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## A LIFE-CHANGING PARTNERSHIP

You would think that after several years of partnering with God in doing what He asks us to do, that He would no longer surprise me, but actually ... it's just the opposite! He never ceases to amaze me and as I sit writing this, I'm once again overwhelmed by His incredible goodness, power, presence and love in our lives, individually and collectively.

I guess our story began a few months ago when a local senior sergeant started emailing and visiting the more than 100 Christian churches in the South Auckland area. He wanted to see how they could partner with churches in the prevention of crime and rehabilitation of young offenders. Sadly, after constant refusal and lack of replies he became disillusioned with the whole idea and gave up. That is, until Sel Seluone, who works with him, said he should try talking to us at Papsda. We saw God in that connection.

Since then, we have partnered with police in a number of different ways that led to a discussion around how we, as a local church, could best support them. One of the dreams they had was for local churches to open their doors to the vulnerable in our communities and we saw God at the centre of that dream. That dream led to lots of conversations ... and those conversations led to a discussion with our elder board ... and that discussion led to approval to open our facility every Thursday night (to begin with) to vulnerable people wanting help to change the trajectory of their lives ... and

we saw God in the willingness and unity of our team.

Planning began, more conversations, more lists and we realised we had none of the things we would need – no bedding, mattresses, sheets, blankets, pillows and towels – and no budget for any of those things. Our community team started messaging anyone they knew that might have a contact to purchase these things at a reduced rate. Kelley Tams' sister, Tania, just happens to be the CEO of Group Sourcing Support and TWL/WSL Merchandise at The Warehouse Ltd. Kelley asked if she could help at all. Her reply was, "If this works for you, we would be happy to donate the entire amount needed". "If this works for you"... haha! Oh it definitely works for us! WOW! We saw God in the amazing generosity of Tania and The Warehouse team.

"What if we tore down these walls ... our candle burns brightest in the dark ... and they loved each other with actions because words were unnecessary, and they chose to give this love away, but it still remained, no matter how much they gave." We saw God in Sarah Ryan's spoken word in a worship service five years ago (read it on page 8) and we see God in the living out of her words today. Let's continue to partner with God on His mission to radically change our community and in doing so, He will radically change us too.

BY KARYN NEWSON



## AN AVALANCHE OF CRAZY LOVE

The more I think about our Kaitia Crazy Love Service Tour (16-22 April 2018) the more I see how jam-packed it is with LOVE—sprinkled with a whole lot of CRAZY! Life-changing and impacting for myself, my crew, and a little community up north.

We kick-started our week of service with a crew of 12 young 360 leaders running a school holiday kids club in the hall of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our theme this year was *Avalanche Ranch—A Wild Ride Through God's Word*. Our leaders were dressed in cowboy hats and vests ready to share the love of Jesus, and boy, was it a blast. From day one we had almost reached capacity with 45 children. As we progressed through the week what I loved the most was seeing a room full of kids on fire for Jesus, singing about Him and learning about Him. I also loved seeing our young leaders step up, some of whom began the week totally out of their comfort zone, but let God work in powerful ways in their lives to empower them to lead.

I also saw God working in the lives of the children. One of them was through a small 7-year-old boy named Sonny. After day three, Arona, one of our crew leaders, mentioned that one kid in his crew was asking for a Bible. I phoned Tracey to see if we had any at church we could give him and she said we might have enough Bibles to give to every child! I was so excited. At the finale, we were able to give every participant a certificate and a Bible to take home. All because of one child's desire to learn more about Jesus. *Sometimes it only takes one small step to impact the lives of many.*

We were joined by the rest of the 360 crew on Thursday and Friday. They spent the days painting, picking up rubbish, serving and making a difference in the community. On Saturday, Day7 blessed the church with a powerful worship service followed by lunch for the community, hosted by 360 back at the Marae where we were staying.

The week culminated with a Community Concert run by Resonate at the Te Ahu Centre in town. The opening act was performed by the children from the holiday programme. They smashed it! We also heard from a few local artists which was awesome.

Every year our vision and our *why* has always been to create an opportunity for our young people to experience *Selfless Service*. As a church, we value what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in serving not *for* a reward but *from* a reward. The effects of living a life of service go far beyond the ones we are serving because ultimately it changes us.

From the bottom of my heart I'd love to thank everyone who served, cooked, drove, volunteered and helped make "Crazy Love '18" the great experience it was!

BY WILLIAM WOLFGRAMM



## GENEROSITY REPORT

YEAR TO DATE, 2018

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Tithe	\$135,000	\$128,149	-\$6,851
Papsda Ministries	\$40,500	\$46,423	+\$5,923
Staff Fund	\$31,500	\$27,638	-\$3,862

Thanks Papsda, for your continued generosity to keep Papsda ministries funded and running effectively.

### Where Does My Money Go?

Ever wondered where your tithe goes? The North New Zealand Conference recently put out a really helpful video explaining what happens to the percentage of giving that we call tithe. To view the video, scan the QR code below or visit [https://youtu.be/NIPDAsNvb\\_A](https://youtu.be/NIPDAsNvb_A)





# A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY IN CAMBODIA

**A generous person from Papsda gave \$5 for a packet of seeds back in November last year.**

Now you can see how those seeds (together with some coaching from ADRA and a lot of hard work) have translated into a little garden that is producing fresh vegetables for this lady (pictured below) and her family as well as an abundance to sell. This might not be your dream garden but no one can miss the smile of gratitude and satisfaction of a new skilled learned. Now that she knows she can grow more than just rice, and that ADRA is there for advice and coaching, the world is her oyster. Thanks for the \$5 that has brought hope!

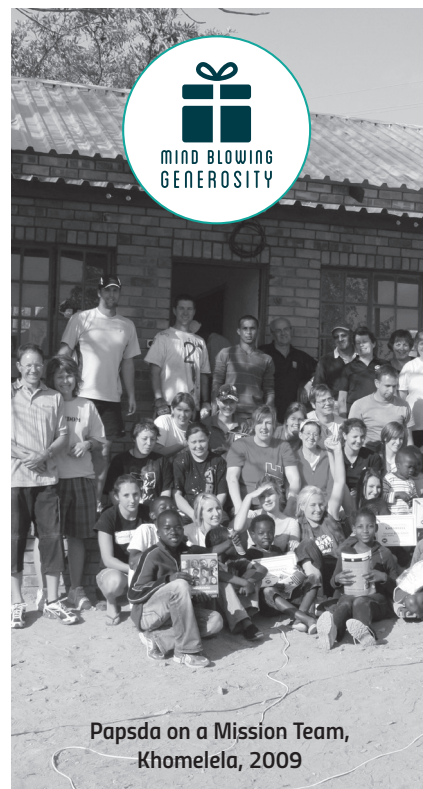


I'm guessing you turned the tap on this morning and had a drink of water or made a cup of tea, then had a shower and even flushed the toilet? Maybe you even put on a load of washing? Water on demand is how we live.

This has never been a reality for most of the world's population. But running water became a reality for this Cambodian family last month, thanks to the generosity of a Papsda family who said they would like to make a difference and fund a well and pump. The plumbing might not be up to New Zealand standards but the water does the trick just the same. The family are a little camera-shy but you can see the delight on their faces—especially Grandma's (pictured below)! She knows this will make her life so much easier by not having to carry water herself and it will keep her grand-kids safe and healthy and ready for school—and they have plenty to share with all the neighbours. Grandma says, "Akun tom tom Pap-sdaaa". ("Big thank you Papsda.")

Six Papsda-funded wells have gone into our village this year. That's a lot of water to make a lot of people healthy and happy.

BY LEANNE DAVIES



Papsda on a Mission Team,  
Khomelela, 2009

## PAPSDA'S ON A MISSION

### NEXT WEEK WE'RE OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA!

From 5-22 July, a team of 28 Papsda-ites are heading to South Africa to make a difference. This is our 5th trip to South Africa (our 4th to Khomelela Community Centre) since 2009.

The adult population has been decimated by AIDS and often children are left alone to fend for themselves. Older children are parenting their younger siblings. Many of these little children come to Khomelela for their one meal per day.

This time the team will be:

- Building a preschool for 110 AIDS orphans
- Providing in-service training for preschool teachers
- Providing in-service training for community healthcare workers
- Running a kids club for 200 kids
- Offering hope and encouragement to the team and the kids

At the recent charity auction on 26 May, we raised the target of \$20,000 to build the new preschool, PLUS an extra \$10,000 to build an extra toilet block.





**360 CRAZY LOVE TOUR**  
 From 16-22 April, a group of young people shared crazy love with the northern town of Kaitia to serve the community with a school holiday kids club programme and beautifying the area with clean-ups and painting (some paint might not have made it to the correct places).







## FOOD FESTIVAL & CHARITY AUCTION

Amazing food stalls representing so many cultures... A stage full of beautiful balloons... Dozens of people serving... Unbelievably good food made by many master chefs... Some of the funniest performances in the history of Papsda... Friendship, fun and connection... And of course, mind-blowing generosity. Thank you Papsda for giving hope to AIDS orphans in South Africa.







**EPIC SPORTS**

Each Sunday morning from 10:00am-11:30am, around 60 children and their parents meet at the Alan Brewster Recreation Centre to have some EPIC FUN! The event provides a variety of sports for every child, incorporating life skills through play, with each session finishing with a spiritual word of encouragement. It is an awesome place of connection for children and their families. See Fee for more info.



**TRAIL BUSTER**

Thanks everyone! TOGETHER we raised over \$13,000 to continue empowering young people to make a difference in their communities. Big thanks to our youth pastor, Will, for raising thousands! We hope you're enjoying his new look as much as we are! Look out for our next event on November 11: TRAIL BUSTER OBSTACLE!







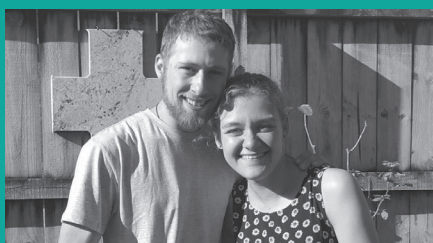
## GRADUATED!

Congratulations to **Mary Fredericks** who graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Social Science (Counselling) from the Manukau Institute of Technology on 10 March 2018. You're an inspiration!



## SUCCESS FOR CAITLYNNE

Otara Bluelight and Sky City held a joint fundraiser at the Sugar Club in Auckland City on Thursday, 8 March 2018. Otara Bluelight success story, **Caitlynne Katting** did herself, her family, Otara Bluelight and Papsda proud! She spoke in front of a packed venue which included Dame Patsy Reddy, Mayor of Auckland Phil Goff and Hon. Stuart Nash Minister of Police.



## ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to **William Van Weerd & Tessa Hafoka** who got engaged on ANZAC day this year (25 April). They initially met via a mutual friend at a youth group several

years ago, then 8 months later bumped in to each other at Pauanui, where the friendship blossomed into something quite special.



## MEET BABY KASSIDY

**Carolyn & Jayson Pretorius** welcomed their baby girl **Kassidy** into the world on 31 March 2018 at 10:30pm, weighing 4.6kg. Proud grandmother **Susana Pulini** shared this beautiful photo with us.



## WEDDING & BIRTHDAY IN 1

Congratulations to the Seve Family! **Petelo (Fale) Senetenari and Lisi Seve** married on 24 March (also Fale's birthday, making it an extra special day) witnessed by close family and friends in a lovely, intimate wedding at Papsda. Fale & Lisi are pictured here with their beautiful little girl, **Ruth Isabella**. Lisi is the daughter of **Tui & Fuatino Seve**. A very special day for everyone.



## MR & MRS TAPS

Congratulations to **Tash & George Tapaatoutai** who tied the knot at Cornwall Park on 17 March 2018 in front of friends and family. This stunning photo taken by Aimee Lou Photography captured the happy day.



## SHE DID IT!

After 7 years of hard slog at study, working in ministry, raising two small boys and starting her own business, **Melissa Mataio** graduated from The University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Marketing and Information Systems) on 7 May 2018. Congratulations Melissa!



## ARIA'S DRAMATIC ENTRANCE

Welcome to sweet baby **Aria Beene-Mutumba Mubano** who dramatically entered the world on 12 March 2018 at 4:07pm after an emergency C-section, weighing 4.068kg. All was well and mum and dad **Namate & Mwauluka Mubano** thank God for their beautiful gift. Big sister **Zoe** loves her to bits and always calls for an adult every time Aria cries.

## FAMILY NEWS

## STUDY GUIDES

## ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE ANYWHERE, ANYTIME, IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

Do you use the adult quarterly Bible study guide? The book version has always been available from Guest Central. A church pastor in Australia has created an app with the Sabbath School Adult Bible Study Guides available in multiple languages for smart-phones and tablets. The brand new Sabbath School app is available from Google Play and the Apple App Store (search Adventect). A web version of the app is also available: [sabbath-school.adventech.io](http://sabbath-school.adventech.io). For other discipleship resources within the wider Adventist church, visit <https://disciple.org.nz>



# 360 PRODUCTION FOUND

FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST

SATURDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

SAVE THE DATE

“There was once a place I called a church. Filled with criminals, underdogs and outcasts. But in this list was not the last, it was a vast expansion in which the blessed met the broken, the insecure and the outspoken, the audible and the deaf, those alive, those dead. And they loved each other with actions because words were unnecessary. And they chose to give this love away but it still remained, no matter how much they gave. And so this church we renamed a community, to show that as much as we fall, we choose to stand back up, as constantly as we lose we choose to gain and as deep as we sink, we choose to rise again”.

SARAH RYAN, 2014

*Sarah's*  
SPOKEN WORD

## LOOKING AHEAD

4 Jul	Friendship Group Gathering
5-22 Jul	Papsda On A Mission Trip (South Africa)
6 Jul	360 Lit 7:00pm
6 Jul	Term 2 Ends
13-15 Jul	NNZC Teen Sports Weekend
13-17 Jul	NNZC Junior Camp (Ohakune)
14 Jul	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
14 Jul	Connections 12:30pm
17-22 Jul	NNZC Teen Camp (Ohakune)
20-22 Jul	NNZC Youth Camp (Tui Ridge)
23 Jul	Term 3 Commences
23 Jul	Conversations in Leadership 7:00pm
24 Jul	Admin Board 6:30pm
24 Jul	Elder Board 7:30pm
28 Jul	Prayer Gathering 10:35am

28 Jul	Connections 12:30pm
3 Aug	360 Lit 7:00pm
8 Aug	Friendship Group Gathering
11 Aug	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
11 Aug	Connections 12:30pm
11 Aug	All In Age Group Volunteers Event
16-19 Aug	Man Camp (Tui Ridge Park)
18 Aug	EPIC Family Adventure
24 Aug	Praise Hymn 7:30pm
25 Aug	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
25 Aug	Connections 12:30pm
25 Aug	EPIC Amazing Race TBA
27 Aug	Conversations in Leadership 7:00pm
28 Aug	Admin Board 6:30pm
28 Aug	Elder Board 7:30pm
31 Aug	360 Production TBA
1 Sep	360 Production TBA
2 Sep	Father's Day

3-8 Sep	360 Lit Week
7 Sep	360 Lit 7:00pm
12 Sep	Friendship Group Gathering
21-22 Sep	Venus Girls Retreat
28 Sep	Term 3 Ends
29 Sep	Dessert & Date Night TBA
14 Oct	The ADRA Run (Auckland City)
15 Oct	Term 4 Commences
20-21 Oct	NNZC Volleyball Tournament (Palmerston North)
26-28 Oct	NNZC Women's Retreat (Tui Ridge, Rotorua)
3 Nov	Couples Retreat TBA
11 Nov	Trail Buster Obstacle
14 Nov	Friendship Group Gathering
23-26 Nov	NNZC Sixties Plus Weekend (Tui Ridge, Rotorua)
15 Dec	Christmas Praise 11:00am