




NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SUMMER 2016/17 EDITION





Welcome to our summer edition of Papsda's official magazine, *News from the Pews*. 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.


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~BY NORMAN HURLOW

As I sit writing this article, surrounded by the African bush, I am captivated by the enchanting cacophony of insect, animal and bird-life sounds that shout of life and abundance even in this parched, drought-stricken countryside.

“Just wait until after the rains,” the locals say, “then you will see this place teeming with life!”

Wow, there is “MORE”?

More than this beauty?
More than this plenty?
More than what for most would seem a lot?

Whilst in Africa, I have also been reflecting on the Year 2016 at Papsda.

What a year of abundance it has been!

To just name a few things:

- We set an audacious goal of celebrating 50 stories of the reality of God in people's lives. We have already celebrated over 35 stories of **Staunch Following** and Christmas is still coming!
- We have averaged nine baptisms per year of over the past five years. In 2016 alone we have seen over 30 people experience **Dynamic Change** in making the powerful public declaration that they choose to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour through baptism.
- We determined to be a church that **Restores and Reconciles** people to God and each other, and we believe that as we do this we will look a lot like an **Isalah 58** gathering of people who are positively transforming their community. Community initiatives run through Papsda now number in the teens with three new initiatives **SOLID Community, CAP Job Clubs** and **CAP Release Groups** added to our **holistic** support services as we embrace **Inclusive Community**.
- We have **Selflessly Served** our wider communities in Auckland, New Zealand and the world through record numbers serving

at **ICAN58**, with missional young people taking **Crazy Love** to Kaitaia and then three international expeditions with two **Connections Trips** to Cambodia and the **Unison 360 Tour** to Samoa.

- The **Mind-Blowing Generosity** of this faith community continues to astound me. We continue to bless our community, country and world with our resources, finances and facility. We bless our local community with our time, providing more than 160 volunteer hours per week on average.

God is good! Thank you Papsda for responding and prioritising the Kingdom of God!

Yet as I look at all of this I can't help but think:

What if this is only the early 'showers' of God's blessing through Papsda?

What if this is but the start of a season of growth and new ground claimed for the Kingdom of God?

What if God has 'MORE' in store for us?

Is it greedy to want this? Is it audacious to believe?

Paul in his prayer to the church ended with, **“Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”** Ephesians 3:20

Papsda, let's pause, reflect and be grateful. Let's celebrate what God is doing and has done through us. Then, let's dream, claim and declare that God can, will and wants to do MORE!

*More in us, more through us,
more with us and more for our
community! We serve a God who
is the definition of “more”.*



ICAN58 2016



"I loved being a part of iCAN58 because it's a way to put the love and generosity we learn about in church into action. It was awesome to see the reaction from the community in Clendon to our giving, it was inspiring and I can't wait until March next year."

Jess Newson



"My name is Marie and I am a member of SOLID Community, I had an awesome opportunity to give back to the community by helping out with the iCAN58 food drive put on by Papsda and the other Adventist churches and schools. Myself and my babies were in charge of doing the sausage sizzle, we were so excited all week and couldn't wait to meet new friends and feed the community. So many people turned up and they were so grateful for the sausages and food parcels that were given out, my family were given some parcels to take back to our neighbours and we just loved the chance to be able to go and just give. It is such a good humbling feeling. People smile with surprise when they realise there is someone (with God working through us) looking after them. Thank you, Andrew and Papsda for this awesome experience. We would love to help with anything else that you have going on."

Marie and babies



Papsda's Goal was to:

- Collect **7,000 cans** of fish
- Distribute food to **4,000 homes**
- Find **20 volunteers** to pack food parcels on Friday night
- Recruit **100 volunteers** to distribute on Sabbath afternoon
- Discover **stories and testimonies**
- Make **great first impressions** to hundreds and hundreds of guests

...and we smashed every goal.

What an inspirational, motivational, united weekend for our churches! More than that—what a powerful weekend for our neighbours in Clendon. The amount of people that openly expressed gratitude for the food meeting their need, at their time of need! There were many people who not only allowed people to pray for them, but asked for specific things.

“This is the kind of fasting I want!” Isaiah 58:6

So I wanted to take a moment to **thank you, Papsda...**

THANK YOU for sacrificing your time and money to buy cans of fish. Together, with Footsteps Preschool we collected 9,500 cans. Our goal completely obliterated—thousands blessed—**Mind-Blowing Generosity** lived out.

THANK YOU for going above and beyond. Some of you served by packing on Friday night, serving on Sabbath morning and going out into the community on Sabbath afternoon—you are AMAZING. I know for a lot of you, this was very much outside your comfort zone. Thanks for stepping out to bless others—**Dynamic Change** lived out.

THANK YOU for serving passionately. I saw you include people who needed a team or extra vehicle space for parcels. I saw you welcome and park cars with energy and passion. I saw you make people feel welcome at every connection—**Selfless Service** lived out.

THANK YOU for celebrating with us. Our worship service was such an incredible blessing, to witness the manifestation of Isaiah 58 in and through this community is such a privilege. The coming together of 5 churches and 2 schools in unity and **Inclusive Community** and **Compelling Creativity** lived out.

THANK YOU for catching the dream and then getting on board and running with it, somewhat into the unknown. Thanks for your never-ending support and love and willingness and passion—**Holistic Living** lived out.

THANK YOU for being the army—for putting down your popcorn, throwing off that blanket and taking a step into the Kingdom with the myriad of people who share the same mission, purpose and goal. Because of you, thousands of people got to see “Jesus with skin on” and only God knows the impact that will have—**Staunch Following** lived out.

Papsda, we don't want to just be fairy godmothers that drop and run, but we know that we needed to first build trust and establish a presence in Clendon. Now that we've been able to do that over the last two years, we want to solidify and build on the connections and relationships we've made.

Here's what we know about 2017: We're planning to be the church once again in Clendon and worship and celebrate in their backyard. We're going to wrap our love, support and networks around Clendon and we're going to get to know each other more. We are planning to do that on **SATURDAY, 11 MARCH 2017—SO KEEP THE DATE FREE.**

Thank you Jesus for planting Isaiah 58 in our hearts. Now let's be i58 until everyone is fed, clothed, healed, renewed, restored, reconciled and free!

THIS IS PAPSDA ... BEING THE CHURCH ... WITH HIM ... HE CAN!

Karyn Newson
Leader of South Auckland Cluster 2



“Our boys, myself and my dad joined another family for iCAN58 which was perfect as they also had boys almost the same ages as ours. I thought it was a precious experience for my boys to serve others alongside their family and friends. It was so good that they could see how some less fortunate people live and how we could bring smiles to their faces. Would love to have more opportunities to develop this spirit of giving. Although we were the ones who gave, it felt like we were blessed even more.”

Agnessa Kulakov



“iCAN58... I loved it. I recommend this experience to anyone who's willing to lend a hand in the community. It inspired me to do more for anyone who needs help. The expressions on people's faces were priceless. Something money just can't buy. The only thing that I was sad about was that I'm not giving up every Saturday to give out to the community. So when this comes around next time, I'm definitely going to be there.”

Teri from
Solid Community

KIDZONE

PARENTS OF KIDZONE KIDS

Some exciting things are happening in our Kidzone family. This year we have launched a variety of tools and resources for parents and children to be intentional about faith at home. At Papsda, we want to partner with, support, and equip parents with the resources to be the primary influencers of faith in your kids' lives each week.

In September we launched our *Kidzone@home* magazines. This is a resource for kids aged 6-12 to explore the Bible, dig deeper in faith and hang out with God. It is also an opportunity for parents to support their child as they grow spiritually in faith.

Each month we also provide a handout called *Parent CUE*. This amazing resource is designed to *cue* parents to leverage everyday moments with their child. These are notes to parents that help them know what we talked about with your child, and to *CUE* you to continue the conversation at home.

We know sometimes the take-home papers we give kids don't always make it home from church, so you can now find these resources online!

Studio252.tv is a fun, kid-focused website filled with cues to help families grow in faith and character. Based on Moses' teaching in Deuteronomy 6, *Studio252.tv* offers resources to help families connect at strategic times of the day—*MorningTime*, *MealTime*, *DriveTime* and *BedTime*—to help reinforce key Biblical concepts through music, videos and activities. It synchronises perfectly with what's happening on Sabbath mornings. It makes it easy for the whole family to have fun!

For a mobile solution, look for the *Parent CUE App* available for iPhone, iPad or Android.

All of this is done to partner with you and your child as you take this walk with Jesus as a family.

At Papsda, we want to "do life together."

For more information about these awesome resources and how we can further support you and your family, please chat with Melissa Mataio today. Or email melissa@papsda.co.nz



Parents: need a CUE?

The *Parent Cue* app provides simple CUES throughout the week that remind you to pause and make the most of everyday moments.

- Offers CUES for families in the Farmyard, Jungle, Treehouse and Extreme age group.
- Parent Time section has videos, podcasts, and articles just for parents.
- Videos, activities, and discussion questions link with the KIDZONE curriculum.
- Content updates weekly.

Start Here

How old is your child?

2-5? Then select "Farmyard" below. Get a conversation through life group! Select "Farmyard" below.

Due to technical issues, don't worry. We'll give you the option to download the app. We'll give you the option to download the app. We'll give you the option to download the app.

Preschool

Elementary

The Parent CUE App

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AVAILABLE NOW for iPhone, iPad and ANDROID

ANDROID MARKET



STUDIO★252.TV

- ★ Content lines up with the **TreeHouse** and **Extreme** curriculum.
- ★ Families enjoy fun Bible stories, movies and activities related to the monthly theme.
- ★ Most features on the site are available without logging in, but creating an account is free of charge.
- ★ Kids build a profile, create an avatar and answer weekly challenge questions.
- ★ Parents send encouraging messages directly to their kids' accounts.
- ★ Parents' monthly content is organised by times, making it easy to know what to use and when.



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A fun website to help families grow in faith and character!

EPIC

EMPOWERED PARENTS, INSPIRED CHILDREN

What started as nostalgic reflection on faith, fellowship and fun as kids growing up in a local church, quickly morphed into a dream, then a sharing of a dream, then a discussion, not long after followed a plan and now a remodelled kids and family ministry for 2017 at Papsda.

Aspects of the dream include: camps; frequent adventure outings; regular and structured activities or sports; Saturday morning buzzing environments ; being family-focused and community-friendly.

Imagine this place teaming with thriving families, engaged and inspired children, equipped and empowered parents, passionate and enthused volunteers—that would be EPIC! Watch this space for more information and a launch date in early 2017!



JOIN THE DOTS TO FIND OUT WHICH BIBLE STORY IS DESCRIBED IN LUKE 2:1-20

MEET A KIDZONE Papsda-ite

ADAM FEBRUARY, AGE 9

What school do you go to?

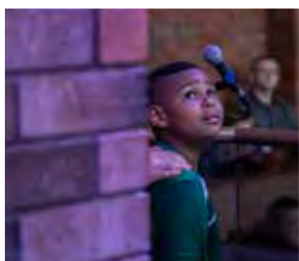
SOUTH AUCKLAND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Which Kidzone environment do you belong to?

EXTREME.

What is something that you love about Extreme?

SINGING AND READING THE VERSES AND PLAYING.



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

WATCHING TV AND PLAYING XBOX.



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

SOUTH AFRICA. TO VISIT MY AUNTIES AND UNCLES AND COUSINS BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER MET THEM. AND TO SEE THE PLACE.



What is your favourite Bible verse?

JEREMIAH 29:11 "FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD."

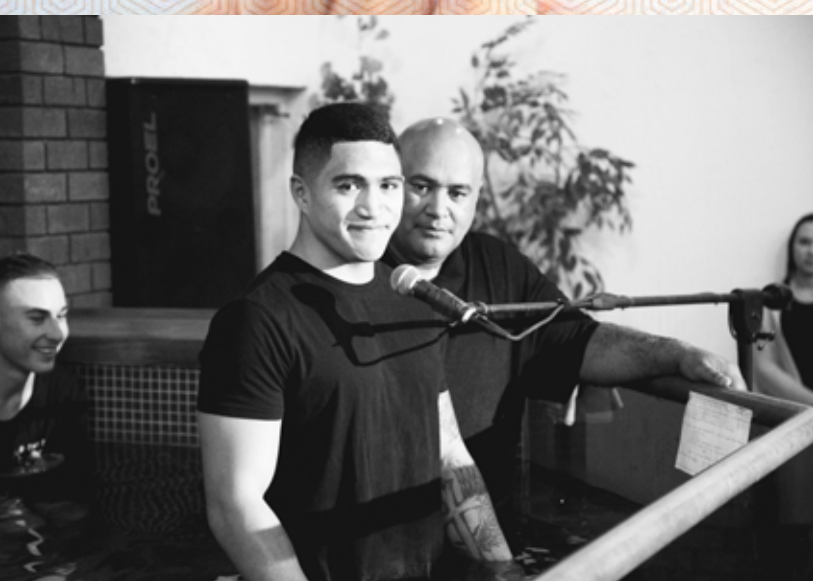
Who is your favourite Bible character and why?

JOHN THE BAPTIST. BECAUSE HE KNEW JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD—WHEN JESUS CAME HE KNEW IT WAS THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.





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Circles

Recently I preached a sermon entitled, “The Endless Dance”. I found this amazing word that the early church fathers used to describe the *shape* of God. That word is the Greek word *Perichoresis*. In short, the word basically means a circle dance in which there is always room to join. Wow! If ever we needed a correct picture of God, that about does it, I think.

Ten years ago we started a *circle dance*. We even gave it a circle name, 360. At the time I hadn’t heard of Perichoresis. I didn’t know how big a deal circles were to God. Circles are all through the Bible.

In Revelation 4 God (Perichoresis) exists in the middle of the circle. Circling *them* is a rainbow. Circling the rainbow are the living creatures. Circling them are the elders and circling them are the thousands times ten thousand angels. Can you see this dynamic circle relationship vibing off of each other at every level?

We see circles again in Ezekiel 1. Wheels at right angles within wheels, enabling God’s Kingdom to move in any direction that the Spirit moves. And where does the Spirit live in this metaphor? Right inside the circles!

The ancient Israelites were instructed to set up camp in the desert, placing the Tabernacle (where the Perichoresis lives) in the middle, and the various tribes of Israel encircled around about it.

These circles weren’t stagnant lifeless forms. They were vibrant, life-giving communities that were totally surrendered and dependant on each other for the purpose of allowing life to flow.

And I believe that’s the vision God placed on our hearts when we started 360—that 360 would be a community that would live for each other, serve each other, love each other.

Has every young person bought into this dream? No. Has every human being bought into the love community demonstrated by the Perichoresis? No. But does the dance stop? Does it falter? Does it become discouraged? No. It keeps dancing. It stays surrendered. It continues to serve. And it keeps INVITING.

And that’s what 360 is all about.

Karl Saifoloi



Unison Samoa Tour

After an hour spent packed inside a van with broken air conditioning, with sweat and rain dripping down tired faces, all 62 of us finally arrived at *Leauvaa Village* in Samoa, ready to sit through the *third* church service in the past two days. As we walked up the rocky steps into the church building, preparing ourselves for another Day7 song, we entered the church and the entire atmosphere changed—never before had I witnessed such an overwhelming presence of joy. This small church, with children squashed in every available floor space was overflowing with amazing gratitude, loud laughter and genuine love. We could not help but be filled with happiness.

This experience was just one of many that 360 and Day7 experienced in Samoa during the *Unison Tour* in July this year. Samoans like to show their love with food, and we were very loved—fresh coconuts, pawpaw, oranges and endless amounts of food awaited us at every single place we visited. When we weren't eating, most of our time was spent soaking up the sun, swimming in warm, clear water and spending time with each other. It made me realise that there are so many people I see every single week at church, but know absolutely nothing about. But it was on the fourth day of our trip, at *Namu'a Island* when, as cliché as it may sound, all the barriers came down.

During one of the many worships we had, everyone had the opportunity to share their struggles and to forgive those who had hurt them in the past. My heart was breaking for people I knew so little about who were allowing me to share their burden, allowing me to support their journey. I have so much love for my 360 family, and for the God who has made all things possible.

During the last few days in Samoa, we were set to say our final goodbyes to the *Lalovaea SDA School* where we had stayed for the majority of our time. We were seated at the front of the hall and watched as all 650 students presented us with a different gift. It was incredibly humbling to watch students and the families that they represented present us with gifts that many families could not easily afford. This act put things into perspective. It's amazing to see such willingness to give from people who did not have much. This trip was one of the largest blessings I've ever received.

Thank you to all those who supported our efforts to fundraise for Samoa, in total we raised \$31,000 tālā to support the Lalovaea SDA school. Thank you also to all those who came on the trip, it would not have been the same without you there.

I'd like to leave you with a small memory verse constantly prayed over us during the trip. This is my prayer now for each of you.

"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."
Romans 15:5-6

Sarah Ryan



MORE PHOTOS OF OUR EVENTS
ON THE NEXT PAGE

360 Church

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360 Church is the space where this edgy and inclusive, no-limits community tackle the big questions in life. On 5 August we took a look at the masterpiece in action at *The Gallery*. Who are we? We are God's masterpiece. The Master Creator has moulded and shaped us for a mission and purpose beyond our wildest dreams! Then we took 360 Church on the road and ventured out to the North Shore and teamed up with Gracegate church to present *Worth It*. Our message was simple. You are worth it! No, your worth isn't found in your achievements. No, your worth isn't found in your appearance. No, your worth doesn't come from your relationship status. And your

worth definitely isn't defined by what other people say about you! You are "worth it" because God says you are. You sure don't want to miss out on any of our 360 Church gatherings planned for 2017. See you there! You are all welcome.

William Wolfgramm



Basketball

When you think of the word *ministry*, basketball tournaments don't immediately spring to mind. But then the *North New Zealand Basketball Tournament* is just that. Not only is it a ministry within the church for our young adults and late teens, it's also a tool for outreach to the wider community.

Basketball is an ideal opportunity to invite friends that wouldn't normally be easy to reach, to be involved in a healthy, enjoyable sporting activity. A place where prayer is included during every training, a place that provides opportunities to build relationships and to participate in spiritual discussions and of course, it's a great friendship-forging platform between the players, who share a common goal along with some cardio fitness, ball training skills, lots of laughter—and PAIN!

The event can be thought of in two parts:

Let's start with the weekly training, where we improved fitness and practiced our skills and strategy. Particularly appealing was the enjoyable atmosphere that pervaded our training sessions—lots of laughter, encouragement and major excitement when that *impossible* shot was made. And there were lots of those! Huge thanks to Papsda's very own George *Task-Master* Tapaatoutai for running the sessions, and putting us through our paces with all of his leadership and skills experience, whilst always finishing the sessions by giving thanks and praying. Top job "Mr T"!

The second part was the Queen's Birthday tournament itself—which arrived far too soon! As a veteran, it was fantastic meeting up with friends and fellow believers from around the country. It was also a great feeling to watch the sons and daughters of friends (that I played with from *way back* because the event has a 45+ year history) now carry on the tradition. And for me personally, it was awesome to play on the same mixed team as my twins Bianca and Daniela.

The blood sweat and tears from training over many weeks paid off! The *360 Ladies* had a tough grade of competition, and managed after some extremely tough games, to get through to the semi finals. Well done to you! After multiple games, including late Saturday night and an early Sunday start, the *360 Men's* team and *360 Mixed Grade* both did Papsda proud by winning both of their respective grades and setting the bar to the highest level possible for 2017.

Well done Papsda, and thanks to everyone who helped organise, particularly "Mr T". Can't wait for next year!



Les White



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Papsda's Facebook page:
www.fb.com/papsda



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RIPPLE SUMMIT

YOUTH LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

The ripple effect is huge. The law of the ripple states that the end result is always greater than the initial event. We believe that the *Ripple Youth Leadership Summit* is a catalyst for young people to enhance, discover and grow their leadership potential. We believe that leadership isn't the private reserve of a few charismatic men and women, but that it's a set of skills and abilities that are learnable and doable by far more people than common leadership mythology presumes.

2016 is the fourth year of holding our 360 Ripple Youth Leadership Summit for our 18+ young people. The brainchild of Luke Gagamoe, and sponsored by *360 Community Trust*, Ripple has had a series of fantastic keynote speakers and this year was no exception. Our theme of *Social Responsibility* was presented by Alama Ieremia, Manu Samoa National Rugby Coach; Rupert Ross, National Faith Partners Manager from World Vision; Emma Crawley and Gwen Husband, Human Resource at World Vision; Melissa Fletcher, from Marketing Good Ltd and Claire Baldwin, Partnership Manager at the Graeme Dingle Foundation.

Over 50% of our 43 attendees were from the community, contacts through *SOLID Community* and *ShedX Community Gym*.

A recurrent theme was expressed from all speakers of *showing up* with integrity and humility and leading through service. Having a spirit of generosity, believing in tomorrow and giving back to society. There were so many take-homes for me: Leadership happens from any seat—it's no longer about positional power; and leadership is action—it's what you do, not what you say.

Rupert Ross summed it up beautifully with Matthew 22:37-38. **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind". This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: "Love your neighbour as much as you love yourself."**

Is it good for you? *Love Yourself.*

Does it benefit your local community? *Love your local community.*

What's it doing for the world? *Love your world.*

Tracey Ryan



CRAZY Love

The *360 Crazy Love Tour* to Kaitaia this year lived up to its name. It started first thing Tuesday morning as a wave of kids flooded into the hall where Richard Newson, Kallani Rogers and I were to spend the next four days running a holiday kids club. We didn't know what to expect but we soon realised we had entered a community that was in desperate need of Crazy Love.

Some days were easier than others, but through God's strength and guidance and a whole lot of patience, we served 30+ kids from the community, and no doubt they could feel something of God's love for them. Then as our reinforcements arrived on Thursday night with a mix of our own 360 family and a few new ones, we were ready to take the task to another level.

Friday saw our team mobilise in gardens—mowing lawns, trimming hedges, digging holes, painting fences and spreading Crazy Love in the community through acts of Selfless Service. While handing out food parcels and seeing first-hand the responses of appreciation, gratitude and tears—we invited the community to our concert on Saturday night. On Sabbath morning Day7 blew us away with their message of *UNISON* through song and testimony—then with a shared lunch following, we were all spiritually and physically filled.

However, for me personally, the time I most experienced God's Crazy Love was on Saturday night during the concert. From the worship lead by Leah and the band—to the spoken words shared by Jess Newson and Bheilee Okesene—to the vulnerable and very real testimonies shared by Lesley, Phoenix and Andrew and many more songs and items—I knew God's Spirit was there because His love was felt; His love was real; His love was captivating. His love changed me; it changed us all. That's what Crazy Love does. And I'm excited to see it lived out in the lives of our 360 community.

My prayer is that as a church we would live out Crazy Love not only within the walls of our building but on the streets of this town, this city and this nation.

Special thanks to Tracey and Karl for their leadership, Jay Okesene for sound and lighting, Day7, parents and helpers, Richard Snr and the kitchen team, everyone involved in the concert and our awesome 360 young people for letting God show Crazy Love through you to the Kaitaia community.

Here is some feedback from our young people:

“Crazy Love 2K16 was amazing. Super pumped for next year and can't wait to show love to that community again. Blessed to be a blessing.” ~Janese Fredericks

“[Our trip to] Kaitaia has redefined my understanding of God's Crazy Love! Being vulnerable! Being raw! Being able to voice yourself as you are no matter where you are or who you are ... cos when all else fails there's gonna be no one but God left to love you no matter how astray from Him you are. Remember He loves us for who we are.” ~Kallani Rogers

“This weekend was such a highlight of my year and I am just so proud of our young people and the way they are connecting with God in a very REAL way. Many think walking through life with God is boring, but it's the biggest, longest-lasting, never-ending, joyous adventure you could ever go on!” ~Leah Wolfgramm

William Wolfgramm



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Enjoy what you do in life. Love the people you're doing it with!

On Sunday, 6 November, well over 100 people braved the elements and joined us for **Trail Buster Karekare** in the scenic Waitakere Ranges. They crossed streams, climbed hills, hills and more hills, saw historic sites, navigated Goat Trails, made it through the Kissing Tunnel, walked and walked and walked along the beach, came across a bit of mud, saw breathtaking views and raised over \$10,000 for 360 and ADRA New Zealand.

We witnessed some huge personal achievements as people smiled (and grizzled ... and grumbled ... and cursed) their way around the track.

Thank you to everyone who supported our event! We appreciate you and your gift in time and resources. Every step, conversation and dollar raised is appreciated! Thanks to our awesome volunteers on the day in Admin, The Food Tent, First Aid, Photography, and on the Track. Another huge thanks to our sponsors: Sanitarium Up & Go; Frooze Balls; Revive Cafe; ShedX; Broderick Print;

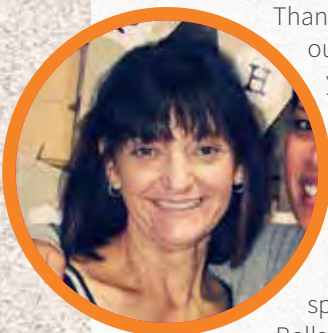
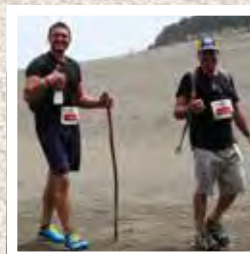
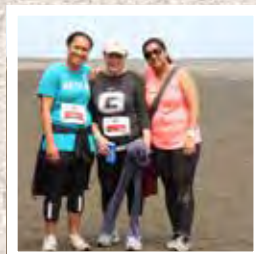
360 Community Trust; and ADRA New Zealand.

It's not too late to add to a Team's Fundraising—the page is still open and you can still sponsor online at trailbusterkarekare2016.gofundraise.co.nz. Another way you can support our event is to purchase from our range of awesome **TOUGH IS A MINDSET** merchandise that is available now from the Papsda Office: T-Shirts are \$40 or Hoodies are \$60.

**SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2017.
REGISTRATION DETAILS COMING SOON.
TRAIL BUSTER SERIES HUNUA: 12 MARCH 2017
TRAIL BUSTER SERIES KAREKARE:
12 NOVEMBER 2017**

Have a great summer with family and friends. Be Safe. Enjoy what you do in life—Love the people you're doing it with! Thanks again from Trail Buster Series Team.

Tracey Ryan and Luke Gagamoe





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#fearless

"To me fearless is not the absence of fear. It's not being completely unafraid. To me, fearless is having fears. Fearless is having doubts—lots of them. To me, fearless is living in spite of those things that scare you to death" ~Unknown.

This is what the theme for Venus (14-15 October) was this year; being fearless. Fearless friends, fearless faith, fearless love, fearless you. Through these topics we learnt how to do exactly what the Word says, fear less. We were taught to be expectant. We were taught to change our perspectives. We were taught to rehearse our victories. These are all opportunities for us to be #fearless.

Amongst the spiritual lessons, we as girls had the chance to ask those tough life questions. We had the chance to bond. We had the chance to create.

The weekend was a great time for us to *disconnect* from many distractions (mainly the opposite gender), this meant that we had the chance *reconnect* as sisters, as well as giving us the opportunity to *reconnect* with God.

How crazy is it to think that the devil is more scared of what we can do, than we are of what he can do? We have the ultimate fighter on our side! We have the ultimate winner on our side! We are fearless and because of this we are powerful. If God can use the rod he put in Moses' hand to part the Red Sea; if God can use the woman in the lineage of grace to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus, then just imagine how He can use us? It may not be as grand or as epic as these, but we just need to fearlessly let God use us. The phrase, "do not be afraid," is written in the Bible 365 times. That's a daily reminder from God to live everyday being fearless.

Caitlyn Fredericks



UPCOMING EVENTS:

2-7 January ▶ NZPUC Ignite Youth Congress

4 February ▶ 360 Social

17-19 February ▶ 360 Connect Camp

3 March ▶ 360 Church

12 March ▶ Trail Buster Hunua

18-25 March ▶ 360 Spiritual Emphasis Week

18 March ▶ 360 Social

25 March ▶ 360 Worship Service

14-17 April ▶ Mountain Top Camp

5 May ▶ 360 Church

20 May ▶ 360 Social

3 June ▶ NNZC Youth Rally

4 June ▶ NNZC Basketball Tournament

17 June ▶ 360 Social





Sixties Plus EVENTS

Photographs from
outings and events for our
esteemed seniors.



Kids Church BASICALLY AWESOME (May 2016)

Papsda Kids and Teens show
us how awesome God really is.





Around PAPSDA

All the goings on around our local church and beyond.



Kidzone CONNECT EVENTS

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



PAPSDA FAMILY NEWS



With six older brothers and sisters, it means there's a lot of love to go around for this new baby girl. Congratulations **Jayson & Krystal Rogers** on the birth of **Khobee Caroline Chelsea Linette Rogers**, who arrived on 29 September 2016 at 3:19pm, weighing 7lb 13oz.

Congratulations to **Lisi Seve & Fale Senetenari** on the birth of their first baby, **Ruth Isabella Senetenari-Seve**. Ruth arrived on 29 August 2016, weighing 3.825kg. Grandparents **Tui & Fuatino Seve** are naturally delighted.



Congratulations to ex-pat Papsda-ite, **Simon Lowrie** who wed his sweetheart **Elizabeth Ng** in a beautiful ceremony at Caswell House, Brize Norton in Oxfordshire, UK on 17 July 2016. Elizabeth was born and bred in North Wales, and her parents are originally from Hong Kong. You may recognise a couple of the groomsmen, also ex-pat Papsda-ites **Darren Hayter** (far left) and **Nigel Hutchins** (far right). **Jo Lowrie** (Simon's mum) and **Lois Lowrie** (Aunty) were able to make the long journey to the UK to celebrate the wedding. Thanks Jo, for sharing the pics.





Congratulations to **Juaniva Han & Sunipa Tevi** on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, **Sabbath Lillian Han** who arrived safely on 14 September 2016 at 11:23am, weighing a healthy 8lb 12oz (3.985kg).

Louise Inglis recently celebrated a musical achievement, gaining her **Certificate in "Suzuki Method" Teacher of Flute Level 2** from the New Zealand Suzuki Institute. Congratulations Louise!

Our congratulations to **Shaun & Katie Hurlow** on the safe delivery of their second child but first little boy, **Micah William Hurlow**. Born 16 June 2016 at 8:30pm, weighing 8lb 3oz. Big sister Lexi loves her new baby brother.



Congratulations **Keira Bullock** on graduating with distinction. Keira has spent the last two years in after hours study towards her **Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Theory** at the University of Auckland.





WHY? BECAUSE

Orange Matters

By Brigitte Bagg

FAMILY: Connected, Disconnected, Functional (is there actually such a thing?), Dysfunctional, Two-Parent, 3-Or-More-Parent, Blended Or Blending, Absent Parent Due-To-Sickness, Death Or Simply-Too-Busy, Messy, Special-Needs, Laid-Back, Rules-Based, Grace-Based, Child-Centred, Family-Centred, Safe, Unsafe, Taonga.

GOD USES FAMILY TO TELL HIS STORY.

We so often hear reports of the billionaires' kids and their extravagant lifestyles. For many of us we have moments where we wish we could give our kids all that they want. When we camp at that thought long enough it becomes clear to us that money and stuff doesn't make people happy. It is easy to get side-tracked from what really matters. Most parents can't give their children a lavish inheritance but every parent will leave a personal legacy. Sometimes I have to be reminded that what I do for my kids or give to them is not as important as what I leave *in* them.

What if it's not God's plan to restore the family to a

perfect state (if there is such a thing)? What if, instead, it is God's plan to do an amazing work within the family to put His grace on display? Imagine the Creator visibly and actively restoring and rebuilding broken people in order to demonstrate His glory and plan of redemption (freedom from slavery)?

The family exists even in its imperfection to display the heart of God to every generation. Look at the family lines in the Old Testament—family after family—generation after generation—showed that every family and every generation is somehow connected to God's story. God's plan to restore is seen throughout the





Scriptures. The list of families are there to remind us that God is actively using *families* to link past and future, in the hope that they might broadcast His love to every generation. The family is and was His primary vehicle.

He used imperfect families throughout history as a timeless platform to put His glory and grace on display.

In the Old Testament, His promises and commandments passed from one generation to another through family—**not church**. Therefore the heart of God was communicated primarily through the heart of the family. The heart of the family affects the direction of every child and the future of every nation. Every wise leader knows that what happens in the family makes an impression on the world. It is from this position that the heart of God shows how we are to spiritually impact our families.

Here's what God says to Moses:

*Deuteronomy 6 : 6-9 Shema (לאֲרִשֵּׁי עַמּוּךְ)
These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates.
NIV*

This may read like a very obvious instruction

for the future, however, this has more present relevance now than maybe it ever has had. You see, the Hebrew people were already doing this. They did not have much choice back then. They were wandering in the desert for forty years and God was very present. Daily, He provided food to eat in the form of manna, a cloud by day, a pillar of fire at night. The Hebrew people had no modern day distractions.

Moses was aware that their current existence would not be their future reality.

Today, we have many distractions. It is easy to drift away from an every-day kind of faith. Therefore we need to be deliberate and intentional about creating *rhythm* in our homes. What was instinctive for Hebrew families in their past experience has to become more intentional for the family in today's reality.

Moses recognised the potential to compartmentalise faith, over time relegated to a part of the day, then week, then month. He anticipated people's tendency to segment God to an isolated category, instead of an integrating force that influences all of life. Instead of seeing how everything is somehow connected to God's story, we categorise and segment our faith. We draw man-made lines to separate

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spiritual from secular. This was the anxiety Moses had about entering the Promised Land—that God would be forgotten, eternal truths would be diluted and the faith of a generation would die.

Moses handed the Hebrews a *strategy of rhythm* that would help keep faith alive. The role of the family was being strategically positioned as the primary platform to display God's message of restoration to the heart of every generation.

God has always had a mission to save the world. Family has always been an integral part of God's design.

What Moses set in motion for Hebrew people was very strategic. He tapped in to a creation design of time (am, pm) and human needs (eating, sleeping, living) and used it to nurture a lasting faith. This principle of rhythm has been relevant in every culture throughout history.

- Generally all people groups get up at sunrise, move around during the day, eat a meal and sleep at night.
- Moses highlighted certain daily patterns that became teachable moments.

It's important for parents to create a rhythm that works for their family. Children learn best through routine—that's why the right rhythm helps to accentuate learning and development. This gives a sense of security and that the child matters.

Each time of day suggests a different style or approach to learning and offers parents the chance to play a different role. For example:



- **Eating a meal.** Intentional (formal) discussion—parent in the *teacher* role—this helps establish values.



- **Drive time.** Informal dialogue—parent in the *friend* role—this helps interpret life.



- **Bed time.** Intimate conversation—parent in the *counsellor* role—this helps build intimacy.



- **Morning time.** Encouraging words—parent in the *coach* role—this helps to instil purpose.

Take advantage of times already in your routine. This means you use minimal effort for potentially enormous returns on relationship and faith.

The Hebrews had a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly rhythm in the form of Sabbath, feasts and traditions. This gave families the opportunity to establish their faith and relationships as priority.

- *Priority* is a pre-decision about your time.
- *Rhythm* requires two components : intentionality



and consistency and is defined as a strong repeated pattern. Music rhythm requires an intentional sound happening constantly within a frame of time.

Moses emphasises two important aspects:

1. Effort to communicate what is important.
2. Effort should happen repeatedly and establish a pattern over time.

Quantity and quality time is required to leverage the ability to positively impact our child's faith. It's not enough to spend time together as a family if the time is never meaningful or strategic. Families have to be intentional about how they spend time together and consistent about how often they spend time together.

Let's create a *rhythm* and use the natural patterns that already exist in life as an opportunity to celebrate God's story. It's up to us, as parents, to pay attention to the need to nurture our children's faith.

Now let's briefly look at the Parents role versus the church's role...

God has designed the church to shine a Light to show every generation the glory of God's Son. Church has on average **40 hours** per year with a child.

God has designed the family to nurture the hearts of a generation to Love God. The family has **3,000 hours** per year to influence a life.

Church = Light = **YELLOW Family = Love (Heart) = **RED** Combined, we get **ORANGE****

Both the church and family are primary influences that God has designed for a purpose. Both of these use imperfect people to be a platform to tell His story of restoration and redemption (to set free) to the world.

Here at Papsda we use **ORANGE** thinking to guide much of what we plan and do. At Papsda we recognise that family is messy, but we'd rather have families messy than not at all. You and your family can be the beginning of something extraordinary.

Ideas used from THINK ORANGE by Reggie Joiner

If you would like to learn a few new tools for parenting, look out for parenting courses coming to Papsda next year. For more information about parenting, contact Brigitte Bagg at brigitte@papsda.co.nz or call (09) 278-7786.

COOK:30.2 RECIPES



COOK:30.2 Episode 37

This soup, salad and smoothie makes for a delicious and colourful combination.

Huge thanks to Jeremy Dixon for allowing us to share these tasty treats from his latest cookbook.





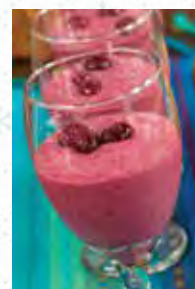
**Honey Mustard
Potato Salad**



**Minty Pea Soup
with Wholemeal
Croutons**



Seedy Crackers



**Black Cherry
Smoothie**

Get ready before you start

Jug	Oven	Counter	Ready on stovetop	Plugged in and ready	Preparation required
Boiling with 5 cups of water	Fan bake 350°F (180°C) 3 oven trays	Chopping board Sharp chefs knife Serving dishes and glasses	Medium pot with high sides	Blender or stick blender	

Timing

:00	SALAD	Put potatoes on to roast.
:04	CRACKERS	Blend seeds, mix with water and put into oven.
:08	SOUP	Saute onion, oil, garlic.
:12	SOUP	Make croutons and put in oven. Add peas and boiling water to pot.
:16	SALAD	Make dressing. Assemble salad ingredients and add.
:20	CRACKERS	Remove crackers and croutons from oven.
:22	SOUP	Half blend the soup and add cashew cream, salt and mint.
:27	SMOOTHIE	Add all ingredients to blender and blend.
:30	FINISH	Serve and enjoy!



Honey Mustard Potato Salad

A cafe favourite!
MAKES 8 X 1 CUP SERVES

Step 1 - Prepare Potatoes

4 cups small potatoes halved or regular potatoes
2 teaspoons oil

On a baking tray mix potatoes and oil together.
Place in oven and bake at 350°F (180°C) for 20 minutes or until almost soft.

Step 2 - Make the Dressing

3 tablespoons tahini
1 tablespoon liquid honey
2 tablespoons seeded mustard
3 tablespoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon salt

Mix all dressing ingredients in a cup.

Step 3 - Prepare Vegetables

4 cups baby spinach
¼ cup chopped mint
1 red bell pepper (capsicum) thinly sliced

Lay the spinach and mint on your serving dish. Mix the roasted potatoes with ½ cup dressing, reserving some for garnish. Add potato mix and sliced bell pepper on top of the bed of spinach and mint.

Step 4 - Garnish

½ cup pecans
garnish: mint
garnish: dressing

Garnish with pecans and extra mint. Drizzle remaining dressing over top to serve.



Minty Pea Soup

This is my favourite soup of all time. Well, until the next one comes along...

MAKES 6 X 1 CUP SERVES

1 cup onion roughly chopped
(around 1 onion)

3 cloves garlic crushed

2 teaspoons oil

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup cashew nuts raw

1 cup hot water

3 cups frozen peas

4 cups boiling water

1 teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh mint

garnish: mint

Saute onion, garlic, oil in a medium pot. I recommend you use a pot with high sides so the stick blender can blend without mess.

In a blender, blend cashew nuts and hot water until smooth and creamy.

Add frozen peas to pot. Add boiling water and cook for 5 minutes. Don't overcook or peas will go brown.

Add cashew cream to the soup and reserve a little for garnish.

Add salt and mint and blend the soup with a stick blender until smooth.

Transfer to a serving dish and serve with a garnish of mint, cashew cream and warm croutons on top.

Tip: When purchasing peas, be aware that most "minted peas" only contain mint flavouring, not actual mint.

Wholemeal Croutons

MAKES 4 X 1 CUP SERVES

2 wholemeal buns or 4 slices toast slice
wholemeal bread

1 teaspoon oil

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt

Cut bread into $\frac{1}{2}$ in (1cm) cubes and place on baking tray. Sprinkle salt over top and spray lightly with oil.

Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 5 minutes or until crispy on the outside (but not hard all the way through).





Seedy Crackers

SERVES 4

½ cup pumpkin seeds
½ cup chia seeds
½ cup sesame seeds
½ cup sunflower seeds
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon mixed herbs
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon chilli paste or sweet
chilli sauce
5 tablespoons water

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Place all seeds in the food processor and pulse to a flour consistency.

Mix together with all remaining ingredients and spoon onto a baking tray lined with parchment (baking) paper.

Place sheet of parchment paper on top and flatten mixture out to approximately 4mm thick. Peel paper off.

Lightly spray oil on top to prevent burning and bake in oven for 15 minutes or until golden.

Store in an airtight container.

Tip: You can add any flavour you like to this. I have also made one at cooking demonstrations where the seeds aren't blended, but it needs to sit for about 30 minutes before rolling out so that it holds together.

Black Cherry Smoothie

This amazing smoothie is made with my favourite frozen fruit!

SERVES 4

2 cups frozen black cherries
2 large ripe bananas
2 cups soy or rice milk unsweetened
3 tablespoons liquid honey
optional: 1 cup ice

Put all ingredients into a blender and blend.

Garnish with extra cherries and serve immediately.





MEET A PAPSDA FAMILY

DENISON & PRISCILA GRELLMANN



Our community here at Papsda is proudly diverse and multicultural! It's a quality that makes our place interesting, exciting and fun. And while our Brazilian population is increasing, a relatively new family to Papsda brings so much more than just their Brazilian roots. The Grellmann family have lived and served all over the world, and bring a cultural richness and a hunger to serve the most needy in our community. Jacinda caught up with Priscila via Facebook to find out a little more about this beautifully humble, adventuresome family.

Where are you both from?

How did you meet each other?

Denison and I are Brazilian-born. We left Brazil in 1994 to serve as student missionaries in different parts of Africa and eventually met in South Africa in 1996. We both had a strong desire to continue serving as missionaries so after our college years, Denison started as a volunteer with ADRA Madagascar, and since then we have both worked with ADRA in different roles.

What did you do before coming to New Zealand?

Since we got married in 2000, we have worked with ADRA in various parts of the world, including Madagascar, Mozambique, Laos, Sri Lanka, Australia, US and the Philippines. Our last post was in the Philippines where Denison was the ADRA Philippines Director and I was working as an accountant at the Southern Asia-Pacific Division Headquarters (SSD).

What do you both do now for a living?

Our hearts are with ADRA so we continue our journey with ADRA here in New Zealand. Denison has been appointed ADRA New Zealand CEO and we moved here in June 2016. I'm an accountant and hoping to find a job soon.



Tell us a bit about your children.

We have two lovely boys named Dennis (10) and Breno (7). Dennis was born in Brazil and Breno in Aussie. They love everything Lego, they devour books, and enjoy soccer and bike riding.

What do you do in your spare time?

Did you say "spare time"?! Haha! We like to explore our new surroundings, and have friends over for a meal or watch a movie.

What's your favourite thing about Papsda?

It's a very friendly church and it has an outward community focus which we love!

What's something interesting about you guys that most people wouldn't know?

We escaped the 2004 Asian Tsunami by a few hours.

Favourite place to eat? Or favourite food?

Denison and I really enjoy Indian food. Middle Eastern is a hit too!

Where do you both see God working in your lives?

We have always felt God leading our lives. From how we met and shared the same aspirations in life, how He has guided and protected us through many difficult situations and how He has always touched our hearts to convince us of where He was leading us next. Through all these situations in life we see God gently teaching us to trust, to be patient, to be tolerant accepting other people, to see the mission field not only as foreign lands but as close as our own family.



Being WITH God



I grew up in South Africa, the second-born of three children. I had a fairly traditional childhood. My dad was the Head Elder of our church and I was always a very obedient child. Generally, I didn't ask a lot of questions or cause a lot of problems. It was the same with my faith. I just did what I was told, without question. I was one of those children who at the end of the day would try to remember everything I had done wrong so it could be confessed and forgiven when I prayed that night.

It wasn't until I was in my 20's that I explored other things a little bit. I still went to church because that was the habit and that was the expectation, but I wouldn't be able to say I had relationship with God—just rituals and rules.

My wife and I would attend church and Jenny was baptised into the Adventist church after going through all the Bible studies. Both my boys were raised in a really strict Adventist tradition, teaching them the *do's and don'ts*, as I tried to live the right way. But again it was all just living by the *rules*, devoid of real relationship with Jesus.

When we moved to New Zealand it wasn't just the country that was foreign but church was very foreign, especially here at Papsda. I was drawn to this church for the sake of my children, but for me, each weekend held tension and turmoil and questions over the SDA *standards* that I had grown up with and that were so deeply entrenched in my *God ritual experience*. It was a variety of things that made me uncomfortable—the music, the worship style, the informality (I mean what is a man supposed to do with a suitcase full of ties?). I would come into church but I wouldn't really want to be here.

When my mother passed away I sunk into a deep depression. So deep, that I had to take a year off work. During this time I started doing Bible studies with Richard Newson, and I discovered a lot, but when work started again, the routine changed and the spiritual growth spurt that had began, quickly halted. One afternoon I took my dog for a walk on the beach and I was feeling particularly down. I remember standing on the beach shouting at God. Questioning things—asking for answers—no longer content to go through the motions when my life was so unsatisfactory to me.

In August 2014 my wife and I separated after a long while of trying to make things work. This was where I really learnt to lean on God. I remember being so fearful that this would trigger more depression for me, so I began to call on God. In big ways and small ways He just kept on answering and providing for me and for my family. As I began to explore this relationship with God again it seemed like another growth spurt was

happening. It seemed like God was planning little defining moments, as turning points to reveal Himself to me.

I began to talk to Pastor Norman and we looked at Spiritual Pathways. I started to discover the ways I really connected with God. I began to find healing in ways I never knew. I started to feel connection with God and other people. What had once felt like a trap was starting to feel like freedom. Slowly I discovered a life with God that meant I was no longer a slave to the rules. My life was changing simply by being *with* God.

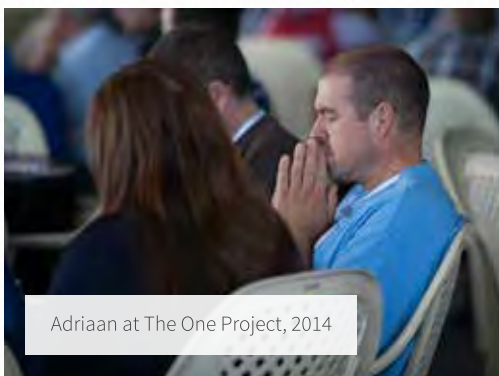
I heard about *The One Project* (a Christ-centred gathering) coming to Auckland and was curious. I wanted to go and participate in the discussion and

the worship but at the time I really couldn't afford to go. I don't know what came over me but I wrote to one of the organisers in Sydney expressing my interest and telling him of my limitations with money. He told me to not worry about it and that he would sponsor me. So I went to *The One Project*. That weekend was another experience that transformed my way of seeing God and

what relationship with Him looks like. I engaged in meaningful discussions and responded in worship in a way I hadn't experienced before. This helped me consolidate the truth that it really was all about Jesus and not about how well I could keep the rules, but how well *He* kept them and how much He loves me.

As I continue to grow, my dream for my boys is that they would walk in and experience freedom in their relationship with Christ. Today, I serve God, rather than focus on standards. I choose relationship over rules. Instead of the ritual of worship I have my eyes fixed on the God whom I worship. Baggage is starting to come off me as I step into the freedom He bought me.

My name is **Adriaan van der Merwe** and I am saved by grace. I am free.



Adriaan at The One Project, 2014



VOX POP

PAPSDA'S VALUES:

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

Caitlyn Fredericks

DYNAMIC CHANGE

As we grow in Christ, we change and inspire change. God enables, we commit.



During our trip to Samoa I experienced *Dynamic Change*. I went with the mentality that I was going to find God and build a relationship with Him for myself. Namu'a Island is where it started for me. It was during our worship times that I began to let go and let God.

I learnt on Namu'a Island that it's okay to be vulnerable. It's okay to let people in. What I learnt on the island is that we don't have to face battles alone. We weren't designed to live life on our own. More often than not, someone has been or is where you are. Surround yourself with these people. This is something that I'm learning to do. I'm realising that it's not healthy to deal with things on my own. God will not take you out of the fire but He will give you the strength to walk through it.

The change that I've felt in my life since returning home is indescribable.

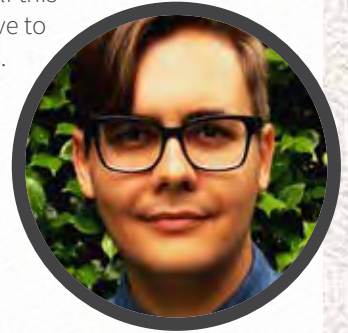


Vitalii Shevchenko

STAUNCH FOLLOWING

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

How can I know God's Spirit is leading me? Like many people I still ask myself this question and every day I have to make hundreds of decisions. How do I make the right one?



There are awesome promises in the Bible. Here is one of my favourites: "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16

I'm sure everything God says is true. I believe in His words. Each day I ask Him to lead me and make everything right in my life, and He does every day. I always try to ask, "Why?" However I don't need to have an answer immediately. Sometimes I don't even need to have an answer at all! He promised. He does. That's the most important thing. He leads me. He cares about me. Everything He gives me is the best for me. How can I choose the best? I should make a decision! As he said, He will lead me in all the decisions I make.

Another amazing thing I've experienced a lot in my life is, as I call it, "The tactic of the open and closed doors". I do my best. I see an opportunity. I try to reach for it—try to *go through that door*. He will open *that door* for me if it is what I need. He will close it if it isn't. However, sometimes my desires might hurt me. They might be dangerous for me.

But He knows everything. That's why I pray we pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10 NIV.

I want to do God's will in my life because I am blind. But it is great because He is the Master of leading those who are blind.



DYNAMIC
CHANGE

Jese (Joeli) Qiolevu

SELFLESS SERVICE

We willingly Serve. Jesus did.

In a nutshell this year's iCAN58 experience was terrifying for Rachel and Roxanne but heart-warming for Darren and me. It's interesting to see how situations like these allow people to realise different aspects of their personalities and what they feel comfortable doing. What really made all the difference for me was being able to serve with friends and family. Darren and Roxanne joined Rachel and I in giving out the food parcels while Richard and Jean tailed us in the van and trailer. We were met with mixed reactions, and most doors had a,

"Please do not knock," sign on them which immediately makes you feel rude and on the back-foot before the door is even opened. Some looked into the bag of food and turned it away, some welcomed it without even looking into the bag at all.



There was a lady who didn't care what was in the bag but was just so happy that people greeted her and wanted to pray for her. We met a guy that was obviously sky-high, and still smelt heavily of it. His name was Jimmy, and he gave us a genuine smile as we greeted him. We spoke briefly over the loud barking of his chained Pit Bull. Jimmy just wanted to have a good day as that was his prayer request for us. So we prayed over Jimmy's day and asked God to have His hand over Jimmy's life. Afterwards, he happily accepted two bags of food and quickly disappeared back into his house.

We went to many houses and the scene was the same. Broken fences, abandoned toys, shoes and household items. People coming to the door reluctantly with the same weariness in their eyes, mild annoyance, and then a flash of embarrassed joy as they accepted the gifts.

As the door to the final house opened, I was greeted by the sight of gang members sitting around a table, enshrouded by cigarette smoke as they gambled and drank. Stacks of money were next to each player at the table. I had obviously interrupted at the last turn of the cards, when the tension was palpable and the winner was moments away from collecting a small fortune. Hurriedly they accepted the food bags, rejected the prayer and practically shooed me off the front porch. I said a prayer over that house and those people as I walked away, with the feeling of powerlessness welling up inside me.

How amazing is our God, all-powerful and overflowing with love. Slow to anger and full of mercy. How does He love us so? iCAN58 is real church. Walking the talk, reaching out to people who would never even look twice at our huge church sign on Puhinui Road let alone walk in. Well if they won't come to us, iCAN58 allows us to go to them. Till next time :)

Anthea Tevaga

STAUNCH FOLLOWING

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

There have been opportunities in my life where I've had to contemplate on whether I was doing something for society, my reputation, or to bring glory to God.

Being surrounded by people who did not share the same faith, beliefs and values brought me to a place in my life where I was constantly going back and forth from being a Christian at home to a non-Christian around my friends—but by changing who I was hanging around with and who I let influence me, I was able to come to a place of realisation where I was able to let God work through my family and the goodness that I was surrounded with.

In return, this has made me understand God with a changed perspective and a new understanding. From here on, I just pray that I continue on the path that I'm on right now, with God beside me so that my relationship and love with God is consistent and even stronger.



MINI REPORTS

NNZC Constituency Changes

Outside of our local context Papsda is part of a sisterhood of churches called the North New Zealand Conference (NNZC). Over the weekend of September 17-18 at the 91st Constituency Session Meetings, the constituents of the NNZC (of which Papsda is part of) voted to re-elect their leaders by an overwhelming majority! **Pr Eddie Tupa'i** will serve a fourth full term as President and Lead Pastor of the Conference.

Pr Ben Timothy and **Mr Shane Palipane** will both serve a third term in their respective roles as Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Conference. The eleven year journey where every church in our Conference has been empowered, encouraged and resourced to be a healthy Adventist church enters an exciting new phase.

In his final message at the Session titled, "It Is Harvest Time," Pr Eddie called every healthy Adventist church to flow into our neighbourhoods, transforming ourselves into healthy Adventist communities. Constituents poured down the aisles during a Spirit-filled altar call, making commitments afresh to serve the Lord in the harvest season. Please continue to pray for our leaders as they lead our churches to be living and breathing Spirit-led communities of Jesus followers in the Kingdom Harvest. This term of service will be four years instead of three due to the change in the constitution voted through in the subsequent meetings that same weekend. On a local level the NNZC encourages Papsda to continue doing what we are doing in sharing the gospel in our community—God is already taking care of that harvest!

Welcome Baby turns One

It's party time. Papsda's **Welcome Baby Clothing Library** (WBCL) is one-year-old. We have had a steady stream of new families joining the programme, with more due to come on board in the next few months. These families have been very appreciative of the support and clothing for the first year of the baby's life. Welcome Baby is now supporting families who are having another baby and so the relationship continues.

The WBCL **Facebook Page** has 64 followers, some even from other countries. They enjoy receiving baby/parenting advice, updates and articles of interest.

Thank you for the continued contributions of baby clothing and other baby items (car seats, high chairs, linen etc). These certainly find their way to grateful families. A special thank you to our fabulous knitting

ladies who help make the packs that little more personal and special. (If anyone has any wool they would like to donate, our knitters would be very grateful).

WBCL would also like some home baking or savouries that we could freeze for our visits to our Welcome Baby families. **If you are interested in being part of this amazing ministry, please contact Ina Louw on 278-7786 or Brigitte Bagg on brigitte@papsda.co.nz**

Please continue to pray for the families who are referred to WBCL. May they experience hope and love.

Volunteers & Parents 2017

Papsda values the safety of our children and vulnerable people while on site or attending programmes and activities. As a result, Papsda is required to get every person working with or alongside children* or vulnerable people** to sign a few forms each year.

Early next year we will be hosting **two sign-up sessions** following the worship service on **18 March and 25 March 2017**. It should only take a few minutes per person to sign a Police Clearance, Code of Conduct, Staff and Volunteer information, and for all parents, a Media Consent form. We will let you know closer to the time what documentation you will need to supply. This will apply to any person serving in Kidzone, 360 High School, and any person on a team where there are children under the age of 18 or vulnerable people.

**A child is anyone under the age of 18 years. **Someone with an intellectual, physical, or other disability or vulnerability regardless of age.*

Sixties Plus

In the late October sunshine the Sixties Plus began a progressive morning tea/lunch, beginning with a cup of tea and a scone at the Davies' residence, then lunch at **Urban Soul, Karaka** and ending with the sweetness of **Strawberry Corner** ice-creams in Ardmore. This marked the third successful day in our four planned events for the year.

In June we have travelled west to **Ryders at Avondale** for a movie and roast lunch, as well as a look around the museum. In July we gathered for lunch in Manukau and we are all looking forward to our annual Christmas lunch and gift exchange.

The over-sixties in our church continue to adventure, gather and uphold the value of **Inclusive Community**, bringing with them a whole lot of laughter, and quality fun. Next year we may add another event to the calendar, because four just isn't enough!

Man Camp

Man Camp was mean as! It's difficult to say why it works. Okay, so there were the motorbikes, the luge rides, the hot pools, the golf, the 24 hour gym, the Guinness Book of Records BBQ, the manhood devotions and the worships. There was constant laughter, conversation, and mentoring. Whatever it is, there's just a very cool vibe when men take the time to hang out together—for no big reason—but to hang out together. **Man Camp will happen again next year.** Don't miss it.

Basic Beliefs

At 9:30am each Sabbath morning, 15-20 people meet for the purpose of discovering who God is. Topics covered so far have been: Why believe in God? Can I believe the Bible? Creation and the Sabbath, and The Great Controversy. Basic Belief classes are designed for new believers who want to deepen their faith. We start with hot drinks and we do a lot of sharing. We encourage attendees to ask questions. We keep it honest. If this sounds like you or someone you know, please join us at **Basic Beliefs in the Dining Room** on Saturday morning.

New Website

Check out our recently redesigned and updated website **www.papsda.co.nz**. Our Communications Team (Keira, Jacinda and Katie) along with Zesty Designs have spent many months revamping the site. It's looking good. Watch sermons, share your story and keep abreast of all that's going on.

Papsda live-streamed

Did you know we live-stream our sermons every Saturday? That means wherever you are in the world you don't have to miss out. Want the address? **www.youtube.com/PapsdaChurch** Tune in from 11:00am. (Of course, this is not an excuse *not* to be in the House with the rest of us on Saturday!)



To watch Tania Butler's story about her experience with Welcome Baby, visit www.papsda.co.nz/stories/



North New Zealand re-elected leaders: Eddie Tupa'i, Ben Timothy and Shane Palipane



SAFE PLACES SIGN-UPS



MAN CAMP 2016



NEW WEBSITE



I GAVE UP MY GANGSTER LIFESTYLE TO FOLLOW GOD

Meet the Rogers family. As a community and beyond we have been so impacted and blessed by their story of Staunch Following. They are living proof of the God we serve being mightier and more powerful than we could ever ask or think. In case you missed it—here's their story.

Jayson Story

I became a second generation gangster in the early 1990's, following in my father's footsteps of being a brawler, drug user, distributor and criminal on the same stomping grounds of Otara and Manurewa. I was always an off-the-rails youth, everything from drug use, petty crime, fire-bug and breaking into buildings, to becoming a hardcore car thief, all before I was fifteen years old.

I stole my first marijuana plant at fourteen and began selling/hustling. I pushed marijuana until I was introduced to Methamphetamine in 2000.

This resulted in addiction and heavy distribution for eleven years. Having multiple gang connections and having to maintain a reputation, I became ruthless, using violence and anything else it took for others to know I wasn't an easy target. I had no intention of changing, which is why I had created such a strong name for myself. The drugs and the gangs—that was going to be my lifestyle for the rest of my life. This was what I planned to pass on to my family.

I became a really ugly person, to the point that I was even taking my family to do repo/stand-overs to show them what to do to people who owe you money. I had lost contact with my in-laws/my kids' grandparents and extended family for seven years because they feared the person I had become.

Life took a turn around 2012 when my kids and I met this guy, Andrew Hoefflich, at the Manurewa pools and were invited to free kick-boxing classes (SOLID Community). I went along, not knowing this was a Christian community project, thinking that this would perfect my street-fighting skills and I'd be

even more lethal.

But after a month of trainings and basic Bible studies my mindset had altered and I began thinking about what my purpose in life was—something just came over me. I gave my life to God.

In mid-2014 I gave up my gangster lifestyle, and have now set up a business as a handyman. Krystal and I have been clean for two years and have been together for 20. Introducing my children to God had been a culture shock, because I had been the one leading them down the path of destruction.

Now they have made decisions to follow the Lord for themselves.

I take every opportunity I can to share my story, even when that comes at a cost to me. I have shared my story from Kaitia to Waiuku, in the local church, on Facebook and on TV and will continue sharing what God has done for me and my family. Some of the people that I used to sell drugs to I now have the opportunity to help and pray with—I love that I can do this.

We no longer live with six-foot fences and have recently reunited with in-laws and celebrated our family baptism here at Papsda. The Lord has truly blessed us—with church community, new opportunities and completely different family life. We continue to step into the unknown of what God has in store for us.

I just want to encourage you, Papsda, with Philippians 4:13. "We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength." My life is certainly proof of that.



Jayson & Kallani share their testimony at iCAN58 in August



Family Baptism: July 2016



Jayson & Kallani

Kallani's Story

I am second-born of the seven children in my family. For eleven years of the fifteen my life was at a breaking point. Having my dad a full-time drug dealer and my mum his associate, my siblings and I missed out on a lot of family time. As a result it affected the way our family was towards each other.

We didn't get the family bonding time we needed, although we tried it would always be interrupted or cancelled as dad's job as a dealer seemed to be priority—as it was our only source of income and our only way of living.

Because of this, I became very distant from my parents and would hide things from them. I relied on my older brother to do everything for me.

We were in a really dark place struggling to get out of the enemy's territory up until four years ago when our lives took a turn for the better. The choices my dad has made now wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for meeting our family's real-life angel, Andrew.

God had a plan for our lives to be put in his hands and He spoke that through the meeting of Andrew.

We began to attend church every so often, we started separating ourselves from the people continually trying to draw us back into dark places—which then led to my parents giving up the old life completely.

For the last two years, things have looked really different because they have had no associations with drugs or gangs.

All these things resulted in our whole family getting baptised back in July. Soon after that I had the opportunity to be apart of the 360 trip to Samoa. It's where it all became so real to me! God started showing himself in all kinds of ways; through worship, serving, and just through the good people I was constantly surrounded by.

While on this trip I was aware of things that were working against me to stop me from doing good in/ for the community. But yet again God showed up proved to be more powerful by healing me before we came home.

I am so thankful to have met Andrew because now I have my dad back—our family is different and our future looks different now that God is in it.



Cambodia 2015: Installing piping between the tank and the well at the preschool



South Africa 2009: Cottondale Church



Papsda 2016: Prep work for re-carpeting the auditorium

QUIETLY SERVING. SELFLESSLY

The Harveys have been attending Papsda since moving to Auckland from Christchurch in 1979. Back in the day Papsda was situated at Wentworth Avenue, and the congregation was temporarily moved to Kedgley Intermediate School in Papatoetoe while the church at Puhinui Road was being built. David was significantly involved in building this church, especially during the school holidays and weekends.

David became Papsda's property manager about 15 years ago. He spends most of his time in and around the building. This year in particular has seen a number of major property projects:

- Carpeting the main auditorium;
- Rebuilding the stage and sound storage at the back;
- New security cameras;
- Conversion of lights to LED's etc.

Over the decades, Audrey has been involved in almost every ministry area. From Sabbath School, to leading Papsda's Pathfinder Club

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for many years—with help from many of the families at the time. In those days Pathfinders pitched their own tents, made a fire, and cooked their own food—how times have changed, but they were happy and memorable years for this husband and wife team. Just recently Audrey has volunteered her time to provide crafts to the parents who bring their children to the Wednesday morning Playgroup.

Since 2008, David and Audrey made a intentional decision to help people who needed assistance overseas. Each year they have volunteered in other countries as part of *Papsda On A Mission*. They have

been on two mission trips to South Africa, two to Papua New Guinea, one to the Solomon Islands, and for the last three years have travelled to Cambodia. “This is a very satisfying activity where you can see how blessed we are living in New Zealand, and how happy people are who live in very different circumstances”, writes Audrey.





David has looked after the building for decades. He knows every door and cupboard!



David & Peter building the roof



Pastoral Leaders in the 1990's

At the time of writing this story, the Harveys are preparing for their next trip to Cambodia where Audrey will be working with nine teachers from surrounding villages who have been looking on at our little preschool to see how happy, clean and engaged the students are, compared with other villages. David works with the maintenance and building groups on all our *Papsda On A Mission* trips.

Both David and Audrey were teachers during their working life. David was Deputy Principal in Christchurch for eleven years, then Deputy and subsequently Principal at ASDAH until 1986. He then transferred to Manurewa High School for a further 25 years, managing night classes in the Technology Department and the ICT in the school, growing from 6 computers to over 2,000 computers and hand-held devices in the time he was there. Audrey trained student teachers at the College of Education in using computers in classrooms, then worked on computer contracts with schools from Whangarei to Bombay. For the last 15 years she has worked in individual schools training teachers to integrate computers into their

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daily teaching.

David was brought up in the Islands as his father was a school principal there for many years. It was through this background that he learned all the practical skills and the willingness to step in and help wherever and whenever he could. “I was raised to believe that if I am

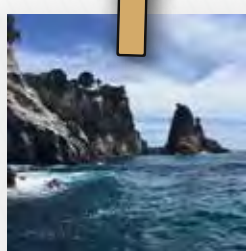
able to help and lend a hand then I should.” David gained a lot of satisfaction and pleasure in doing so. All of their married life, the Harveys had a burden for mission service, but this did not eventuate, so when the opportunity arose for them to become involved in overseas missions through Papsda, they eagerly and willingly volunteered.

David and Audrey have been retired now for three years, leaving time to travel, and enjoy their grandchildren—but still leaving plenty of time to help others. “We find it very satisfying to help others and encouraging them to become self-sufficient. Not everyone is able to travel to other countries, but we can all help people where they are, and show God’s love to everyone.”

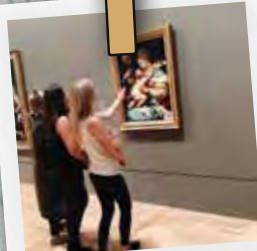




Never underestimate the power of a small act of kindness. Sometimes, a selfless gesture or a single moment of reassurance, even something as simple as a smile, can be enough to save a person. After all, even on the darkest nights, all it takes is a little light to illuminate the way forward.
~Beau Taplin // Little Light



What I regret most in my life are failures of kindness. Those moments when another human being was there, in front of me, suffering, and I responded...sensibly. Reservedly. Mildly.
~Brené Brown



Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves. . . . Live the questions now. Perhaps you will gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.
~Rainer Maria Rilke



What I'm getting at is that because the noise of what's fast and easy and immediate is so prevalent, so ubiquitous, I'm afraid we'll lose our appetites for things that can only be made by perseverance and hope and imagination applied over a long period.
~Hillary Rector

OUR GREATEST CREATIVE PROJECT

BY ASHLEA DAVIES

I have never considered myself to be a creative person by any conventional or well known definition of the word. But when I look at my life retrospectively I have been on quite a creative journey of discovery and I am intentioned to continue on that journey.

I have always felt like I don't have any talents or gifts—so that equated to having no creativity. It's not that I am particularly bad at anything, but I'm not particularly good at anything either. I love so many forms of art but never actually create anything. I think if I am honest the fear stops me. My mind goes blank. It will never be good enough. It won't make sense. It won't be as I intend it to be. It won't be as good as anyone else's.

A couple of years ago, when I was in a very dark place in my life, I realised that I didn't always have to be what I had always been. I had the choice and the responsibility to create a life that I loved and a life that mattered.

Here is some of what I am learning:

I CHOOSE WHAT I THINK.

I always have the power to choose what my thoughts will be. We have the power to choose what gets our focus. I have adopted the discipline that every morning my first thoughts will be gratitude. Even if I really can't think of anything, I can always be thankful that I have breath in my lungs and that it is a new day full of possibilities. When I notice myself getting negative, or disengaged or the feeling of hopelessness creeps in—I turn to gratitude. When I see the good, when it is enforced over and over in my mind, I start to think differently. I see the good everywhere. I assume the best in people. Most importantly I know I have the power over what I think and somehow I lose my need to control an outcome, because I believe that God will use every situation for good.

CONSISTENCY MATTERS.

I have always been an inconsistent person. People never knew what they were going to get with me. I was ruled by my feelings, by my pain and by my fatigue. I was happy and caring and fun at times, but often I was grumpy and sharp and intolerant. When it all got too much, as it often did, I would disengage



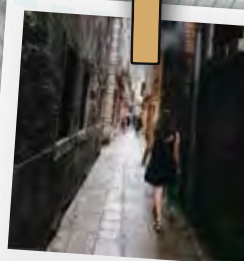
Somehow we realize that great stories are told in conflict, but we are unwilling to embrace the potential greatness of the story we are actually in. We think God is unjust, rather than a master storyteller.

~Donald Miller



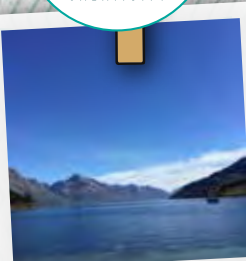
The leap of faith always means loving without expecting to be loved in return, giving without wanting to receive, inviting without hoping to be invited, holding without asking to be held.

~Henri Nouwen



Every story starts with a promise. A promise to deliver something interesting. That's why people love hearing stories but fear living them.

~Donald Miller



The purpose of life is not to just be happy. The purpose of life my love, is to feel. You must understand that your pain is essential.

~Christopher Poindexter

and disappear. When I realised that the opposite of faithfulness is inconsistency I knew I had to make a new choice. I started praying every single morning, that love and wisdom would lead my day and that my feelings and emotions would come second. I can't tell you the difference it makes when we recognise our feelings, but instead of responding from them we stop and ask, "how would love and wisdom respond?"

I have decided that I don't want to let the fear stop me from creating anymore. We are an expression of God when we are creating. He is the Creator and He created us in His image—to create. We live in a world where we get more input than ever, social media, TV, books, podcasts. And yet we were made to create. Is our balance off? Do we receive more than we create?

There are so many things that I look at and appreciate the creativity in. I don't make these things, I simply appreciate, admire, and absorb them. Maybe I wasn't created to make this myself, but in appreciating art, I can create not an object, but a life. I am creating *my* life.

"The fastest way to become beautiful is to look at beautiful things."

Maybe in recognising great beauty I can shine the light on what God has created. Turning my eyes towards truth and living in His beauty and light.

Maybe in witnessing the beauty I can start to live it for myself.

Maybe all the things I used to class and place in the box of creativity, are really just tools to create beauty, tenacity, faithfulness and love, in my life. It's in the recognising and acknowledging, that it is incorporated into my life.



Maybe being creative means to be constantly in search of truth, growing and being willing to keep walking towards who you want to be. Maybe it is true. What you behold (focus on) you become.

A year or two ago I started posting quotes to my Instagram account. It wasn't so much about expressing who I am, as creating and getting curious about who I want to be. Through this art, through these quotes, I see something that I aspire to be. I see a life that I want to create. A life that doesn't express more of my heart, but shows more of my God's heart.

What if we started to see our own lives, as our greatest creative project? What would change if we set out to create a life that reflected God's heart. What if each one of us displayed God's heart in a way that could only ever be expressed through you? What would you create?

"'I'm not very creative' doesn't work. There's no such thing as creative people and non-creative people. There are only people who use their creativity and people who don't. Unused creativity doesn't just disappear. It lives within us until it's expressed, neglected to death, or suffocated by resentment and fear." ~BRENÉ BROWN.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



WELCOME BABY CLOTHING LIBRARY

This free support is for families who would benefit from baby clothes, parenting information and community support during the baby's first year of life.

Every **Welcome Baby** family involved in the programme receives:

- A visit from the Welcome Baby Coordinator;
- A clothing pack catered specifically for their needs (which can be exchanged for larger sizes every three months);
- Information on parenting
- Information on community events at the local church (such as Playgroup, ShedX, parenting courses or other relevant groups);
- Other support as requested by the family.

For more information about the Welcome Baby Clothing Library contact Brigitte Bagg at brigitte@papsda.co.nz or Ina Louw via the Papsda church office, (09) 2787786

“Posture”

Have you ever noticed how actions speak way louder than words; that sigh, cold shoulder, the averted gaze, the rolling eyes. As you probably know, non-verbals are more informative and honest than verbal communication. And if this is the case in our everyday world, you can triple the effect within a church setting. For too long the Christian church has been guilty of speaking wonderful words of life and hope, then dashing the very same on the rocks of despair by our **“posture”**.

In his book, *“The Tangible Kingdom”*, Hugh Halter writes the following: “Words communicate what we *know*; posture represents what we *believe* and *feel*!”

Posture is all about how we come across, the impression we give people. The things we *DO*. Are we posturing in a way that validates the words we speak?

The Papsda Community Team are passionate about smothering our words in actions. Our newly formed team (Richard, Brigitte and me) are excited about meeting people where they are. We dream about people experiencing the love of Jesus through our community programmes and environments. In the coming weeks and months we will be calling on you to join us in different ways, to *show* people that we care, to reveal our **POSTURE**.

Karl Saifoloi



Toolbox parenting groups

PARENTING COURSES:

Great kids need great parents and with the right tools, anyone can be a great parent. Whether you are parenting with a partner, a grandparent, a solo parent, a blended or foster family, **Toolbox** has something to offer. If you are looking for practical strategies, inspiration, encouragement and insight then a Toolbox parenting group is for you.

There are four Toolbox groups: **Early Years** (0-6), **Middle Years** (6-12), **Teens & Tween Years** (12-18) & **Building Awesome Whānau** (0-12) Toolbox.

In an informal, relaxed and friendly environment participants are equipped with practical skills and strategies that can be immediately put to use. Over 6 sessions, parents are equipped and encouraged in their parenting.

Look out for courses coming to Papsda next year. If you would like to find out more about any of these courses or register your interest or become a facilitator, contact Brigitte Bagg on 09 278-7786 or brigitte@papsda.co.nz



Who is in control? You, or your money? We know that the way we manage our money can be a stronghold for Satan. So what better way to be obedient to God's call on our lives than to get our finances under control? During the free, 3-session **CAP Money** course you will learn how to budget, save and spend well. Look for a course coming to Papsda during 2017. If you would like to find out more about this course or would like to register your interest or become a facilitator, contact Brigitte Bagg on 09 278-7786 or brigitte@papsda.co.nz



98%
of delegates said they would recommend the CAP Money Course to others.



68%
of delegates said that the CAP Money Course helped them to create or achieve savings goals.

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CAP job clubs

EQUIPPING AND SUPPORTING THE UNEMPLOYED BACK INTO PAID WORK

CAP Job Clubs helps and supports the following ways:

COMMUNITY It can be hard to stay motivated when you're searching for work, especially when you're on your own. At **CAP Job Clubs**, you will meet other job seekers and you'll support and encourage each other along the way.

COURSE The eight-session 'Steps To Employment' course takes you through each step of the job hunting process. Participating in the course equips you with essential tools such as how to apply for jobs, how to write a great CV and how to have confidence in interviews.

COACH CAP Job Clubs Coaches provide one-on-one support and mentoring, and will help you until you find work! Coaches spend time helping you set your own goals and identifying how you can overcome the challenges you may be facing.

CONNECTING Through CAP Job Clubs you'll have opportunities to connect with local employers who can provide advice and maybe offer work experience.

CONGRATULATIONS Throughout the entire process you will gain valuable skills that will help you find work.

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release groups

Do you or someone you know want to quit smoking? Stop gambling? Control your shopping? Log off the internet?

A **CAP Release Group** is a safe, confidential group for people dealing with a life-affecting habit or addiction. You'll meet with people like you, and receive support from them, as well as your CAP Release Coach. And, you'll work through a tailored process to help you find freedom from your life-affecting habit.

SHEDX

From Enslaved to Empowered

My name is Mal. I grew up in Onehunga, I have two older brothers and we were raised by our mum. My dad was an alcoholic and he was very abusive towards my mum, they ended up getting a divorce when I was aged 5.

In my teenage years, I never really saw eye to eye with my mum as I always felt she was too strict on me. I would say I was rebellious, I always thought she loved my brothers more than she loved me. I was a daddy's girl more than anything, but at one point there I even had a fight with my dad and ran away from home.

I ended up living on the streets in the city where I met up with a group of girls who took me in. We all did what we needed to do to survive, but after spending a week with these girls, it dawned on me I had been ungrateful and selfish. Seeing that these girls had absolutely nowhere to go, I felt like I was taking everything for granted. So I decided to make amends with both my parents and come back home.

At the age of 16, I got in trouble again as I took the fall for a friend who had been staying at our place, she had left marijuana in my room and my mum found it and kicked me out.

I moved in with my friend and her mum and needed to find a job as they were already struggling financially. So my mate took me to where she was working and I got in straight away. Escorting wasn't the type of job I would have expected for myself, but I did what I had to do to earn my stay.

During this time I started taking drugs to escape the reality of things and to get through what needed to be done. However, I began to hate it and realised at one point I was so much better than this, and believed I shouldn't be living this way. I decided to leave at the age of 17-18 years and just walked out on the job, didn't tell anyone anything, just left... vanished as I'd had enough.

At age 18, I managed to complete a course and score myself a job. Things were going well for me, I met my partner and we settled down and moved in together. A few years went by and I fell pregnant. I was happy as, but three months into the pregnancy, I lost the baby. I took this really hard and began to feel more dependent on methamphetamine to get me through each work day. With the drugs came the drinking and

with the drinking came depression. I was good at hiding this from friends and family, so good in fact that I had kept it a secret for more than seven years. I was in such a dark place at this time, I even tried to take my own life... which obviously didn't work!

Once again, I'd had enough, I started to realise that what I was doing was not only hurting myself, but it involved my family as I was taking money from them to feed my habit, so I came clean to my partner. I felt like it was time to make a change.

A colleague at work convinced me to come to ShedX, out the back of Papsda's parking lot. It took a lot of courage for me to show up and when I finally did, I almost turned around and left but then my friend turned up and saw me so then I felt I had to go in and participate. Since then, I have never stopped.

Being part of this positive community has...

- Helped me accomplish personal goals. I participated in my first boxing match in October 2015, something that I never thought I'd do—but I did;
- It's helped me lose weight, all up 15kg;
- I have stayed off drugs and even quit smoking;
- I have competed in little challenges: Tough Guy/Gal, 360 Trail Buster;
- I went on the 360 Connect Camp my first camping trip ever!

But the most important thing about getting involved in ShedX and this community was creating relationships with the people. I am so grateful for Luke Gagamoe who is my life mentor, who guides me and gets me to explore options and set goals. I have made new friends who had faith in me, and who I now can't get rid of and I can honestly say that I am happy and loving life and I have a sense and feeling that I finally belong.

Moving forward, I decided to share my story to encourage you that no matter where you are in life, how low or how dark things get there is always a light. Surround yourself with positive people, be part of a positive community. I know it helps because I am the example of how it changes lives.





Mal (foreground) at ShedX Leaders "Team Meeting" at Muriwai Beach—March 2016



Mal & Trena—Step Up & Go 2015

WHERE TO GET HELP IN NEW ZEALAND

If you need urgent help, please call one of the following numbers.

- **LIFELINE** (open 24/7) 0800 543 354
- **DEPRESSION HELPLINE** (open 24/7) 0800 111 757
- **HEALTHLINE** (open 24/7) 0800 611 116
- **SAMARITANS** (open 24/7) 0800 726 666
- **SUICIDE CRISIS HELPLINE** (open 24/7) 0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO). This is a service for people who may be thinking about suicide, or those who are concerned about family or friends.
- **YOUTHLINE** (open 24/7) 0800 376 633. You can also text 234 for free between 8:00am and midnight, or email talk@youthline.co.nz
- **0800 WHATSUP CHILDREN'S HELPLINE** phone 0800 9428 787 between 1:00pm and 10:00pm on weekdays and from 3:00pm to 10:00pm on weekends. Online chat is available from 7:00pm to 10:00pm every day at www.whatsup.co.nz.
- **KIDSLINE** (open 24/7) 0800 543 754. This service is for children aged 5 to 18. Those who ring between 4:00pm and 9:00pm on weekdays will speak to a Kidslines buddy. These are specially trained teenage telephone counsellors.
- **YOUR LOCAL RURAL SUPPORT TRUST** 0800 787 254 (0800 RURAL HELP)
- **ALCOHOL DRUG HELPLINE** (open 24/7) 0800 787 797. You can also text 8691 for free.

For further information, contact the Mental Health Foundation's free Resource and Information Service (09 623 4812).

LIVING THE DREAM

Martin Luther King is well-known for his famous speech, "I have a dream". This belief has often led to the beginning of something quite special.

ShedX, which first started as an experimental project to reach the community and show the love of Jesus, is no exception. It aims to meet a need in our local community, which is to exercise more, eat better, and to provide a safe place for anyone who comes. Initially the challenge was just to get anyone to come along, now however, the challenge is how to put everything together, and to have enough trainers/spiritual mentors, who all volunteer their time, to do it.

WHAT IS SHEDX?

We are the occupiers of the shed at the back of Papsda in the car park. We run programmes six days each week which include cardio/strength boot camps, Box-Fit, Zumba, and a couple of dance classes either before work at 5:30am or later in the day. Each session closes with a prayer, and we have over 100 people who attend these programmes each week. People's lives are changing though basic principles like creating a safe place, showing Jesus' love, and by being a supportive group of people who believe, through sharing and caring, that a true friend is always available to meet the need. ShedX comes under the umbrella of Papsda community ministry. You have seen some of our attenders baptised or tell their story at Papsda. We are ShedX, believing that we strive to do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31), and are boastful of the cross of Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14).

This ministry has people who are not yet ready to attend church, but happy to text us a, "Happy Sabbath," message. This ministry could not run without the prayers and support of 360 Community Trust and the wider Papsda family. We are living the dream!

Mathew Carter



COMMUNITY SERVICES

PAPSDA PLAYGROUP

Not long ago someone asked me if I liked *doing* **Playgroup**, I told them, “No I don’t like it.....I love it!” Playgroup is so much more than just playing or being in a group. It’s a space where carers come to chill out, connect, play and learn. If you have little ones yourself, and are not working on a Wednesday morning, bring everyone along and join in the fun to experience it for yourself.

Term 3 of this year saw us putting on our safety glasses and experiencing all sorts of science things. We even took a trip to Amanda Fourie’s new Science Play-Centre over in Henderson, which was totally awesome. We experimented with watercolours through pipettes, rolled our marbles through a Lego maze, created our own rocket ship and made a Cheerio bird feeder, but I think more Cheerios got eaten than given to the birds!

We also have had the pleasure of Audrey Harvey offering her time to do crafts with the parents, which they have loved! One of the mums mentioned to me that she was so happy to be able to make crafts as she never experienced that as a child and loved how it was so cathartic! Thanks Audrey, for your service—it is very much appreciated!

Elenise Han is still with Playgroup and comes down every Wednesday and looks after the new babies, delivers freshly made play-doh and makes sure morning tea is ready, along with many other things! Nise, you are awesome and I love your commitment and service over the many, MANY years you have given to Playgroup. Elenise will be leaving us at the end of the year (boohoo) so if you are willing to step in and fill these very big boots come and see me!

Term 4 has started off with a service focus. Playgroup has raised and donated \$250 for Cambodia through communicating the vision and providing face-painting! After showing the children and carers the Cambodia Sticker Board in the foyer, they got to choose what they wanted to spend their money on—it was very cute to watch! With their own cupcake stickers to place on the board, the top picks were the soccer goal posts, seeds, books and skipping ropes! Our crafts for this term have a Christmas focus because believe it or not Christmas is just around the corner. Snowballs, pine cone trees, glitter stars, button wreaths and candy cane reindeer are a few of the crafty things on offer this term.

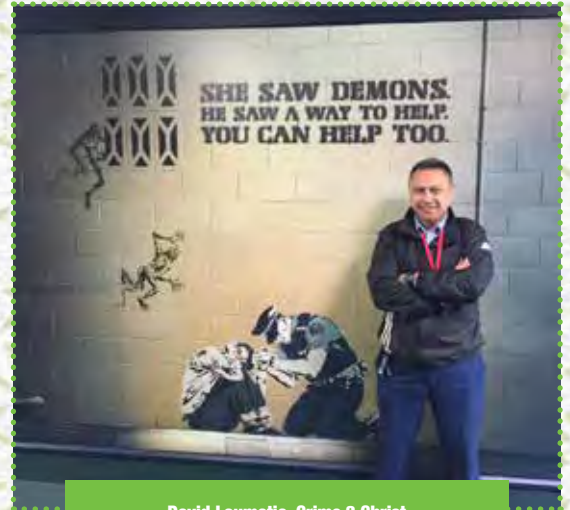
That’s all for playgroup for now—it truly is a place to connect with our community parents as 80% of our attenders do not come to our church, so when you look at it like that, what a great way to serve our community without even leaving the building! Look at it this way, for those of you who find the step out into the community a bit daunting—why now start right here in your own church hall. No excuses, right? Please continue to pray for our Playgroup team, the families that attend and Playgroup’s future volunteers!

Debbie Marshall



CRIME 2 CHRIST

Papsda's close involvement in **Crime 2 Christ** continues and a new magazine with three new stories of hope and freedom is in the process of being published for distribution into Police Holding Cells. Papsda collaborates with the NZ Police and other Christian communities including Victory Outreach in Auckland. Recently, Faela Tamati, a Crime 2 Christ volunteer received a phone call on the Crime 2 Christ hotline by an individual named Andy. He'd been in the holding cells at the Manukau Police Station and had come across the magazine. The week after his release, Faela met with Andy and his family at their home and had a wonderful time of sharing. "From that initial contact, they have committed to attending our church gathering and have done so since then. They've now been with our church for many weeks and have engaged really well with others. They are not only faithfully coming to church but are involved in our weekly services such as our home Bible studies," says Faela Tamaki from Victory Outreach Church. Papsda, continue to pray for this community outreach project as there are more and more stories like this happening regularly. If you would like to get involved or contribute in some way, please talk to Norman Hurlow or Sel Seluone.



David Laumatia, Crime 2 Christ



Crime 2 Christ Booklet #2



Papsda's Food Bank



Each week we have more and more people coming to us for food parcels as poverty rates in South Auckland rise sharply. Your donations of canned food, pasta and rice and other non-perishable foods are vital to this community service that Papsda offers. Bring your donations to our office during the week, or place into the **Food Bank Trolley** in the foyer on Sabbath. Thank you Papsda!

ADRA UPDATE

With Braden Blyde



Pastor Norman 2016

PAPSDA'S PUSHING THE PEDAL FOR CHANGE

Friends, Papsda is currently fighting off the rise of a rampant introduced species.

Known more for their outrageous outfits than their outright speed, our pews are being filled with these difficult-to-spot creatures. They travel amongst us undercover, but if you are to ever (unfortunately) catch a glimpse of them in full flight you are in for a fright.

Just what are these creatures? **MAMILS!** Yes, amongst us are many *Middle Aged Men in Lycra*.

Fortunately, most, if not all of this herd, are friendly, and their skin-tight clothing is donned for a very good cause.

In March next year **Pr Norman, Steven Davies, Ronny Davidson, Denison Grellmann, Andrew Greenfield** and others will be pushing the pedal for change as part of the *Queenstown Classic* in support of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

Think the 300km, 3-day cycling event sounds like fun or simply up for a challenge? Then, why not join them?

Put off by the distance or the thought of any of these guys in Lycra? You can still show your support by helping them reach their \$2,500 fundraising goal.

Find out more and get behind the Papsda MAMILS at www.adra.org.nz/ride or talk to any of them in person.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIP HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES

ADRA and Papsda have partnered together this year to run a number of projects and activities including:

- **Welcome Baby Clothing Library**
Thank you Ina and team for reaching out to new mums and offering such personal support.
- **SOLID Community**
Thank you Andrew and team for your ongoing commitment to helping people live healthier, happier and more positive lives.
- **Solutions Programme**
Thank you Papsda for opening your doors to this raw, life-changing support programme.
- **Trail Buster Series**
Thanks to the 360 team for allowing ADRA to partner with you on this amazing event.

From the team at ADRA New Zealand we want to publicly and formally thank Papsda and all of its members for partnering with ADRA to help families in the local community. For more information about these projects, or any of ADRA's work visit www.adra.org.nz or connect at facebook.com/ADRA.newzealand



Welcome Baby Distribution



EMBRACING WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN SYRIA

Rita never imagined having to leave behind the home in which she had lived her entire life. Not at her age anyway. But, as bombs fell she knew she had no other choice. Rita and her surviving family members fled with nothing but each other. "I left my home high and dry," she says. "I am empty-handed. My only son, whom I was dependent on, was killed."

Rita and her grandchildren call a small, windowless classroom home. The door is missing, meaning the family has little privacy. During the harsh Syrian winter they have to huddle close in order to remain warm. Thanks to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) support Rita and her family have received winter clothing and blankets, bringing not only warmth, but hope.

ADRA is one of only a handful of international organisations allowed to work inside Syria's troubled borders. A new project, partly funded by ADRA New Zealand is bringing this same hope just outside the besieged city of Damascus.

The Embrace Project is supporting families — mostly the most vulnerable women and children — as they flee in pursuit of stability and peace. ADRA has established an emergency reception centre to provide protection, counselling and education to hundreds of families. Plus, ADRA will be distributing essentials including clothing and bedding to those that, like Rita, have fled with nothing.

Projects like this are only possible thanks to the generous support of people like you. Papsda's ongoing support really is helping families thrive at home and overseas. Thank you!



All I want for Christmas is ~~a fancy night out~~ to have water that doesn't make my children sick.

All I want for Christmas is ~~a new skateboard~~ to have enough to eat.

All I want for Christmas is ~~a set of mag wheels~~ to feel safe.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

Give a gift that will help families and children thrive this Christmas.

Purchase online, over the phone or from the ADRA Christmas Tree in the foyer.

www.adra.org.nz/christmas

Email adra.info@adra.org.nz

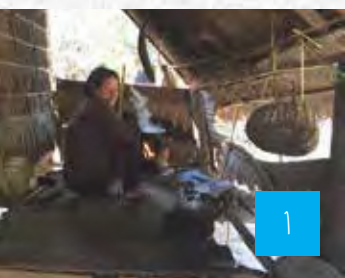
PAPSDA ON A MISSION

LOVE, LEARN & SERVE

Two and a half years ago Papsda, working in partnership with ADRA, adopted a village in rural Cambodia. Here's the latest update



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Home: Home is pretty simple when you live in Cambodia. Here's the wardrobe, kitchen and the front yard. With few skills, no training and very little chance of anything changing, Papsda's regular trips to a small village, over the last two-and-a-half years, have offered hope that things can be different. A blossoming preschool, clear water and toilets, vocational training are just the start. We keep hearing from the villagers that what really makes the difference is that volunteers would come from the other side of the world to work alongside them and love, learn and serve together. The big difference is not the skills or the new things that they have, it's hope! It's the realisation that things can be different. Here are a few snippets into life in Papsda's adopted Cambodian village.

Preschool: The preschool kids are learning and loving it! With very low literacy levels amongst the adults of the village, it's the kids who go home and teach their parents. Fifty children attend each weekday and fully engage in experiential learning. Our two fabulous teachers have been largely trained by Papsda's retired teacher educator, Audrey Harvey. In the mid-1970's all Cambodian schools were closed, books burned and education banned. It takes a long time to bounce back—but it is happening, starting with the youngest generation.

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Adult Education: Thirty or more people come to the preschool every day at lunchtime to learn English from Onn. They sit at the little kids' desks and using second-hand, Papsda donated computers, they also get to learn keyboard skills. For all of them it's the first time using a computer, and it's the beginning of a whole new skill set.

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Chickens: Sonn and her family are proud owners of a chicken house and forty chickens. Healthy chooks provide them with a secure income and more importantly the ability to provide for themselves. A Papsda-ite made this dream possible when they sponsored the cost of the walls, the first five chicks and the feeding troughs. Sonn and her husband provided the roof and the labour to build it. With some training from ADRA Cambodia staff they are now empowered to provide better nutrition for their own family as well as sell eggs and live chickens and make an income, which means all their kids are in school.

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Hygiene & Sanitation: Meet Pran. Don't you think he looks happy? And it's not surprising because he's just finished building the very first toilet that his family have ever owned. Way to go Pran! And way to go to the Papsda person who sponsored it. Two-and-a-half years ago when Papsda started working in this village there were only two toilets, now there are nearly sixty, which means that half of the families in this village now don't have to squat on the edge of the rice paddy and they have access to better hygiene and sanitation—and they retain their dignity. This lady looks pretty happy too, even if she has to lay the bricks for the water storage cistern herself. Any toilet is a good toilet in Cambodia!

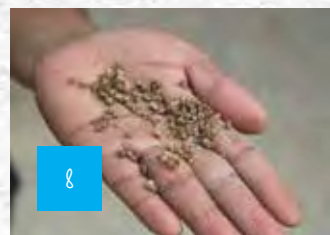
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Seeds: It's not that people are lazy, it's just that growing up as victims of international and then civil war, they simply don't know how to grow vegetables. With a few seeds and some training from ADRA, life can be very different—nutrition and income!

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Preschool Gardens: The preschool veggie gardens are thriving. As well as supplying food for the kids, they are learning valuable lessons and life-enhancing gardening skills.

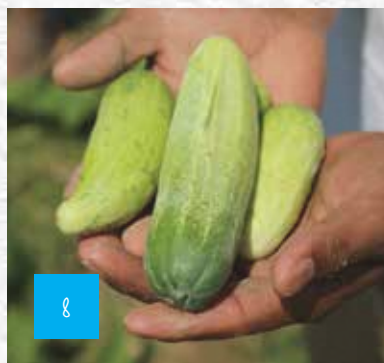
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Sewing: This sweet lady looks so happy and so she should. She's just made her baby boy his very first pair of pants. This new skill has the potential to change both of their lives. As an income-earner she now has decision-making power within her family as well as the ability to provide the necessities of life. The gift of five months' training and a sewing machine, sponsored by someone from Papsda has empowered her with hope.

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Smiling Faces: A future and a hope. Now that's something to smile about. Thank you Papsda!

As we go to press our forth volunteer team is currently in our adopted village in Cambodia. Check out www.fb.com/PapsdaInternationalService to see what they are up to. Our next Papsda in a Mission trip is to South Africa in July 2017. More information at www.papsda.co.nz



Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.” (Mark 10:14) This is where the journey begins at Footsteps. Over the past ten years in our local community the landscape of early childhood has changed dramatically.

From the occasional Kindergarten or preschool dotted throughout the local streets to having multiple early childhood options on almost every street corner offering deals and freebies for children’s education. The pressure to attract new enrolments, undercut costs and compete with corporate entities who own more and more of the early childhood centres in the community is increasing exponentially. However in the midst of all of that, Footsteps remains solid and grounded—**staunch even**—to the calling that we had placed in our hearts over a decade ago ...

Let the children come ... and connect them to Jesus!

Like Papsda, we at Footsteps are a community that celebrates diversity of culture, experience, religious values and beliefs.

Every child, staff or family member that is connected, or has been connected, enriches and strengthens what we like to call our *Footsteps Whanau*. And like any whanau over the past year we have experienced moments of sheer joy, pride in achievement, laughter, pressure for deadlines and blessings in addition to moments where we have been speechless with grief and pain. Throughout all this, one thing has remained constant—God—and He continues to bring new children to love and nurture, new families to share life with and has provided for our every need.

Preschool children are full of curiosity, wonder and growing personality making each day, despite thoughtful planning and preparation, always full of surprises and unpredictable moments. Some of these spontaneous memorable moments over the course of the year include:

- **Squeals of delight as the children experience the sheer pleasure of playing in the water sprinklers in the summer sun.**
- **The enjoyment and growth in responsibility we have seen in our children as they care for and hold our three guinea pigs each day.**
- **Watching our children model kindness and gentle hands in their play with new children.**
- **Hearing a child pray for the first time and share their love for Jesus.**
- **Laughing at the many times we have heard the children be the teacher and repeat their interpretation of what the *real* teacher has modelled.**
- **Seeing the excitement and joy in the children as they share stories with their peers from their individual learning portfolios.**

Our dedicated and passionate team of classroom teachers engage in weekly planning to help extend the children’s thinking, provoke them to learning new things and inspire them to try new experiences. We also provide an array of excursions to enrich the learning which this year have included weekly gymnastics, a visit to the Auckland Zoo, Rainbow’s End, Botanical Gardens, Stardome, the Sky Tower, My Science Playroom and Potter’s Water Park.

The children have also enjoyed numerous nature walks around the church grounds and we are so grateful to Mr Fane for keeping our grounds, and the church grounds so beautiful and colourful year-round.

Each term we have also celebrated coming together as a Footsteps Whanau at events planned for the whole family to enjoy. We dusted off our flares, fluro 80's gear and donned big hair wigs for our Disco party in July, and were overwhelmed by how much fun the parents had at an event aimed at 3-5 year olds! We also celebrated the Olympics Games with our own Olympic Party, complete with javelin throwing, relay races, equestrian and show-jumping in true preschool fashion! Even though we have many memorable highlights from our range of Whanau events this year the highlight will always be our final event for the year where our children excitedly share the beautiful story of Christmas through song, drama and photos.

As a staff team we value time together reflecting, learning and growing in our own journey with Jesus. Daily worships highlighting how the fruit of the Spirit is becoming more evident in our lives and how to help our children connect with a loving Father, take priority each morning over the busyness of setting up equipment and putting the final touches on programme planning before the children arrive.

Together we have been encouraged and inspired as we have seen God's leading, experienced answers to prayer and heard many testimonies of God's faithfulness and provision. We know that this is a special privilege we have because we are part of a Christian workplace and that not everyone has this luxury in their working day.

Again this year we have lived out our desire to help our community, both locally and overseas, and expand our children's understanding of how we are called to give generously out of our love for God and His children. We are always humbled by the **Mind-Blowing Generosity** of our Footsteps Whanau, many of which live in financial hardship, and this year our donations of over \$2,000 have supported education for preschoolers in Haiti through Purple Cake Day, iCAN58 food drive, St Johns Ambulance services and currently we are raising money to help the South Auckland Food Bank put on a beautiful Christmas dinner for families with children with special needs and those living below the poverty line. We are also privileged to support the weekly kids club run by the passionate Tahī Whanau team out in Clendon, and value their dedication to make a difference for the kids they serve.

After almost six years with us we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Amanda, (Amanda Fourie) our Lead Teacher in the younger classroom earlier this year. Mrs Amanda answered God's call to serve at Footsteps back in 2010 and blessed us with her creativity, passion and experience during her time on the team. We have excitedly watched her next endeavour, 'My Science Playroom' emerge from just a dream and idea to an inspiring hands-on learning experience in West Auckland—which both our classrooms and Playgroup have had the pleasure of visiting in the recent months. We continue to pray for its success as Amanda uses her gifts and talents to grow God's Kingdom. We are also sad to be losing two dedicated, talented and passionate members of our team at the end of this year. Mrs Josie, (Joselayne Macdonald) has been with us only a short time, however her larger-than-life personality and Brazilian fire have endeared her to the children, families and staff alike. Miss Keri, (Keri Maunder) or 'Office Keri' as she is affectionately known, is also leaving us to move back to sunny Tauranga to be closer to family and pursue the next season of her calling from God. She has been the first face of Footsteps that people encounter for over five years, supporting the team with her efficiency, cheerfulness and dedication to help in any area and will be sadly missed. We know that as the door closes on the journey we have had together as a current staff team that God will open the door of opportunity for new team members and together we will bring His dream and vision for Footsteps to fruition.

Thank you for your ongoing prayer for our Footsteps families and ministry. It is an honour and privilege to be involved in the lives of God's cherished little people and we welcome new enrolments or interest from our Papsda families.



THE ARCHIVES

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Enjoy taking a look at some of the photos we have in our photo archive.



SPRING PRAISE 2009

Sarah-Joy and Edwina present at the Spring Praise Festival surrounded in beauty, colour and fragrance.



MOTHER'S DAY 2010

Caleb, Annelise and Zara pose for a Mother's Day photo. Amelia is still tucked away safely in Mummy's tummy.



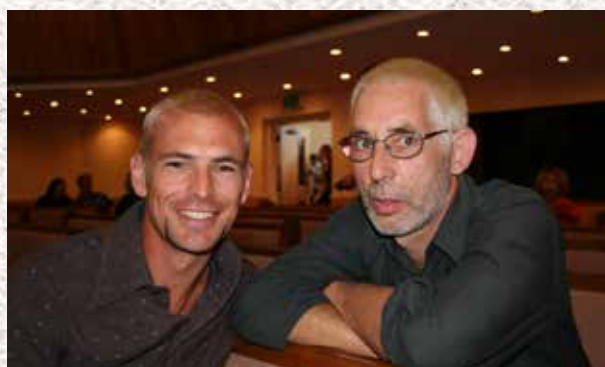
MAREE & JASE 2003

Maree and Jason, when the top of Jason's head was still well clear of the door post.



SOBOLEV FAMILY 2010

Eva, Baby Diana, Elena and Alex pose for a Mother's Day photo.



TWINNING 2006

Ryan and Keith an entire decade ago when one of them used to be able to grow hair on his head, let alone dip it in peroxide.



2006 TREEHOUSE

Uncle Ricky doing his thing, leading kids in praise. Recognise any faces?



NEW YEAR'S DAY BAPTISM 2011

A great way to bring in the new year. A bunch of friends giving their hearts to Jesus through baptism.



2007 SESAME STREET CHARACTERS

Which one is Bert and which one is Ernie?
Can you see the resemblance?
Raymond Cazalet and Norman Hurlow proudly wear their Bert and Ernie t-shirts.



GOING WAY, WAY BACK

Dedication of Papatoetoe Church—April 1923
10 Wentworth Avenue, Papatoetoe
[Photo courtesy of Elaine Colquhoun]



2006 PAPSDA STAFF RETREAT

Getting away for a weekend in Whangamata to study, learn and swim in the freezing cold surf.



LITTLE PREACHER 2006

A young Aimee Hibbert preaching up a storm at Kids Church.

FROM THE ACCLAIMED DIRECTOR OF
BRAVEHEART AND THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST



HACKSAW RIDGE

BASED ON THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY

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HACKSAW RIDGE is the extraordinary true story of Desmond Doss, a Seventh-day Adventist Christian who, in Okinawa during the bloodiest battle of WWII, saved 75 men without firing or carrying a gun. He was the only American soldier in WWII to fight on the front lines without a weapon, as he believed that while the war was justified, killing was nevertheless wrong. As an army medic, he single-handedly evacuated the wounded from behind enemy lines, braved fire while tending to soldiers and was wounded by a grenade and hit by snipers. Doss was the first conscientious objector awarded the Congressional Medal of Honour.

WARNING: Contains graphic war scenes

Like and share the Facebook Page and its posts to drive traffic to the website, providing opportunities for others to encounter Jesus, the anchor of Doss's faith.
www.fb.com/faithofdoss



WATCH READ or listen WITH KEIRA & ESME

Thousands of spiritual resources, books, DVDs, videos, study guides plus more are in abundance in Papsda's Library. It takes two ticks to become a member—so join up today. Following is just a snapshot of what's on offer:

SINGLE: GOOD, GOOD FATHER by Chris Tomlin brings the simple truth of God's love to people all over the world. The song, written by Pat Barrett and Tony Brown, finds its roots in Tony's story of growing up without a dad. The only person he's ever called father, in his life, is God.

WORSHIP ALBUM: Bethel Music's album **HAVE IT ALL** features 14 new songs centred upon God's nature, His promises, and His presence in our lives. Featuring 13 worship leaders from the Bethel Music Collective. "Have it All" captures a refreshing atmosphere of live worship and spontaneous moments of praise.

INSPIRATIONAL ALBUM: **BE ONE** is Natalie Grant's new album is promising a *shift in personal perspective* that tackles her every day life as woman, as a mother, and as someone who strives to make a difference. According to a press release, the chorus to the title track from Be One is the perfect example of this: "Why sit around and wait for a miracle to come when you can be one?"

FOR KIDS: "PROPHECY FOR KIDS" an animated comic book style look at what prophecy and end time events mean.

FOR TEENS: "CODE OF SILENCE" A series of mysteries that 13 year old Cooper and his friends get involved in. Each book explores a deep subject such as when should you keep quiet and when should you tell others that something isn't right and you need help.

STUDY DVD: SEEING GOD AS THE PERFECT FATHER by Louie Giglio. We all have different experiences of our earthly fathers and those experiences shape our picture of God the Father. Louie outlines how God isn't limited by those perceptions and has modelled what a perfect Father is really like. *This series is also available on Right Now Media.*

FICTION: TRACES OF GUILT by Dee Henderson. The start of a new series, a mix of mystery, love story and deep thinking topics that take you on a journey to examine what you believe about where God is when bad things happen and how to help when people go through tough times.

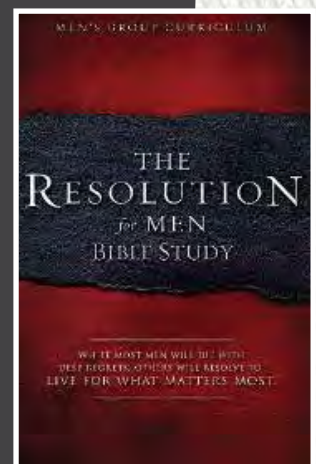
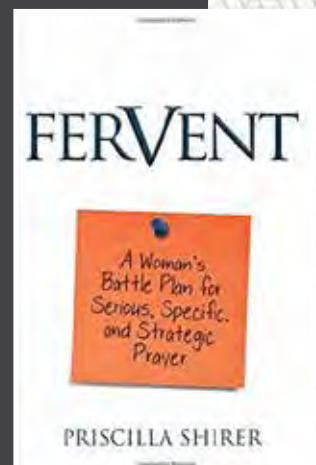
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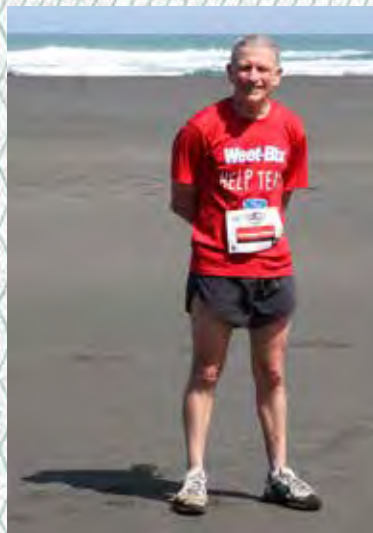
FERVENT (FOR WOMEN), based on the DVD *The War Room*.

A WOMAN'S BATTLE PLAN for serious, specific, and strategic prayer.

THE RESOLUTION (for men), based on the DVD *Courageous*.

Identifying important characteristics for success in faith, family, and fatherhood and providing Biblical references and advice on achieving these personal standards.





Family Camp

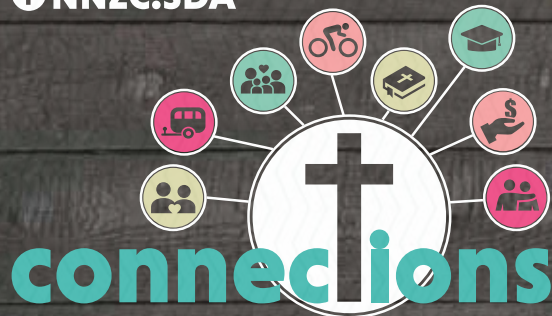
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Tui Ridge Park

Family Camp is run by Tui Ridge Park in partnership with the North New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

www.nnzc.org.nz

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COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES

SUN	7:00AM SPAR-FIT	8:30AM BOX-EM		
MON			6:30PM UP-BEAT	
TUE	5:30AM X-TRAIN		6:30PM GRIT-X	
WED		9:30AM SHAPE-X (WOMEN)	6:30PM HAPPY HOUR	
THU	5:30AM X-TRAIN		6:30PM ZUMBA	6:30PM UP-BEAT
FRI	5:30AM BOX-EM			

This is a community initiative hosted by Papsda.
Prices: 1st session is always complimentary. \$5 per class
or \$10 direct debit per week with access to ALL classes.

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 **ADRA NEW ZEALAND**

 **NZ PACIFIC UNION**

Events and dates may be subject to change

JANUARY 2017

Sun	1 January		New Year's Day Public Holiday	
Mon	2 January		New Year's Day Observed	
Tue	3 January		Day after New Year's Day Public Holiday	
	2-7 January		NNZC Family Camp www.nnzc.org.nz/family-camp	Tui Ridge
	2-7 January		NZPUC Ignite Youth Congress www.nnzc.org.nz/youth-congress	Auckland City
	2-14 January		The ASB Classic (Tennis) www.asbclassic.co.nz	ASB Tennis Arena, Parnell
	19-29 January		ADRA Connections Trip www.adra.org.nz	Vietnam
Mon	30 January		Auckland Anniversary Public Holiday	

FEBRUARY 2017

	3-5 February		NZPUC "Be More" Adventist Health Summit	Auckland
Sat	4 February	12:30pm	 Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sat	4 February	12:30pm	 TreeHouse/Extreme Lunch in the Park	TBA
Sat	4 February	3:00pm	 EPIC Launch	Papsda
Sat	4 February	TBA	 360 Social	TBA
Mon	6 February		 Waitangi Day Public Holiday	
	9-12 February		 Auckland Lantern Festival www.aucklandnz.com/lantern	Auckland Domain
	10-12 February		 NNZC Worship Conference www.nnzc.org.nz/worship-conference	Tui Ridge
	17-19 February		 360 Connect Camp www.360.org.nz	TBA






MARCH 2017

	3-5 March		 Extreme Connect Camp	TBA
Fri	3 March	7:30pm	 360 Church	Papsda Hall
Sat	4 March	12:30pm	 Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sun	5 March	9:30am	 Round The Bays www.roundthebays.co.nz	Auckland
	5-7 March		 ADRA Queenstown Classic www.adra.org.nz	Queenstown
Sat	11 March	TBA	 Regional Day: iCAN58	TBA
Sun	12 March	TBA	 360 Trail Buster Hunua www.360.org.nz	Hunua Ranges
	15-18 March		 ASB Polyfest www.asbpolyfest.co.nz	Manukau Sports Bowl
	18-25 March		 360 Spiritual Emphasis Week	Papsda
Sat	18 March	12:30pm	 Safe Places/Parental Consent Sign-Ups	Papsda Hall
Sat	18 March	TBA	 360 Social	TBA
Sat	25 March	11:00am	 360 Worship Service	Papsda Auditorium
Sat	25 March	12:30pm	 Safe Places/Parental Consent Sign-Ups	Papsda Hall
	25-26 March		 Pasifika Festival www.aucklandnz.com/pasifika	Western Springs







APRIL 2017

Sun	2 April	2:00am		Daylight Savings Ends	
Sat	8 April	11:00am		Easter Praise www.papsda.co.nz	Papsda Auditorium
Sat	8 April	12:30pm		Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
	14-17 April			360 Mountain Top Camp www.360.org.nz	TBA
Fri	14 April			Good Friday Public Holiday	
	15-16 April			ADRA Timber Trail Challenge (MBT Fundraiser) www.adra.org.nz	TBA
	16-26 April			ADRA Connections Trip www.adra.org.nz	Myanmar
Mon	17 April			Easter Monday Public Holiday	
	18-21 April			Pastors and Spouses Gathering	Rotorua
	21-25 April			NNZC Junior Camp	Tui Ridge
Sat	22 April			Earth Day	Worldwide
	25-30 April			NNZC Teen Camp	Tui Ridge
Tue	25 April			ANZAC Day Public Holiday	
Sat	29 April	TBA		Church Social	Papsda Hall







MAY 2017

Fri	5 May	7:30pm		360 Church	Papsda Hall
Sat	6 May	12:30pm		Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sat	13 May	12:30pm		Mother's Day Pamper Event	Papsda Hall
Sun	14 May			Mother's Day	
Sat	20 May	TBA		360 Social	TBA

JUNE 2017

Sat	3 June	TBA		NNZC Youth Rally	Palmerston North
	3-4 June	TBA		NNZC Basketball Tournament	Palmerston North
Mon	5 June			Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	
Sat	10 June	12:30pm		Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sat	17 June	TBA		360 Social	TBA
Sat	24 June	TBA		Papsda Social	TBA

JULY 2017

Sat	1 July	12:30pm		Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
	6-23 July			Papsda On A Mission Trip www.papsda.co.nz	South Africa
	10-21 July			ADRA Connections Trip www.adra.org.nz	Vanuatu
Fri	7 July	7:30pm		360 Church	Papsda Hall
Sat	15 July	TBA		360 Social	TBA
	28-30 July			NNZC Teen Sport Weekend	Tui Ridge

AUGUST 2017

Fri	4 August	7:30pm		360 Church	Papsda Hall
Sat	5 August	12:30pm		Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sat	5 August	TBA		NZPUC Children & Youth Leaders' Dinner	TBA
	10-13 August			Papsda Man Camp www.papsda.co.nz	TBA
	11-12 August			360 Venus Teen Girls Retreat www.360.org.nz	TBA
Sat	19 August	TBA		360 Social	TBA
	21-26 August			Papsda Big Week www.papsda.co.nz	Papsda Auditorium
Sat	26 August	11:00am		Praise Service www.papsda.co.nz	Papsda Auditorium

Sat	26 August	12:30pm	Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
	28 August - 3 September		New Zealand Fashion Week www.nzfashionweek.com	Auckland

SEPTEMBER 2017

Fri	1 September	7:30pm	360 Church	Papsda Hall
Sun	3 September	TBA	Kidzone Father's Day Fun	TBA
Sun	3 September		Father's Day	
Sat	16 September	12:30pm	Ministry Expo www.papsda.co.nz	Papsda Hall
Sat	16 September	TBA	360 Social	TBA
Sun	17 September	8:00am	360 Ripple Youth Leadership Summit www.360.org.nz	Papsda
Sat	23 September	11:00	Kids Church	Papsda Auditorium
Sun	24 September	2:00am	Daylight Savings Commences	

OCTOBER 2017

	1-31 October		ADRA Knocktober www.adra.org.nz	
	1-12 October		ADRA Connections Trip www.adra.org.nz	TBA
	6-8 October		Spirit Led	Tui Ridge
Sat	7 October	12:30pm	Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
	12-15 October		360 Service Tour www.360.org.nz	Kaitaia
Mon	23 October		Labour Day Public Holiday	
	27-29 October		NNZC Women's Retreat	Tui Ridge
	28 October - 4 November		360 Prayer Emphasis Week www.360.org.nz	Papsda

NOVEMBER 2017

Fri	3 November	7:30pm	360 Church	Papsda Hall
Sat	4 November	11:00am	360 Worship Service	Papsda Auditorium
Sat	4 November	12:30pm	Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sun	12 November	TBA	360 Trail Buster Karekare www.360.org.nz	Karekare
Sat	18 November	TBA	NNZC Youth Rally	Auckland
Sun	19 November	TBA	NNZC Soccer Tournament	Auckland
	25-27 November		NNZC 60's Plus Weekend	Tui Ridge
Sun	26 November	TBA	ADRA Charity Run www.adra.org.nz	Mission Bay

DECEMBER 2017

Fri	1 December	7:30pm	360 Church	Papsda Hall
Sat	2 December	12:30pm	Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sun	3 December	TBA	360 Banquet www.360.org.nz	TBA
Sat	16 December	11:00am	Christmas Praise www.papsda.co.nz	Papsda Auditorium
Sat	4 November	12:30pm	Church Lunch	Papsda Dining & Hall
Sat	16 December	7:00pm	Christmas Praise www.papsda.co.nz	Papsda Auditorium
Sun	24 December		Christmas Eve	
Mon	25 December		Christmas Day Public Holiday	
Tue	26 December		Boxing Day Public Holiday	
Sun	31 December		New Year's Eve	

JANUARY 2018

	5-13 January		NNZC Big Camp www.nnzc.org.nz/big-camp	Tui Ridge
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MEET MY LIFE GROUP

This is the Life Group I belong to. I've been attending this Life Group for ten years. Rick and Trace have been hosting this group for that long! This Life Group has supported me and Karin through the turbulent teenage-raising years. It has supported our ministry, celebrated birthdays, deepened each other's understanding of God. For ten years we've laughed, cried, prayed, eaten and shared. We've helped each other spiritually, physically and financially.

I'm sure we wouldn't have survived life without a Life Group, if surviving is all Life Group is about. I can honestly say that we have not only survived, but we have thrived!

I'd encourage you to consider joining or hosting a Life Group. I'm convinced that life is way better when you do it with others.

If you are keen to join or host a Life Group, please call me and I'll help it happen.

Karl Saifoloi



WANT TO JOIN A LIFE GROUP?
CALL PAST GUEST CENTRAL TODAY TO PICK
UP A PAPSDA LIFE GROUPS DIRECTORY AND
DISCOVER WHICH LIFE GROUPS
ARE HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA.

2017 MINISTRY SIGN-UP

YES! I'd like to be involved in the following ministry areas for 2017 at Papsda.

- ☐ Food Bank
- ☐ Crime 2 Christ
- ☐ CAP Debt Ministry
- ☐ CAP Release Groups
- ☐ CAP Money Course
- ☐ CAP Job Clubs
- ☐ SOLID Community
- ☐ Welcome Baby*
- ☐ Playgroup*
- ☐ Toolbox Parenting Groups*
- ☐ ShedX Community Gym
- ☐ Kidzone*
- ☐ 360 High school / Youth*
- ☐ Library
- ☐ Lunch Ministry*
- ☐ First Impressions
- ☐ Worship (Music)*
- ☐ Tech Ministry*
- ☐ Facility

*Ministries that involve children or vulnerable people require police vetting and volunteer pledges.

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At Papsda We Value ...



**We are a gathering of believers, seekers and sceptics.
Because God loves all, We love all!**



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



**As we grow in Christ, we change and inspire change.
God enables, we commit.**



We willingly serve. Jesus did.



We choose to creatively communicate God's story.



**We choose to trade the values of consumerism for selfless living.
It's an honour to be generous for Jesus and His mission.**



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



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