the right purpose. Human history is littered with the resulting trauma of people uniting for an evil purpose.

The right source of unity is the Holy Spirit. "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." *(Ephesians 4:3).*

The right purpose is twofold.

1) As a witness to the world. "…by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." *John 13:35*

2) To reveal God's glory. "...with one voice, glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." *Romans 15:5-7*

So we are praying that our trip to Samoa will be a huge blessing to the people of Samoa and also for our touring group. We want our church programs to provide a picture of God that will unify the church in Samoa in its mission to extend God's Kingdom. We want our school programs to inspire young people to discover the diversity of gifts and talents that come together in unison for God's purposes. We want to equip leaders with tools that will inspire Jesus-followers to give all for the sake of unity. We want the funds we have raised for Lalovaea SDA school to be multiplied in the lives of the young people and the teachers that serve there. And we want to serve.

We're also excited about taking some time out on the beautiful resort island of Namua. Time to reflect on how God has led 360 over the past ten years. Time to pour ourselves into each others' lives. Time to reflect personally on where we are with Jesus. And time to be unified through worshipping together.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN JOIN US ON OUR MISSION.

Come to our 360/Day7 fundraising concert June 25th. The purpose of the concert is to raise funds for Lalovaea SDA Primary School and College.

If you are able to offer financial assistance to some of our young people who need help to pay for their trip, please let Karl or Tracey know.

Finally, please pray for our group as we continue to make preparations for our trip. Pray for our plans. Pray for our people. Pray for the church in Samoa. But most of all, please pray that we will all glorify God through Spirit-filled unity.

UNITED. ONE VOICE. UNISON.

—By Karl Saifoloi

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4-5 ▹ NNZC Youth Rally & Basketball Tournament

July 9-17 ▹ 10 Year Anniversary Service Tour (Samoa)

August 5 ▹ 360 Church

August 13-14 ▹ Venus (for high school girls)

September 2 ▹ 360 Church

September 11 ▹ Ripple Leadership Conference

October 6-9 ▹ 360 Service Tour (Kaitaia)

October 22-23 ▹ NNZC Youth Rally & Volleyball Tournament

November 4 ▹ 360 Church

November 6 ▹ Step Up & Go

November 26-27 ▹ NNZC Youth Rally & Soccer Tournament

December 2 ▹ 360 Church

December 4 ▹ 360 Banquet

"EVEN IF A UNITY OF FAITH IS NOT POSSIBLE, A UNITY OF LOVE IS."
~HANS URS VON BALTHASAR

MINI REPORTS

The Power of Being Contagious

What a blessing it was to once again be a part of a **CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN COURSE** here at Papsda 8-9 April. Our weekend was full of great people, challenge, inspiration, laughter, food and if ever you want to see the Spirit move, be at one of these courses. To all those who joined us for the weekend—thank you … for your commitment, vulnerability, encouragement and enthusiasm to share God with the people you care about. Remember, when God uses you as part of a team that leads someone to Jesus—watch out—you will never be the same again. —Karyn Newson

Papsda's Library

THE LIBRARY is one of my favourite places to hang out at Papsda, all the God wisdom held in pages and life changing stories to watch on DVD right at my fingertips, just waiting to be borrowed for free! And of course the friendly patrons who come to share in this treasure chest always make our day. This year we've got **FIVE NEW LIBRARIANS** on the desk (joining our existing team of 4 librarians), learning our new computer system and greeting with a smile to all who come to visit us. And it's greatly appreciated when people return items they've borrowed so the next person can benefit too. Come visit us, we'd love to show you some of the new stock that has kindly been donated over the last few months. —Esme Rodgers

New Health & Safety Regulations

With the introduction of some new **HEALTH & SAFETY LAWS** relating to churches in April you may have noticed a few new notices and signs going up around the complex and some reminders and requests being made. We want Papsda to be a safe place for **EVERYONE** and we really appreciate your help as we continue on in this journey. —Karyn Newson

Welcome Baby Clothes Library

Being responsible for a new life can be exhausting and frightening, especially if you have a colicky baby, no close family nearby or maybe not enough money. It is easy to see how young mums can reach breaking point, but with the help of the **WELCOME BABY PROGRAM**, we can assist these mums and families with baby clothing, encouragement and advice.

It has been a quiet 2016 so far, with only one new baby born to the program, but we are still assisting eight other families with babies under one-year-old.

Welcome Baby would like to thank everyone for their contributions in donating **CLOTHING, BABY CAR SEATS AND WOOL** for our wonderful knitter ladies.

A very happy "Welcome Baby" shout out to the new babies born into our Papsda family, just know that we love babies.

Thank you also for all the volunteers who have put up their hands in helping with the Welcome Baby program. Please continue to pray for all the Welcome Baby families, it makes such a big difference in their lives when they are being told that we always remember them in our prayers. —Brigitte Bagg

Safe Places

The start of this year saw each ministry team, where children serve or are being served, sign various **SAFE PLACES FORMS.** There were the Police vetting form, Staff and Volunteer Data form, Staff & Volunteer Pledge.

Parents had the opportunity to sign a Parental/ Guardian Media Consent Form. If you did not have a chance to sign the Parental Media Consent Form and would like to, please contact Guest Central, the church office or Brigitte Bagg.

Safe Places is currently working on various brochures for the info racks as well as helping with the new **HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES.**

For any information or queries regarding Safe Places, feel free to contact Brigitte Bagg at brigitte@papsda.co.nz or via the church office. —Brigitte Bagg

Mother's Day Lunch

I am truly proud of our Papsda kids for their service this year at the Mother's Day Pamper event in May. Mums were treated with a delicious **THREE-COURSE MEAL,** accompanied by live entertainment. The program consisted of jokes written by the kids, a dance, a special message on Philippians 4:6 and a performance of an original song written by our Papsda kids, performed by Pastor Norman, Pastor Karl and Pastor William. The afternoon ended with mums being pampered with massages, manicures and pedicures. This was defiantly an event where mums were left feeling loved and special. Thank you to all those who were involved on the day and helped make the event one to remember. (Photos and recipes on pages 24-25) —Melissa Mataio

Community Playgroup

An average Wednesday morning Playgroup happens like this: Free Play from 9:00am-10:00am. Activities, Movement & Music until 11:15 followed by a quick tidy-up. Then Story Time to finish off a fun-filled morning for 0-5 year olds and their parents or caregivers.

The **PLAYGROUP TEAM** strive to promote an experience that is engaging, exciting and fun. We love helping little ones learn to socialise and develop motor skills, furthering their learning experience.

We have had a great start this year, with an entire term exploring dinosaurs. Our new adventure for Term 2 focusses on re-discovering nursery rhymes. **INCY-WINCY SPIDER** will pay us a visit and even stay for a tea-party! Our team are committed in promoting a place that is nurturing and full of excitement, so if you think you would like to join us we welcome volunteers to be part of this energetic team! And, if you have little ones from babies through to 5-year-olds, come to Playgroup each Wednesday morning during school term to experience the fun for yourself. —Joselayne Macdondald

Equip Courses

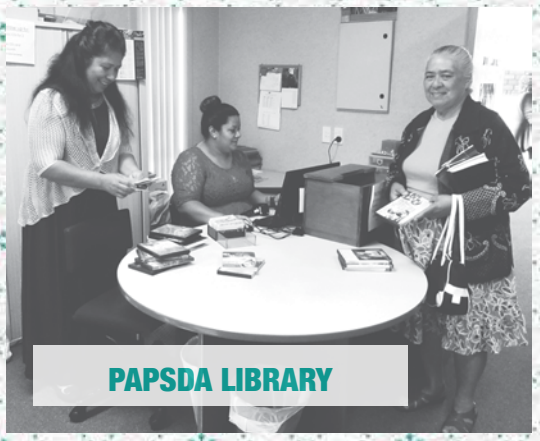
Often we feel convicted or compelled to serve or lead but we are not sure where to start or how to even do it. Sometimes we have the passion but lack the skill or the knowledge. Equip is the answer to that. It is part of discipleship. It is about us **INTENTIONALLY GROWING UP** into the call or conviction to serve God in our lives. This year there will a variety of EQUIP courses on offer. Make sure you keep your ear to the ground to know what is available to you.

S.H.A.P.E is all about discovering your spiritual giftings and it has been happening during the month of May during our Sabbath discussion group time.

Commencing 20 June for 6 consecutive Monday evenings you will have the opportunity to go deeper into the word of God and have it come alive for you in ways you couldn't imagine. **"THE BIBLE THROUGH NEW EYES"** is a course that will give you simple tools to know how to read, study and lead yourself and others through the word of God in a practical and powerful way. If you haven't already, do take the opportunity to sign up and get involved in this course run by Richard Newson. (Contact the front office for more details on 09 278 7786 or secretary@papsda.co.nz)

Keep your ear to the ground on other courses that will help EQUIP you in life and ministry. **RECOVERY GROUPS** will be starting, **BUDGETING COURSES** will be running and there is no limit to what God can do when we step into the ring. —Keira Bullock

SAFE PLACES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Both Extreme & 360 High School & Youth enjoyed summer camps.

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Photographs from our Easter Praise Service 19 March 2016.

Around
PAPSDA

All the goings on around our local community and beyond.

Kidzone
CONNECT EVENTS

Events from little ones in the Farmyard through to big kids in Extreme.

FAMILY FEATURE

7 Things Our Kids Need From Their Parents To Limit Abandoning God

~BY FRANK POWELL

Everyone has experienced a young person throwing aside their faith, directly or indirectly.

So, does the church need to change? Or is there a different question?

You see, I believe **parents** are the primary link between young people and God. Not the church.

In his book *Soul Searching*, Christian Smith says this: *The most important social influence in shaping young people's Christianity is the Christian life modelled and taught to them by their parents.*

Here's the deal. Parents, you are painting a portrait of God for your children every day. Every word, action and conversation is a brush-stroke. When your children prepare to leave home, they are staring at a portrait of God that shapes their actions and decisions about faith moving forward.

Are there exceptions? Absolutely. I witnessed young people leave Jesus, even though the faith of their parents was rock solid. I also saw young people continue into college on fire for God, even though their parents had shaky, fickle faith. So, this isn't a black and white issue. Few issues are.

But will you, as a parent, play an enormous role in shaping the faith of your children? No doubt.

With that said, I want to point out some things young people need from their parents.

1) THEY NEED YOU TO STOP HANDING THEIR FAITH OFF TO YOUTH LEADERS.

In the first few months as a youth pastor, I noticed something alarming. It appeared as though parents looked to me as the primary person responsible for the spiritual growth of their kids. Why is this alarming? The Bible makes no mention of this model.

Unfortunately, most churches have created this perception.

"When the ultimate goal is to make sure our children never experience the evils of the world, we not only do them an injustice socially, we rob them of seeing the gospel's transformative power."

But there is a problem when children and youth ministry becomes THE tool. I think it is a great tool for building faith in young people. However, **parents, you have the primary responsibility** of building faith in your children. Children and Youth leaders exist to equip you and supplement the work you are doing in the home. They don't exist to replace you.

2) THEY NEED YOU TO CARE AS MUCH ABOUT THEIR STRUGGLES AS YOU DO ABOUT THEIR SALVATION.

Growing up, I remember numerous conversations with my parents about baptism. Almost too many. I grew to hate the word *baptism,* and with every conversation about why I needed to be baptised, I took one step further away from God.

As strange as this sounds, I needed someone to care as much about my struggles as they did about my salvation. I struggled mightily in high school. I searched everywhere for my identity. I travelled down dark roads searching for direction.

It was as if my salvation was the only thing that mattered. Eventually, I started to see God this way. He didn't have much to say about my present struggles. He just wanted me to be *saved*. And I didn't care much for a God who didn't inform my current situation. So, I left.

You can't manufacture salvation. But you can show people God's love.

Parents, what you can do is show the love of God to your children. This starts by helping them see their present struggles as God's concern. Sit down with your children. Talk to them. Show them grace.

As you do this, the gospel will come to life. Because the gospel doesn't just inform salvation. It informs everything. Addictions. Temptations. Identity issues. And once your children see that God walks with them through their struggles, they will have a stronger desire to give their lives to him.

3) THEY NEED YOU TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THEY ARE ASKING.

Today's culture is extremely complex. Young people see everything. Information (good and bad) is available on-demand. And as young people battle with difficult questions about sexuality and social issues, among many other things, the world is forming their perspective. Every article. Every conversation. Every video.

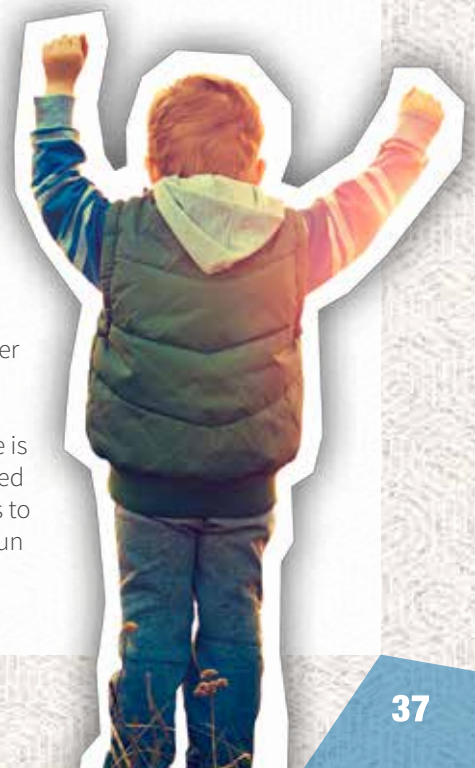
It is more important than ever that parents open up space to discuss difficult topics. It's time to stop turning a blind eye to the questions prevalent in the lives of your kids. Naivety is not an excuse. Awkwardness and tension won't work as excuses either.

Yes, these conversations are awkward. Yes, they create tension. But your children are asking them. Unless you create space for the hard questions, they will turn to other sources for answers. And that usually doesn't end well.

4) THEY NEED YOU TO STOP PROTECTING THEM.

The world is broken. No argument from me there. It seems as though our world is more sinful than ever.

But I wonder what the response would be if the same microscope were placed on cities like Ephesus and Corinth? During the time of Paul, Ephesus was overtaken by witchcraft. Every spring, roughly a million people travelled to the temple of Artemis, which was filled with prostitutes. Let's just say these people weren't going to the temple to talk about the weather.



So, how does Paul instruct the Ephesians to respond in the midst of a culture blanketed with sin? He tells them to put on the armour of God *(Eph. 6:10-20)*. In other words, jump in the fight. Paul didn't understand a theology of retreat. There is no such thing. He expected the Christians in Ephesus to engage the culture, not run from it.

When the ultimate goal is to make sure our children never experience the evils of the world, we not only do them an injustice socially, we rob them of seeing the gospel's transformative power.

5) THEY NEED TO SEE GOD AS MORE THAN RULES AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

Every decision, every thought and every action comes down to this: In whom do I place my trust? ~Kara Powell

Looking back on my childhood, this was the most important factor in my faith as I transitioned into college. I needed to see that my parents trusted the promises of God. I needed to see that my parents made decisions as though God was real and alive, not a set of rules or a list of *do's and don'ts.*

Parents, never underestimate the impact of your decisions on your children. They need to see you trust God with your time and money. They need to see you approach your job as a mission field. They need to see you love people well. All people. They need to see you trust the promises of God in Scripture.

If you boil Christian living down to church attendance and morality, your children will notice. And who wants to follow a God who is nothing more than rules and showing up to a building? I sure don't.

6) THEY NEED TO SEE YOUR STRUGGLES AND DOUBTS.

Let's get real for a second. God is mysterious. Faith is not easy. Some questions about God don't have easy answers. You have probably experienced days where you considered throwing in the towel.

Join the club. I want you to meet some people. These are the apostles. Yeah, the ones who walked with Jesus and started the church. Yes, they are at the *I have doubted my faith at some point* club.

Parents, your kids have doubts. And they need to see that you have doubts as well. Otherwise, when questions about God come, your kids will either internalise them or turn to another source for answers. Both are bad options.

I am not telling you to have confession hour every night. But there is power in vulnerability and authenticity. Your kids need to know you are human. And they need to know the path to intimacy with God involves seasons of doubt and struggle.

7) THEY NEED YOU TO PLEAD FOR GOD TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN THEIR FAITH.

Parents, in the journey to lay a foundation of faith for your children, nothing is more important than prayer. Pray for your children. Pray with your children. Every day.

Never stop praying for your kids. Don't allow their current circumstances to impact God's power. Even if your child is light years from God, God is only a prayer away from them.

Parents, you are painting a portrait of God for your children. What does the picture look like?

It is never too late to start investing in the faith of your children. It is also never too early to get started. Set the trajectory of faith for your children now.

The church plays a role in the faith of your children. But the primary responsibility is yours, parents. You've got this. God would never give you a task and not equip you for it. Your children don't need the funniest, most knowledgeable or best communicator to build their faith. They need you.

So, give them what they need. ■

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I know God will richly bless and reward you as you are faithful to Him. **"For God loves a cheerful giver."** *2 Corinthians 9:7.*

—Roger Marshall

MIND BLOWING GENEROSITY

Meet Papsda's 2016 Staff

You know that segment in our Worship Service, "Who Are The People in Your Neighbourhood"? Well, we thought it would be nice to share the hopes and dreams of the 2016 Papsda Staff, and let you know who does what each week and who you can go to if you need to talk about specific things. Some well-known faces are amongst the staff, as well as new, young blood. Here are our "staffies".

Norman Hurlow

TEAM LEADER (the one who goes to jail if we get things wrong!)

So I am an import, like many who worship at Papsda, I was born and raised in South Africa and moved to New Zealand with my family as a teenager. Going to school in Palmerston North, we heard about this awesome church called Papsda, who where on fire for God, were hip and happening, with passionate, committed volunteers. I dreamed of one day being part of a church like that!

Fast-forward ten years after tertiary studies in South Africa, marrying a beautiful South African bokkie (ask another safa) and sensing the call to ministry in New Zealand. I'm here because God opened some pretty amazing doors to join the team at Papsda as Youth Pastor.

It is now my joy and honour to serve our church family and wider community as leader of our pastoral team (both paid and volunteer) here at Papsda. That means most of my time is spent on mentoring and empowering our leaders, overseeing governance of our various boards and trusts, upholding our vision, mission and values, while directing our preaching and teaching.

I love doing ministry at Papsda! I love serving alongside our committed passionate leaders and volunteers. I love our focus on making a real difference in our community. I love our engaging and inspiring gatherings. I love our team approach to leadership. I love our emphasis on Life Groups as the vehicle for true community, growth and service. I love our children's environments, our crazy 360 teens and youth, our young families, our 60's plus. I love our commitment to making a difference internationally. I love our family. I love Papsda!

Karyn Newson

ADMINISTRATION, LIFE GROUPS & COMMUNITY

I have had the very real pleasure of growing up here at Papsda, I have volunteered here for more than 30 years in nearly every role imaginable and been incredibly blessed to be on staff for 11 years now.

I currently lead the Administration and Community areas at Papsda and am also involved in Life Groups and 360. Attending Papsda my whole life has meant that I have seen the very high highs and the challenging lows of this beautiful thing we call church, and I feel called to serve along side an amazing team of leaders and volunteers so that people see God in a new and very real way. There is nothing better for me than to see a person meet God for the very first time or in a new and exciting way.

My dream is that we would be a community of people who love God in such an authentic way that we can't help but love all the people around us.

NORMAN HURLOW
TEAM LEADER / LEAD PASTOR

KARYN NEWSON
ADMINISTRATION, LIFE GROUPS & COMMUNITY

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OFFICE ADMINISTRATION & ACCOUNTS

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I am very fortunate and blessed to be part of the staff here in the Papsda office—it's been over a year in my role as Office Manager and I've enjoyed the journey thus far.

What I love about ministry at this church, is the strong sense of community—there's is a sense of belonging and it's an awesome place to work. The team at Papsda are vibrant, purpose-driven, and Kingdom builders.

My dream for Papsda is that we would continue our work in the community and be able to impact more lives for Christ. Fa'afetai Lava.

Keira Bullock

WORSHIP (CREATIVE ARTS), DISCIPLESHIP & COMMUNICATIONS

I have been serving on the team here at Papsda for almost 10 years. Over time my role has grown, morphed and changed depending on the season.

Currently I oversee the above areas, but am also honoured to work along side my team mates in pastoral care, mentoring and hanging out with the 60's Plus from time to time. Jacinda is the genius behind the communications (Katie her team mate has recently gone on maternity leave) and my part is just to help write, edit and help generate what it is we need to be sharing, so you all know what is going on around here and can plug in! Discipleship is new to my portfolio this year, and it has been exciting to begin to dream about ways we can all grow up big and take next steps in our relationship with God and each other. Stay tuned. Worship has by far been my biggest time commitment over the years—working with our musicians, creatives and techies to involve as many people as possible in hosting worship experiences to share and participate in together.

I love ministry and the local church. My dream is for each of us to have a living, breathing, growing relationship with Jesus. I want us to unashamedly express that relationship in community through authentic worship.

Brigitte Bagg

PASTORAL CARE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

I have served at Papsda for 9 years on staff. I work 3 days per week. Prior to that I volunteered at Papsda for 12 years.

My time is currently split between Pastoral Care and Community Services Coordination. We have a great Pastoral Care team, for which I am most grateful. Safe Places (creating a safe environment for children, youth and vulnerable people) is part of Pastoral Care and again we have a great team in place. The Community Services Coordinator role supervises a wide range of community initiatives, including CAP Money Courses; Welcome Baby Clothing Library; Toolbox & Building Awesome Whanau Parenting Courses and any other new initiatives that impact our local community. If anyone would like to know more about or join some of these ministry areas, please get in touch.

What I love about these ministries is the freedom to explore and try new initiatives following where the Holy Spirit is leading. I love the team approach and the support from other ministry areas, we work as a whole body rather than individuals.

My dream is to have a new generation rising up with selfless faith to take the baton, to continue to run the race in our community.

Trena Morse

CAP DEBT CENTRE MANAGER

I have been involved at Papsda for about four years. I started working as a volunteer helping with 360 and cooking for the camps and mission trips. I also served as the Service Ministry team leader and have been very involved in the ShedX gym.

Currently I spend my time being

KEIRA BULLOCK
WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP & COMMUNICATIONS

BRIGITTE BAGG
PASTORAL CARE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

TRENA MORSE
CAP DEBT CENTRE MANAGER

the Centre Manager for Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and am incredibly blessed to see lives in the community changed and people experiencing the love and grace of God as well as financial freedom. I am also very involved in ShedX and lead a women-only class on Wednesday mornings.

The thing I love most about ministry at Papsda is the heart and priority to reach our community. To bring acceptance and the love of Jesus to those who don't know Him. It doesn't matter where you are on the journey you are accepted here.

Karl Saifoloi

AGE GROUPS & LIFE GROUPS

I'm leading Life Groups and Age Groups and am passionate about the *out there* community. I love the values that have been driving Papsda this year. I feel God's call to do all He asks of me when it comes to making Papsda a church without walls.

My dream is to see every Papsda-ite engaged and committed to an inclusive, life-transforming Life Group by the end of 2016!

Dream a dream so big it's impossible without God!

William Wolfgramm

YOUTH

So I'm the new kid on the block with a whopping two and a half months of ministry at Papsda under my belt—and every moment of it has been amazing!

I spend most of my time working with our awesome Age Groups team: Karl, Tracey and Melissa, and serve as assistant pastor to the young people of 360 with a bit of worship and Sabbath school in the mix. I love ministry at Papsda because every leader is sold out and totally committed to God, and has a deep passion to see His church grow and thrive. And that makes ministry so much more exciting!

My dream is for the generation of tomorrow to be the generation of today. That an army of youth would rise up and take the torch of God's Love and Truth and fearlessly shine it amidst a world of darkness.

Tracey Ryan

AGE GROUP MINISTRIES/360 COORDINATOR

I was a Papsda kid and grew up here. I have served in lots of different areas for nearly 40 years! This is my 8th year as a part-timer on the staff team, where I spend my time organising Karl and William and working with Melissa in our awesome Age Groups Ministry team. I take care of all the admin and event planning for our 360 events: camps; conferences; fundraising events; etc. I also work with the 360 Community Trust. In my spare time, I run my own piano-teaching studio and I love volunteering in the music ministry and managing Day7!

What do I love about ministry at Papsda? That's easy. I love the people. I love the support from our Pastors and Elders Team of all of our random ideas and initiatives—they always let us *have a go.* I love the forward thinking. I love that we embrace inclusive community. I love that we walk alongside our young people. I love Papsda!

I dream that our children and young people will grow up embracing inclusive community. That they will know that Papsda is always a safe place for them regardless of how messy life becomes. That their value in themselves will be based on how much they know God loves them and not on how other people see them or how they see themselves.

One last thing... my favourite text at the moment... *Ephesians 3:20.* "Now unto Him who is able to do immeasurably MORE than all we can ask or imagine, according to HIS power that is at work within us."

KARL SAIFOLOI
AGE GROUPS & LIFE GROUPS

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YOUTH

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Melissa Mataio

KIDZONE COORDINATOR

2016 is my second year serving on staff in Children's Ministries. Prior to that, I have served in every Kidzone environment since I was 17. There is something special about seeing young children grow in their faith. I have seen the excitement on a toddler's face when they hear an exciting Bible story, or sing their favourite worship song. I've seen real joy and happiness in a child when they make that unforgettable commitment to give their life to Christ. There is nothing more rewarding than to know that God is using you to bring His children closer to Him. Children are the future of our church influencing and supporting them in their faith-journey is an awesome privilege.

Having children myself and seeing their love for Jesus grow each day, makes me even more passionate about what I do here at Papsda. It is my desire for Children's Ministry to not just be a curriculum we teach on Sabbath morning, but to be a partnership with parents that builds a child's faith not just at church but in their homes and in their community.

Jacinda Turnbull-Harman

COMMUNICATIONS

Papsda Communications takes up 15 hours each week. My portfolio consists of organising and executing E-Updates, Social Media and Bulletins as well as graphic design requirements for each ministry area. Since Katie Hurlow recently went on maternity leave, I'm also re-learning website management, and have taken on the half-yearly magazine, News From the Pews. I'm highly energised by this role as it uses the best of my gifts and abilities, and I'm a huge fan of Papsda and its mission. The rest of my week is spent as a freelance graphic designer.

Papsda is an incredible place to work—this is my 13th year in this role. What we have here is unique and extraordinary. The team is vibrant, innovative and very much Spirit-Led. We collaboratively come up with ideas and concepts, and then I have fun creating art and design to promote events, ministries and news.

We want to ensure that the entire population of our church has easy access to information relating to events, spiritual development, support and services. So Papsda, read your e-updates, *like* our Facebook page because my dream for this ministry is that no one misses out.

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PAPSDA STAFF RETREAT 2016

RECIPES

MAIN PHOTO: Raw Mexican Burrito
BELOW: Chocolate Energy Balls

RAW MEXICAN BURRITO

INGREDIENTS:

2 large avocados
1 red onion (diced)
1 small purple and/or green cabbage head
2 tomatoes (diced)
2 red or yellow capsicum (diced)
1 lemon
2 cloves of garlic (minced)
½ bunch of coriander (chopped)
½ teaspoon of Himalayan salt
Pinch of paprika

TO MAKE GUACAMOLE:

Mash or blend the avocados, either by hand or in a food processor
Add onion, coriander, garlic, salt, and paprika. Squeeze lemon over the mixture.
Stir all ingredients through together, mixing well.

TO MAKE WRAPS:

Slice cabbage in half and carefully separate each leaf.
Choose 4 large leaves and remove the stem on the outside of the leaf (this makes it easier to wrap and roll the burrito).
Spread guacamole mixture on the inside of each leaf.
Add the tomatoes and the capsicum, making sure to keep the vegetables in the centre of the leaf to ensure an easier wrap.
Roll into a burrito shape by folding the bottom of the leaf towards the centre, and then folding the outer sides into the middle.

Enjoy!

CHOCOLATE ENERGY BALLS

INGREDIENTS:

12 dates (seeds removed)
1/4 cup of cocoa powder
1/3 cup shredded coconut
1 cup almonds
1 tablespoon chia seeds
1 tablespoon rice malt syrup

METHOD:

Place all ingredients into a blender, and blend until well combined.
Take a tablespoon of mixture and roll with hands into small balls,
with the diameter approximately the size of a 20 cent piece.
Roll the balls into the shredded coconut, and refrigerate for 30 minutes until set.

Makes 16 balls.

MIND-BLOWING!

BY DEBBIE PHILLIPS

When I became a Christian, to be honest I didn't know the *mind-blowing* meaning of the word—even though I knew many Christians in their various forms.

The profound realisations I had, revealed things to me that were otherwise foreign. I mean you have to agree there are people that give, then there are people that *give*, and for a multitude of reasons. In the secular world it's often from obligation or tradition and for special occasions—these are obvious forms of giving. However, God's giving is not from this world, physically and materially maybe, but not spiritually. It is something as human beings we could never really comprehend in our own minds, we have to be taught, or convicted.

This is my story on receiving God's giving through others.

I first attended Papsda mid-December 2011, and for the next year or so I started becoming more familiar with the Christian walk and although simple in its commands, it is not an easy walk as I am sure many of you would know.

As I mingled and met different folk, joined ministries, attended events and workshops and studied for myself, the word seemed to become more relevant.

One year later I was baptised and my journey continued—but not without its challenges. However, the blessings of giving were poured out and obvious in my story.

From that first day at the forefront was Roger Marshall, who guided and supported me, gifting me books, and bibles required for my journey. Roger supported me with offers of transport, time and a Godly hand as a new member to Papsda and God's world, and I was extremely grateful for the caring—it almost seemed unreal to me.

Mind-Blowing Generosity.

Brigitte Bagg became an integral part of my journey. Through emails phone calls and a listening ear this woman kept me on track, with prayer, compassion and support, transport to church events, workshops and presentations, school interviews and meetings, coffee, and church camp, quietly educating me on the living water of Christ, and all the time I was unaware, how awesome and *mind-blowing*.

Over the years and to this day the gift of transportation has increased its fold with Tracey and Ricky Ryan, Karyn and Richard Newson, Keira Bullock, Gavin Liggett, Moana Puna, Elaine Colquhoun, Vaikini and Maile Teulilo, Raela Moore, Helene Boltman, Brian and Colleen McKeown, Karl and Karin Saifoloi, Alice and Lloyd Saifoloi, Norman and Liz Hurlow, Rupe Charlie and Mutarau Turoa, Linda Curtis, Ruta and Tevita Langi, Robin and Peter Greenfield, Denver Lawson, Adrian Van der Merwe, Eddie Tupa'i, Lynette Clark, Stephanie Clarry, Lana and Peter Harvey and anyone else that has ever offered transport (my apologies if I have missed your name) is without a doubt *mind-blowing!*

Early in 2013 applications were being processed for the second Papsda Church camp at Cambridge, when at work one day I received an email from Karyn Newson informing me I need not pay for the camp fees as someone (not wanting to be named) had already paid (there were 5 of us going)! Honestly, I was GOB-SMACKED. I couldn't contain my tears and had to leave my desk for a while. I'd always been able to pay for things and if I couldn't afford it, then it simply didn't happen. I felt as though this just wasn't happening to me. Incredibly *mind-blowingly* CRAZY!

A couple of months later and unbeknown to me I was about to become the recipient of honour at the annual Mother's Day Pamper Event. My Lord I cried. That just doesn't happen to a creature of secularism, heathenism, you name it… felt unworthy to be honoured in God's church. Aah, aah, but I was honoured nonetheless. There I was for all the congregation to see, flowers in hand, drenched in embarrassment, dissolving in tears, I graciously

DEBBIE IS HONOURED AT THE 2013 MOTHER'S DAY PAMPER EVENT.

accept in my disbelief. I remained in awe of this act for weeks—absolutely *mind-blowing!*

In November 2014, I had to move house, however I had furniture and gear in three different addresses so logistically it took some hours to coordinate the move. A very kind friend offered his truck, so I just needed a driver. Okay, who could I trust with this? After telling Tracey and Ricky of my move and truck (with no driver) a few days later Karl Saifoloi approaches me and kindly offered his help and basically said, "No worries, we've got this sorted," and turned up with three strapping young men (Jay, Jordan and Denzel).

What's the big deal? People move all the time, the BIG deal is they did it all in their own time so much more than money could ever buy. No payment required or contribution accepted—it was a big task and a big deal and yet done in the name of love. Just another *mind-blowing* gift of giving.

The following month, December 2014 the kids and I were invited to lunch at Tracey and Ricky's home after church however before people arrived Karyn Newson turned up and quietly handed me a lovely pottery jug (which I still have) and in it was a *mind-blowing* $600 cash accompanied by a beautifully written letter simply signed from a loving family. Overwhelmed with generosity, I was immediately filled with gratitude, appreciation and humility. Again I felt unworthy of this *mind-blowing* Godly act!

2015 unfolded with a barrage of intense life experiences with God right there in the midst of it all—the sadness, the sorrow, the frustration, the anger and suffering. Like a lighthouse guiding its ships to sail through narrow passages, so were His humble and ready servants opening their hearts and minds with sincerity. Thank you Papsda leaders for your *mind-blowing* prayers.

First Impressions ministry is more than wishing people "Happy Sabbath," handing out pamphlets and shaking peoples hand on a Saturday morning. I understand it's not everyone's cup of cocoa, particularly when you know certain people just want to bypass it to get to their place in the pew before someone else claims it—however, it is here that I have formed some very profound relationships, by sharing stories of past and present hurts. It is often with tears, that we minister to each other and rediscover our purpose in serving in this ministry. I appreciate Karyn Newson who continually loves on everyone in her leadership of this ministry, the batches of cookies made with love by Carolyn Ellis, the weekly messages of God's love from Lois Lowrie… Positivity beams, from this *mind-blowing* ministry.

To complete this never-ending story I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge two very significant people in my life. Tracey and Ricky Ryan, for their continued support for myself and my family. Not only do they provide transport, opportunity and Godly hospitality they surround us with unconditional love, care and support, a safe place when life gets tough, nothing is ever too much: Lunches, coffee and cake, laughter and tears, and a life group to stay connected with *mind-blowing* care. I am forever grateful.

A *mind-blowing* thank you to everyone at Papsda who I have connected with and yet to connect with; your messages, time, smiles and reassurances of love count and are a part of God's plan for everyone's salvation.

God Bless! ■

déjà vu

STAUNCH FOLLOWING

Ever had the sense of déjà vu? It's what I experienced as I packed up my bags on a Sunday back in February to leave Honiara and make my way back to Suva to assist ADRA Fiji in its response to Tropical Cyclone Winston. Less than 12 months before I was doing something similar to help with Tropical Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu. That happened on a weekend too. It seems Tropical Cyclones have no respect of normal working hours!

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Fiji works year-round helping some of the country's poorest families to thrive, through access to sustainable sources of water, food and income. These long-term projects provide opportunities to make powerful relationships with local communities and government agencies. These relationships are crucial in the time of a disaster such as Cyclone Winston.

VIRGINIA PYCROFT

In addition to the in-country staff and relationships ADRA Fiji can call upon its international network to provide funds and additional staffing to help cope with the workload—that's how I found myself flying into Suva.

This additional staffing, the Emergency Response Team (ERT), is trained on how to assist in such a response. In a disaster there are literally countless things to do—a myriad of coordination meetings need to be attended, many proposals and budgets need preparing and vital communications need to be disseminated. And, all of that on top the headline-grabbing work of distributing emergency supplies. All of this takes valuable time and is where the ERT most supports the local country office. Items for distribution are procured based on needs assessed by government and NGO's including ADRA.

So what was my role in Fiji? Coordination. It's far more exciting than it sounds. The reality is ADRA does not act alone in responding to disasters and coordination exists to ensure that no one misses out or receives duplicate help from the multiple agencies operating within a country in disaster times.

As I reflect on what happened when I finally arrived in Suva, the long, long days, lots of talking and e-mails and coordinating, I am grateful to God for the blessing to be a part of ADRA's ERT. ADRA is well-respected in Fiji and across the globe—and did an incredible job helping the people of Fiji in the wake of Cyclone Winston.

If you would like to know more about ADRA's work or to contribute go to www.adra.org.nz. ■

STAUNCH FOLLOWING

Kallani-Jayde KOLOAMATANGI-ROGERS

For eleven years of my life, my parents were drug dealers.
It was my dad's full-time job with my mum **pretty much his associate.**
Because this was their focus, **my siblings and I missed out** on spending lots of time as a family.

Then about four years ago **our lives changed.**
We were at the local pools where my dad **met a guy named Andrew.**
He invited us to a Christian Kick-Boxing class.
My dad went, and this event was **the beginning of huge changes** for our family.

For the last two years my dad has had **no associations with drugs or gangs,**
and he has since **shared his story** with multiple groups.
We are **strong followers of the Christian faith now,**
and were baptised as a family in May 2016.

Dad is now working, and is wanting to start **his own business.**
I am so thankful for meeting Andrew cause now **I have my dad back.**

OUR BAPTISM

The Middle

Hearing a story is powerful but being where that story happened—seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, tasting—takes the experience to a whole new level. Forty-three Papsda-ites and friends recently experienced the Bible in a whole new way as they traveled through Israel, Jordon, Egypt and Greece. Each day they walked where Bible characters had walked and read and discussed the Bible stories that had happened at these places.

Stephen and Leanne lead the group accompanied, by world-renowned archaeologist Dr Larry Geraty from La Sierra Adventist University in California. Stephen and Leanne had visited the Bible Lands on several occasions previously and were excited to share the experience with other Papsda people. Here are some reflections from the group.

What the Seas Taught me in One Day

—By Kelsy Seyb

So you may ask: how has the Bible Lands trip changed me? I had some epic adventures, learnt a lot, walked where Jesus *traditionally* walked, made lasting connections with new and old friends, but essentially came back the same person. Same same, but different.

KELSY SEYB

I will endeavour to share briefly with you how a couple of experiences on the trip impacted my thinking and made me question some areas of my life.

Two of my favourite days on the trip were when we sailed on the Sea of Galilee **and** floated in the Dead Sea. We sailed across the Sea of Galilee in a boat very similar to what Jesus would've sailed in. We sang, danced and worshipped together and even witnessed an *authentic* fishing demonstration.

The Sea of Galilee was teeming with life (minus the fish in the fishing demonstration). The water was clear and fresh and the banks green. What struck me later in the day was the contrast between the two seas that are so closely situated in a geographical context but yet so different. The Dead Sea, with its 33% salt content, can't sustain any life at all. The water was foggy and filmy and a build up of salt around the shoreline made it look like a child had drawn an outline around the sea with a white marker.

So why is one sea thriving and the other dying? The

DEAD SEA

SEA OF GALILEE

reason is not so much its source, but its outlet; where its flowing to. Water flows ***in*** and ***out*** of the Sea of Galilee (via the Jordan River) but only flows ***in*** to the Dead Sea; and the result is staggering.

It got me thinking…

- Do I need to start living a life where giving is more important than receiving?
- What am I holding on to that I need to let go of in order to thrive?
- Am I selfishly trying to contain God?
- If I am not actively letting God's love flow out of me will I become stagnant?

I read a quote once that said, *"There will always be the unknown. There will always be the unprovable. But faith confronts those frontiers with a thrilling leap. Then life becomes vibrant with new adventure".*

But who knew that the *Dead* Sea would make this come *alive* for me?

I'd heard all the stories about people floating in the Dead Sea but it all sounded so unbelievable. Until the moment I shed my bathrobe, applied the healing mud and precariously ventured into the salty unknown for myself. I had doubts that it would work for me; I thought I'd be the first person to sink straight to the bottom and I was prepared for failure.

But then I was in—and experiencing it for myself—and it was glorious! What an alien yet wonderful sensation to lose all control as an inexplicable anti-gravitational force takes hold of your limbs and forces them skywards.

I watched as one by one, others displayed a similar hesitancy getting in. And each time disbelief transformed into understanding, tentativeness into pure *in-the-moment* joy.

And again—it got me thinking…

- Am I missing out on the ultimate adventure of a relationship with God because I'm letting my doubts hold me back?
- Do I need to understand God completely before I surrender to him completely?
- What faith leaps do I need to take to experience life fully?
- And why not unashamedly raise my hands skywards and thank God in moments of joy?

"Travel is more than just the seeing of sights, it is a change that goes on; deep and permanent, in the ideas of living…" ~Miriam Beard

My Bible Lands Tour began with Cleaning

—By Kim Teao

The thought of travelling to the Middle East never crossed my mind until one day in November 2015 I was cleaning my bedroom and came across an outdated Papsda bulletin. I glanced through the notices and read the ad about the Bible Lands Tour. My spirit was captured in that moment, but then I continued to clean up.

That night, God woke me from my sleep and lead me to read Jeremiah 29:12-14, *"Then you will call to me. You will come and pray to me and I will answer you. You will seek me and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart. Yes, I say, you will find me, and I will restore you to your land. I will gather you from every country and from every place to which I have scattered you and will bring you back to the land from which I had sent you away into exile. I, the Lord have spoken."*

I asked, "Lord, are you wanting me to go on the Bible Lands Tour?" His answer, "Yes, You and Rongo." The next day, I told this to Rongo. He said one of his dreams was to visit the Bible Lands (something I never

KIM TEAO

LOOKING OVER JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM

PETRA: TREASURY

BEDOUIN TEA IN PETRA

knew).

Fast forward to walking across the border from Egypt to Israel, my spirit soared. It felt like home, God bringing me back to the land, His Presence with us. I had been on a spiritual high throughout our travels, but being wholeheartedly present in the Promised Land was the ultimate—especially places Jesus had walked and talked, healed and revealed, like the Mount of Beatitudes. I imagined myself being in the crowd, captivated as He lovingly preached the Sermon on the Mount, allowing His words to sink in and heal my soul. Or standing on the path that Jesus walked when He carried the cross, moving me to silently pray, thanking Him for what He did for me and all of humanity. Or visiting the Garden Tomb to worship our risen Saviour and have communion was another blessed moment in time.

Overwhelming blessings! If this tour was a foretaste of what's to come, I wonder what awestruck encounters we will experience on the New Heaven and Earth Tour when Jesus comes.

Petra: Rose Gold City

—Robin Greenfield

Ever since I was 16 and saw slides of that mysterious and magnificent city hewn from rose red rock, I wanted to visit Petra in Jordan. More than 50 years later I actually stood at the narrow entrance of the Siq—a fissure in the massively tall rocks, and danced in excited delight!

How marvellous to actually be there, right there, and walk through the long, narrow, rocky passage and then to see for myself the magnificent three-storied *Treasury House* carved out of the rose red rock. I had no idea how massive this city had been. Inside the mountainous enclosure were numerous houses built into the rock and apparently there are over 2,000 temples spread about the town. The city thrived for hundreds of years because it had a secure water supply from underground springs, was amazing well-defended by the narrow entrance created by a crevice in the rock, and it prospered because it provided a resting place to the numerous caravans of merchants as they trudged across the desert carrying spices and silks from the East.

This incredible city built so long ago was initially inhabited by the Edomites, descendants of Esau, Jacob's brother.

While it was thriving, God through the prophets Jeremiah (chapter 49) and Obadiah warned, *"those who lived in the clefts of the rocks and made their homes on the heights, will be brought to the ground... They will be ransacked and their hidden treasures pillaged ... and you will be destroyed forever".*

ROBIN GREENFIELD

God was particularly unhappy with the Edomites because they refused

WADI RUM, JORDAN

SHEIKH YARBOUTI DEMONSTRATES ANCIENT SACRIFICES

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to help their refugee relatives when they were led by Moses across the desert on their journey from Egypt and later they regularly attacked the Jewish people. Furthermore, on a weekly basis the Edomites sacrificed a young virgin to the sun god and we actually saw this place on the top of the mountain were the unfortunate young women were killed.

As we wandered around this now desolate place, the words from the prophets rung in my ears.

For a long time scholars doubted Petra ever existed and scoffed about the prophecy. However in 1812, the Swiss explorer John Burkhardt, disguised as a Sheikh, persuaded some Bedouins to show him the secret city hidden in the rocks, and Petra (Sela in Scripture) was rediscovered for all to realise afresh. *"God is not mocked".* He speaks the truth and His Word will stand forever. ■

PART 1 TOUR GROUP

PART 2 TOUR GROUP

RYAN McCUTCHEON AKA SHEIKH YARBOUTI

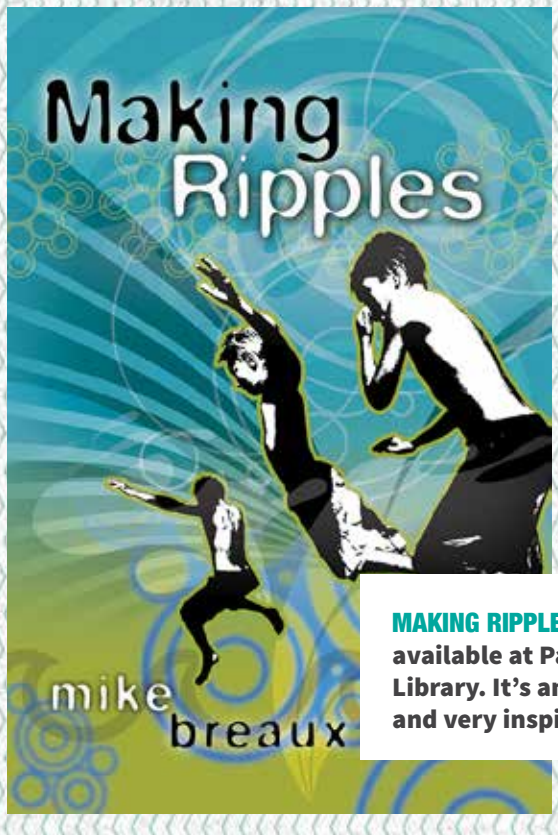
MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

LET YOUR LIGHT *shine*

By Chantal van Schalkwyk

STAUNCH FOLLOWING

CHANTAL VAN SCHALKWYK



MAKING RIPPLES is available at Papsda's Library. It's an easy-read and very inspiring.

CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

Join over one million people worldwide (and literally hundreds from Papsda) who have experienced the life-changing personal evangelism course, "Becoming A Contagious Christian"—a proven resource designed to equip people to share God's story and their own story with their friends.

We'll keep you posted about Papsda's next Contagious Christian course when dates become available.

My reason for attending the **CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN COURSE** can be summarised in this quote from a book called **MAKING RIPPLES** by Mike Breaux. *"I'm tired of floating around accidental-like, like a feather on a breeze. I want to put my life in the hands of the Destiny Maker. I want to make some ripples with my life."*

We all have at least one person in mind that we want to introduce to Jesus, but we don't know how to start that ripple. Where do we begin and what do we say? Am I qualified to do this or do I need a special gift?

The course answered these questions and opened my eyes to see how eager God has been to lead me where I am now to reach the people around me. God has a master plan and will use us anywhere, anytime, anyway if we listen to Him. It doesn't matter if we are an impulsive person like Peter or short-tempered like James. God made us who we are and through our walk with Him He shapes us to be ready. Recognise His work in our lives because it's not coincidental.

Lyrics from the song, **PEOPLE NEED THE LORD** by Steve Green say,

We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right.
What could be too great a cost
for sharing Life with one who's lost?

Through His love our hearts can feel
All the grief they bear.
They must hear the Words of Life
Only we can share.

I've learned to get in the boat just as I am and go through the storm with Jesus. I've learned to tell people how God has been working in my life and help them reach the shore. This course has blessed me in so many ways and it has changed my perception about being a Contagious Christian.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord. He said, "Who will I send? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me!"" – Isaiah 6:8 ■

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN." MATTHEW 5:16

PAPSDA ON A MISSION

LOVE, LEARN & SERVE

Are you interested in taking a trip with purpose and making a life-long difference?

APPLICATION FORMS

Pick up a comprehensive information document with application form from Guest Central or call into the church office during the week.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Leanne Davies leanne@papsda.co.nz, Norman Hurlow, Audrey or David Harvey, Keryn McCutcheon, Jess Williams or Nick Mailau.

PLEASE NOTE

All participants must have a valid passport with at least 6 months remaining. All participants are responsible for ensuring vaccinations.

SELFLESS SERVICE

LOVE, LEARN & SERVE

CAMBODIA

24 Nov - 8 Dec 2016

This Papsda on a Mission trip is run in partnership with ADRA, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

WHY CAMBODIA?

Cambodia is full of beautiful places and people, but also extreme poverty.

- One in three Cambodians live below the poverty line.
- Less than 50% of kids complete primary school.
- Only 40% of rural Cambodians have access to clean water.

But you can help make a difference!

Be part of the 5th Papsda on a Mission Trip to our adopted Cambodian Village.

Visit one of the most fascinating countries in the world, see ADRA's work first-hand and experience the life-changing difference service can make in the lives of all involved. Travel with purpose!

You'll work alongside the villagers as you build water tanks and hygienic toilets, run a kids club, support small business trainees, provide basic training and health and nutrition and bring joy to families most in need.

Places are limited, so get in quick!

THE DETAILS

When?	24 November - 8 December 2016
Where?	Cambodia
What?	Serve, learn and love in Papsda's adopted Cambodia village PLUS visit Phnom Phen, the Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields, a floating village, Siem Reap and Angkor Wat, plus lots more.
Why?	To help Cambodian families thrive and have a truly life-changing experience yourself.
How much?	$1,100 (includes accommodation, food, water, transport, insurance, t-shirt and sightseeing) PLUS the cost of your flights (approx $1,700) PLUS $1,000 tax-deductible donation to the project. **TOTAL $3,800**
What now?	Simply complete an application form, pay the deposit and start fundraising!

LOVE, LEARN & SERVE

SOUTH AFRICA

7-25 Jul 2017

WHY SOUTH AFRICA?

South Africa is a country of incredible contrasts—stunning scenery, rich culture, heartbreaking poverty and the world's largest HIV AIDS epidemic.

- It's estimated that 20% of the population is living with HIV AIDS.
- 2.3 million children have been orphaned by HIV AIDS.
- Thousands of households are led by children as young as 10-years-old.

But you can help make a difference!

Be part of the 5th Papsda on a Mission Trip to Khomelela Community Centre.

Travel with purpose and experience first-hand the life-changing impact of serving, while visiting this amazing land of contrasts.

You'll work alongside Martha Mawel and her team as they feed a daily meal to 700 orphans and support the elderly and youth to help generate some income. Building maintenance, kids club, vocational training, and support of the teachers and carers will all be a part of our team's activities.

Places are limited, so get in quick!

THE DETAILS

When?	7-25 July 2017
Where?	Bushbuck Ridge, South Africa
What?	Serve, learn and love Khomelela Community Centre PLUS visit Kruger National Park, Kapama Private Game Reserve, Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre, a Reptile Park and much more.
Why?	To help South African kids thrive and have a truly life-changing experience yourself.
How much?	$1,000 (includes accommodation, food, transport, insurance, t-shirt and sightseeing) PLUS the cost of your flights (approx $2,000) PLUS $1,000 tax-deductible donation to the project. **TOTAL $4,000**
What now?	Simply complete an application form, pay the deposit and start fundraising!

SELFLESS SERVICE

MEN OF THE VINE

Jacinda Turnbull-Harman had the pleasure of catching up with Chris Engel, who played a part in the start-up of men's ministry, Men of the Vine, a group of *Staunch Followers* of Christ who are *Mind-Blowingly Generous* with their time, gifts and talents, using them for *Selfless Service* to others. Here is their story.

For those of us who haven't heard the story of how Men of the Vine got started, tell us how it all began.

It all started with a few men who were asked if they had ever been to a *Promise Keepers Men's Conference*. Strangers at church really, with the all-familiar "eye-flick" greeting. God had a plan. Drawn to each other for serious deliberation in the pews at Papsda, a few of us found ourselves singing in the Promise Keepers Men's Conference choir just weeks later. We were so blessed and inspired with the experience at that event, that it left us with a strong conviction to do something with what God had gifted us with over the two-day conference. Buzzing with the flame of Christ in our hearts, we could not settle for less knowing that over 150 men and 100 teenage boys had committed their lives to Christ that weekend. The theme for the conference in October 2015 was GO! Go wherever God leads.

We firmly believe this is where we had to Go!

So the four of us, Brendon Wrampling, Joseph Ngapo, Adriaan van der Merwe and me, Chris Engel, started up a ministry called *Men of the Vine.*

What's your mission as Men of the Vine?

To serve the lost and broken in the community and paint a true picture of Jesus Christ. As Christ imparts his master plan for our mission across New Zealand we are always in prayer for more men to join us and expand the message of Salvation to all. With more hands on deck this ministry can be increased so many do not miss out on the joy of Life in Christ. This is our motto... We want to:

V = Value I = Inspire N = Nurture E = Equip

What are some of the things Men of the Vine have been doing in and around the community, and how have the recipients of your ministry have been affected or how have they have reacted?

We tap into Papsda ministries as well as other community outreach groups and complete the chain where there's a need—whatever the requirement is. We have delivered food parcels, done garden maintenance, property clean-ups as well as just connecting and listening where it's needed in people's homes.

It is a very humbling and such a spiritual experience when you are standing at the door of a destitute family handing over a much-needed food parcel that they were not expecting. Many cannot believe this still happens in everyday life. There are tears and yes, we try to hold our own back many times. We experience such delight too as people see that we not super-heroes, but ordinary men with a story to share.

A funny story of staying positive: Take on a 1.2 metre high lawn, totally overgrown, with neighbours gawking over the fence from both sides as you sweat it out. They assume we're from Housing New Zealand with the thorough job we did. Then there's the old pass-me-by: Who's going to clean the toilet to match the newly painted walls? Yes, we get dirty and know that it's our schooling for growing the Kingdom.

What drives this passion for service?

There is a tremendous amount of people in our community that don't understand church-talk, or the value of having community with church family and the wonder of Christ.

We have a practical way of expressing God's love to individuals and families, and in doing this we TRUST that they will come to know God for who He is: a loving God who only wants good for them and their families, not some big guy with all these rules to follow.

We have experienced joy physically working in the Kingdom as we humbly testify to the melting of stone hearts with the love expressed as we accomplish work in homes and community outreach.

It is the overwhelming feeling of Jesus holding his arms around us as we were once lost, unloved and stone-hearted too.

When do you all meet? How does someone get involved?

We get together every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the youth room upstairs from the Dining Room at Papsda. Everyone is welcome as we share God's word through the Bible; videos to encourage and grow us; testimonies of our daily challenges and the Victory that Christ delivers us into. A fun small and diverse group that is hungry for the Word and God's guidance.

Where to from here?

In a short time we have seen the power of Christ working in our lives and in this men's ministry. Our joy in what we experiencing and doing liken us to kids in a candy store.

Our dream is firstly outreach at the doorsteps of our church and then with God's continued guidance complete a Men's Spiritual Development Programme to be initiated throughout our churches and communities in New Zealand.

In conclusion, we have seen the wonders of Christ and we are active in sharing and testifying with the gospel at midweek community outreach programmes.

Praise God for his ever-present guidance as we partake in the work of His Kingdom, remaining humbled by His grace. ■

For info on what we do or how you can get involved,
email us at vineministrynz@gmail.com or call or text the following:
Chris Engel: 021 276 0481 available all day, including txt.
Brendon Wrampling: 022 453 3502 available all day, including txt.
Adriaan van der Merwe: 021 722 208 available after 6:30pm, txt if no answer.
Joseph Ngapo: 021 0251 1737 available after 6:00pm, txt if no answer.
Alternatively write us a message and hand it in at
Guest Central, and they'll make sure it gets to us.

Healthy Living
is a lifestyle, not a destination

Last year we saw a huge growth in the expansion of our facilities at ShedX and this year we are continuing to grow. Not as much in our facilities but in the people coming! A few of our classes are reaching almost 20 people per week and in particular are seeing a lot of new faces from the community. It seems the bigger the facilities get the more people we get from the community.

Earlier this year we held two community breakfasts. One of these was held the same day as Easter Praise and we saw many of the families being invited to Papsda's Easter Praise Service and coming along. For some, this was their first time back in church in many years.

NEW CLASSES

We have added two new classes this year!

UP BEAT meets on Monday evenings in the hall and has been a huge success. We are seeing a lot of new faces from the community including many young people. The class is led by Matt Ageli and is an upbeat dance and exercise class.

ZUMBA meets on a Thursday evenings at 6:00pm and is led by Miss Samoa New Zealand. Christina has a real heart for the community and seeing people reach their fitness goals while having A LOT of fun!

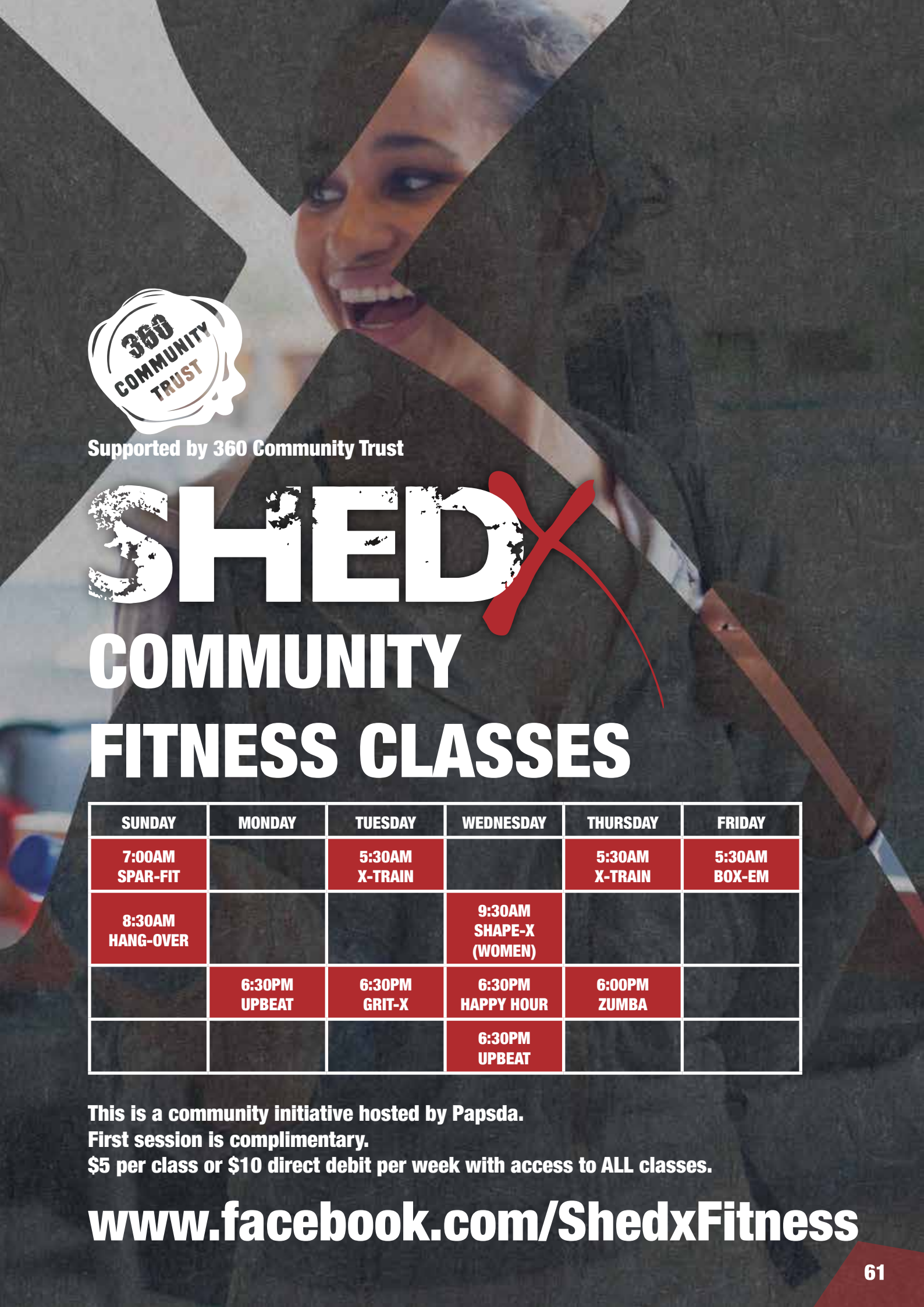
LEADERSHIP

In March we had a fantastic leadership retreat at *Only Fools & Horses* Conference Centre in West Auckland. The weekend included casting vision for the upcoming year, team-building exercises, encouragement from the Word, and deep sharing times. I already feel blessed being a part of ShedX but after this weekend and seeing the unity, depth, vulnerability and love for one another it took it to a whole new level. We were challenged spiritually, emotionally and physically but we also had heaps of fun and laughed A LOT!

ShedX is more than just a place to exercise; it is a gateway to the community that is allowing others to see *church* in a whole new way. They are experiencing community, love, and acceptance as well as achieving their fitness goals.

We'd love to have you join us and be a part of this ministry!

—By Trena Morse



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SHEDx COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00AM SPAR-FIT		5:30AM X-TRAIN		5:30AM X-TRAIN	5:30AM BOX-EM
8:30AM HANG-OVER			9:30AM SHAPE-X (WOMEN)		
	6:30PM UPBEAT	6:30PM GRIT-X	6:30PM HAPPY HOUR	6:00PM ZUMBA	
			6:30PM UPBEAT		

This is a community initiative hosted by Papsda.
First session is complimentary.
$5 per class or $10 direct debit per week with access to ALL classes.

www.facebook.com/ShedxFitness

"MAY THE GOD OF ENDURANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT GRANT YOU TO LIVE IN SUCH HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER, IN ACCORD WITH CHRIST JESUS, THAT TOGETHER YOU MAY WITH ONE VOICE GLORIFY THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. THEREFORE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD" (ROMANS 15:5-7).

UNISON

DAY 7,

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FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR LALOVAEA SDA SCHOOL, SAMOA

25 JUNE • 7PM

Papsda Community Church · 16 Puhinui Road · Papatoetoe
Tickets available at the church office
Phone 278-7786 · E-mail tracey@papsda.co.nz
$5 Child (under 16) • $10 Adult • $30 Family (2 adults & 4 children)
Food available at intermission

Full Time Position Available: Early Childhood Teacher
Papatoetoe Footsteps Preschool

Papatoetoe Footsteps Community Preschool is looking for a passionate, experienced, qualified and fully registered Early Childhood teacher to lead the teaching and learning team within our 2 – 3.8yr old classroom. The position requires a Leader with creativity, passion, outstanding written and verbal communication skills, proven leadership and a desire to see our Christian special character woven through all aspects of curriculum, learning and Centre life.

Footsteps is a multi-cultural, purpose built centre based within the Papatoetoe community, Auckland. We have been operating for nearly 9 years and have a very supportive governance and management team that are focused on providing a positive, growth oriented environment for staff.

If you would like to have the opportunity to lead, encourage and mentor other enthusiastic and passionate educators please send your cover letter and CV in strictest confidence to Keryn McCutcheon, Centre Manager at footstepspap@xtra.co.nz

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2016 EVENTS

- PAPSDA EVENT
- PAPSDA KIDZONE
- NORTH NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE
- 360 MINISTRIES
- ADRA NEW ZEALAND
- PUBLIC / COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE

Thu	2 Jun	10:00am	**60's Plus Gathering**	Avondale
Fri	3 Jun	7:30pm	**NNZC Youth Rally**	ASDAH
Sat	4 Jun	3:00pm	**NNZC Youth Rally**	ASDAH
	4-5 Jun		**NNZC Basketball Tournament**	Auckland
Mon	6 Jun		**Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)**	
Sat	11 Jun	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sat	18 Jun	TBA	**NNZC Adventurer Rally**	Auckland
Mon	20 Jun	7:30pm	**EQUIP Course: The Bible Through New Eyes (6 Weeks)**	Papsda Library
Sat	25 Jun	7:00pm	**360 / Day7 UNISON Fundraising Concert**	Auditorium

JULY

Sat	2 Jul	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
Fri	8 Jul		**Last Day of Term 2**	
	9-17 Jul		**360 / Day7 UNISON Service Tour**	Samoa
Mon	25 Jul		**First Day of Term 3**	
Mon	25 Jul	7:00pm	**ALL IN Event**	TBA
Thu	28 Jul	11:30am	**60's Plus Gathering**	Urban Soul
Sat	30 Jul	6:30pm	**TreeHouse / Extreme Movie Night**	Papsda Hall

AUGUST

Fri	5 Aug	7:30pm	**360 Church**	Papsda Hall
Sat	6 Aug	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
	12-14 Aug		**Man Camp**	Tui Ridge
	13-14 Aug		**Venus Girls Retreat**	TBA
Sat	27 Aug	From 11:00am	**Praise & Service: iCan58**	South Auckland

SEPTEMBER

Fri	2 Sep	7:30pm	**360 Church**	Papsda Hall
Sat	3 Sep	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sun	4 Sep		**Father's Day**	

Sun	11 Sep	8:00am	**Ripple Leadership Summit**	TBA
Sat	17 Sep	11:00am	**Kids Church**	Auditorium
	15-18 Sep		**NNZC Spirit Led Gathering & Triennial Session**	East Auckland
Fri	23 Sep		**Last Day of Term 3**	
Sun	25 Sep	2:00am	**Daylight Savings Commences**	
	25 Sep - 1 Oct		**NNZC Teen Expedition—Mountain Biking**	Central North Island

OCTOBER

	1-31 Oct		**ADRA Knocktober**	
Sat	1 Oct	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
	6-9 Oct		**360 Service Trip**	Kaitaia
Mon	10 Oct		**First Day of Term 4**	
Sat	15 Oct	6:30pm	**TreeHouse / Extreme Games Night**	Papsda Hall
Sat	22 Oct		**NNZC Youth Rally**	Palmerston North
	22-23 Oct		**NNZC Volleyball Tournament**	Palmerston North
Sun	23 Oct	TBA	**Farmyard / Jungle Connect Event: Trains**	TBA
Mon	24 Oct		**Labour Day (Public Holiday)**	
Thu	27 Oct	TBA	**60's Plus Day Trip**	TBA

NOVEMBER

Fri	4 Nov	7:30pm	**360 Church**	Papsda Hall
Sat	5 Nov	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sun	6 Nov	TBA	**Step Up & Go**	Waitakere
	11-13 Nov		**NNZC Women's Retreat**	Tui Ridge
	24 Nov - 8 Dec		**Papsda On A Mission Service Trip**	Cambodia
Fri	25 Nov	7:00pm	**Extreme Real Event**	TBA
Sat	26 Nov		**NNZC Youth Rally**	Auckland
Sun	27 Oct		**NNZC Soccer Tournament**	Auckland
Mon	28 Nov	7:00pm	**ALL IN Event**	TBA

DECEMBER

Thu	1 Dec	11:30am	**60's Plus Xmas Lunch**	Dining Room
Fri	2 Dec	7:30pm	**360 Church**	Papsda Hall
Sat	3 Dec	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sun	4 Dec	TBA	**ADRA Charity Run**	TBA
Sun	4 Dec	6:00pm	**360 Banquet**	TBA
Sat	17 Dec	11:00am	**Christmas Praise Morning Service**	Auditorium
Sat	17 Dec	12:30pm	**Church Lunch**	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sat	17 Dec	7:00pm	**Christmas Praise Evening Service**	Auditorium
Sun	25 Dec		**Christmas Day (Public Holiday)**	
Mon	26 Dec		**Boxing Day (Public Holiday)**	
Tue	27 Dec		**Christmas Day Public Holiday**	
Sat	31 Dec		**New Year's Eve**	

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