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TOGETHER TWENTY-NINETEEN

When God placed the vision and passion on our hearts at Papsda to create a greater sense of togetherness through more authentic and vulnerable relationships over the course of 2019, we never realised just how much we would need it or how much we would be impacted by it; both in our local context and much more than that, as a nation.

It never ceases to amaze me how God knows what we need before we have any idea, before we understand just how much we are going to need it ourselves.

In the face of one man doing all he could, in the most horrific way imaginable, to divide, destroy and alienate us using hate; we, as a nation have united to stand together to fight the hatred, racism and alienation we have allowed to creep into our culture and communities. Ted Kennedy, the youngest brother of John F Kennedy and a US Senator said,

“What divides us pales in comparison to what unites us”.

This is so very true, and I love that NZ right now, is choosing to stop wasting our time looking at what makes us different from each other and instead is focusing on what unites us, on what matters, on what is most important.

While watching the national memorial service on Friday, the 29th of March, John Campbell said these words which have stuck with me and I believe should be the catch cry for all our churches ... “hate will be undone, and love will redeem us”.

Isn't that the essence of church, the core of what we're supposed to be about? Hate will be undone, the effects of sin in all its forms will be done away with and Jesus (the epitome of love) will rescue us, redeem us, will make all things new so that inequity, racism, injustice, insecurity, hatred and all things that tear us apart will be done away with forever.

To love effectively we have to learn how to do 'together' well. Togetherness is a hugely important aspect of life. It unites us, brings security, much-needed support, a sense of belonging, and encourages us to love each other well.

Brene Brown, a research professor says, “True belonging is not passive. It's not the belonging that comes with just joining a group. It's not fitting in or pretending or selling out because it's safer. It's a practice that requires us to be vulnerable, get uncomfortable, and learn how to be present with people without sacrificing who we are. If we are going to change what is happening in a meaningful way we're going to need to intentionally be with people who are different from us. We're going to have to sign up and join, and take a seat at the table. We're going to have to learn how to listen, have hard conversations, look for joy, share pain, and be more curious than defensive, all while seeking moments of togetherness”.

I love what she has to say and believe this is so very true. May we be a faith community that continues to learn how to do 'together' well so that hate will be undone, and love will continue to win.

BY KARYN NEWSON



AS-SALAMU ALAYKUM | PEACE BE UPON YOU

As-salāmu ‘alaykum is a greeting in Arabic that means “Peace be upon you”. The salaam is a religious salutation among Muslims[1] when greeting, though it is also used by Arabic speakers of other religions, including Arab Christians.[2] The typical response to the greeting is wa ‘alaykumu s-salām “And peace be upon you, too.”

I have heard it said that “while Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern led a nation through the recent crisis, she changed the world.” Something changed for me too, during the events of the Christchurch Mosque Terror attacks. You see, up until March 15, I hadn’t really given the Muslim community and their faith much attention at all.

March 16, the day after the attacks, getting ready for yet another Sabbath morning ritual, going to church, meeting with friends, sharing in community, prayer, talking, worshipping, it dawned on me that people in our country had been doing that very same thing, only a day earlier.

Imagine, I thought, if a gunman chose to attack Papsda while we were worshipping God. Imagine if 50 of our people no longer sat in the seats near us. Imagine if a similar number of people were fighting for their lives in hospital. Imagine if these were our people. Imagine if this had happened to a church near us and now being told no one could go to their place of worship until further notice. Imagine!!!

With all that going through my head and heart, while still getting ready for my usual church day (which no longer felt so usual), I contacted Karyn Newson, our Lead pastor and spoke about the possibility of contacting our local Mosque leaders with offers of practical support. One idea was to offer our building as their place of gathering until it was safe for them to go back to theirs. Karyn agreed we could do this. By the time I reached church, Karyn had already contacted our 2 local mosque leaders. Both of whom responded with awe & gratitude. My first response was how grateful I was for Karyn, a leader who has a big picture of God and a willingness to do the extra-ordinary.

We contacted the leaders again on Monday following the attack and asked to meet with them, to offer a small gift and see how we might best support them in these difficult circumstances.

The leader of the Baitul Muqet Mosque, in Manukau, replied with an invitation for us to

attend a Memorial service the following Sabbath afternoon, March 23. Many of our Papsda family were away at church camp that day, so together with Denver Lawson and his family we attended.

Up until this point, the common theme that was being portrayed during this awful tragedy was the Peace and Forgiveness being shown by the Muslim community in NZ. I often questioned myself about how peaceful or forgiving I would be, had this happened to us at Papsda, or any other Christian church for that matter.

Entering the mosque that Sabbath afternoon, with armed police at the entrance, checking all who went past the gate, was a surreal experience for us in NZ. With my head covered and gift in hand, I was constantly greeted by the phrase “peace be with you” and “welcome”. We were ushered into a large area, much like our hall, where many people from the Muslim community and non-Muslim community gathered. There were many politicians, dignitaries, leaders of other church communities, journalists and local Marae Kaumātua (Elders).

The ceremony began with the first of the Imam (title for a worship leader) acknowledging “One God, Creator God”. As the Memorial ceremony continued, there were several moments where I felt like I was in familiar surroundings, only in a different language. It was yet another moment where I realised

“we are different, yet so much alike.”

My time came to speak on behalf of Papsda and present the National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community NZ, with our gift. There was such an overwhelming sense of gratitude and humility from the leaders in response to our gift. We gifted a wooden Hei Matau, Māori fish hook. The fish hook represents: strength, abundant provision and determination. This was our message to our Muslim community.

Refreshments were served at the end of the ceremony. This was a special time to meet “each other”. A tour of the mosque followed and once again I was struck with how many similarities there are between us.

Here are some of my learnings from that day and since:

- We worship the same God. The Creator God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Ishmael, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed.
- An inscription in their prayer room was “Worship God, Honour Mohammed”. The Imam explained that there is nothing in the prayer room so that there are “no distractions between you and worshipping God. Your relationship with God is all that counts. We honour Mohammed, our prophet, because prophets suffer for their people.” This sounded remarkably familiar.
- In the foyer of the mosque was a turret. The Imam said that most mosques have a turret because back in the day, there would be a light at the top of it, because we are called “to be a light in our communities.” Again, it felt familiar?
- Each mosque is named after a characteristic / quality of God.
- There are no pictures or images in the mosque because the Muslim faith was born out of an age of Idol Worship. They do not want anything other than God, the one God, to be worshipped.
- The 5 pillars of the Muslim faith are: Declaration of Faith, Prayer, Charity, Fasting, Pilgrimage. Again, this sounded somewhat familiar.
- For a Muslim, the idea of Peace, Forgiveness and Love are central values to living in relationship with God and others. Once again this sounded just like Jesus’s teachings.

There is so much more that I have learned since March 15, 2019 but the biggest learning is how I naïvely made a “them & us” out of people that simply should have been “US”. #inclusivecommunityincludesthemuslim

For those who would like to understand more about the Muslim faith and community, there are opportunities to meet with an Imam at the Baitul Muqet mosque. There is also a very good podcast to listen to called The DeConstructionist Podcast, number 46, Sumbul Ali-Karamali author of “The Muslim Next Door”.

As-salāmu ‘alaykum

BY BRIGITTE BAGG



WORSHIP IS SIMPLY A RESPONSE TO THE TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF FOLLOWING JESUS

Back in February, we had the pleasure of hosting 4-time Grammy Nominated, Juno Award Winning music producer Roger Ryan for a week. It is hard to believe that someone who has worked with superstars came and served our little community in South Auckland, New Zealand. Our *Worship Retreat* on February 1 & 2 was incredibly inspiring. It was a wonderful time to share, to learn and to bond as a worship team - and we walked away excited and ready for the new year.

But...then there was MORE!

The following Sabbath we had a special musical praise service called *IN.HARMONY*, complete with a song from our very own Papsda choir! That night, we were blessed with a gospel concert called *RHYTHM & FLOW* featuring Roger Ryan and supporting artists Resonate, Albert Mata'afa, and emerging musicians Brotherhood Musiq. It was a full house and we received so much awesome feedback from the people that were there on how powerful and impactful it was.

If I could take one thing away from the

week we had with Roger, it would be learning that community is much like a choir;

When I bring my small voice and you bring your small voice, TOGETHER we can resonate the good news of Jesus louder than we ever could alone.

It's all about love and it's all about unity. We are hoping to bring Roger back over to our shores one day soon.

BY LEAH WOLFGRAMM



IN.SYNC PAPSDA CAMP 2019

If you've been hanging out at Papsda lately you'll be familiar with our new 'buzz' word for the year... *TOGETHER*. I can't think of a better way to kick start our year of togetherness than with our IN.SYNC Papsda camp which incorporated EPIC Connect, 360 Connect and Church camp all in one!

150 participants spent the weekend *connecting*, camping, eating, laughing, skiing, quizzing, *connecting*, sharing, gaming, puzzling, walking, worshipping, singing, picnicing, playing, Ohh... and did I mention *connecting*?... together. The resounding highlight for me was definitely the *connections* made!

HERE'S WHAT OTHERS HAD TO SAY...



"Being part of the EPIC Team is a privilege and a blessing. I love accompanying my own children, and also having the opportunity of investing in the lives of other children. Being a former rescue worker, My favourite experiences are those that challenge physical abilities. At IN.SYNC camp, these included the obstacle course and water games. I had my own serious ways of getting through the challenges, but my young team members came up with their own fun and innovative methods to complete the activities. I've learnt to extend my boundaries a lot by witnessing how determined the children were in completing their tasks and embracing the togetherness of teamwork. I watched as the 'stronger' team members supported the weaker team members, empowering them by cheering and offering assistance - so profound. I also loved the picnic on Sunday, seeing the little ones holding on effortlessly on biscuits during water rides and simply enjoying falling off them. I've learnt so much by acknowledging the grace of God through children's eyes."

-FREDDY NATEBA (EPIC Volunteer)



"I LOVED everything about In.Sync camp, the togetherness, connecting with people I had never met before, re-connecting with Papsda family of all ages, conversations with people during meal times, making memories with my husband and children, listening and learning from others more about the seasons in life, worship times, the fun-filled quiz night and enjoyable picnic at Moana Roa Reserve. I'm so grateful to God and many thanks to Papsda, 360, EPIC leaders and all who came."

- KIM TEAO (Mum)



"Church camp was so much fun - it was great to have all the age groups there together for some parts, then also to split off and spend some time in more age focused groups. I loved being a team leader in 360, hanging out with everyone and getting to know new people as well - it's such an awesome community of young people! All the activities were fantastic, especially the obstacle course and the team frisbee! It was so much fun to work as a team and have some friendly competition with the other teams. Go Purple Piranhas!! We'll take out the cup next year!"

- - CHANNAE DAVIES (360 Youth)



"I enjoyed the activities that we did in our EPIC team colours and it was good to make new friends. My two favourite games were the water slide and the sling shot.

On Sunday we all went down to Lake Karapiro and some people let us ride on their boats.

It was great to watch as people learnt to ski, wakeboard, kneeboard or just have fun on biscuit rides. We all got to share a little picnic on the lake front and then made our way home."

- NICOLE SCHWAMM (EPIC kid!)



"I really enjoyed the connection I felt at camp. Just all the activities and group bonding which was focused on team work and not on yourself, which really helped me to make new friendships."

-DOM VAN DER STEEG (360 Youth)



"I enjoyed having conversations with the people who I wouldn't normally talk to, making new friendships and reconnecting with people I hadn't seen for ages. I loved the games and activities too"

- HENNASEE KATTING (360)

SO... If you missed the chance to connect at IN.SYNC this year - make sure you book it into your calendar for 2020! Talk to anyone who went - and I'm sure they'll all say the same thing... DON'T MISS IT!

IN.SYNC PAPSDA CAMP • 20-22 MARCH 2020 • TUI RIDGE PARK

BY TRACEY RYAN

360 CONNECT | SPORT | LIFE

At the heart of 360 is a heart for young people to be all that they were created to be. We believe that we can help them start this journey of discovering and uncovering their identity by giving them a snapshot of our amazing God and his love for humanity. We do this in a variety of ways.

Every Saturday morning in 360 Connect we have the opportunity to share the Gospel message in a way that is relatable and transferable to our young people! They get to see and hear about a God who desires to be in a real and authentic relationship with them. We also believe that a snapshot of God isn't confined to a spiritual gathering which is why we have our social events every couple of weeks. During Term 1 we saw God build connection and relationships within our 360 young people simply by getting together, playing games, having fun and just hanging out.

If you hang around 360 you'll quickly find out that we are all about connecting. Part of this connecting and relationship building also happens during our Sports program. This past quarter we saw two 360 teams enter the annual touch tournament in Rotorua. We are so proud of the efforts of both our teams. A huge congratulations to the 360 Mixed team for winning A Grade. We also recently entered in 4 teams from 360 in the annual NNZC Basketball tournament. Each team played

their best and in the end we had three teams reach the final stages with one team coming second place! A massive congratulations to all for representing 360 and Papsda well on the court and off.

But my vision for 360 isn't just to inspire young people to live closer to God. Part of the journey we have been on this year as a team is building leadership around another key aspect of 360 - Life groups. During Term 1, I was able to meet up with and empower our up-and-coming life group leaders! We believe that it is so important for young people to be surrounded on their journey of faith. The next step that we encourage every 360 young person to take after getting a snapshot of God is to engage in a group where they can discover what that actually means for them and how they can live in a real and authentic relationship with God. I've been so excited to launch Life Groups this term. We are meeting up every Thursday night in the 360 room at 6:30 pm following our Homework centre from 4-6pm and the Community Dining meal at 6pm!

As we move through the rest of the year we are believing that God will continue to move in and through all we do so that every young person is known and loved, has a place to belong and has a purpose in front of them.

BY WILLIAM WOLFGRAMM



"Have a dream so big it's impossible without God"





HOMEWORK CENTRE | CHARITY TV

Every Thursday afternoon from 4-6pm in the Papsda library, a group of volunteers and students gather to work together on student's homework and assignments at the new Homework Centre. This initiative, in partnership with ADRA New Zealand and 360 has provided a space for primary and high school students to collaborate and learn together to improve their grades. The homework centre is one of many new initiatives that we are now able to start thanks to some new funding which 360 have been able to raise through a partnership with Charity TV.

Charity TV chose 360 as a charity partner for their upcoming TV show which will air in early 2020. We have a team of

awesome ambassadors who are currently fundraising \$10,000 each through a range of exciting activities. We would love to have your continued support of our ambassadors on this fundraising journey with a range of awesome options for you to enjoy.

MJ, one of our fundraisers and is now making a range of 'green' cleaning products to use at home and is also taking orders for her famous, delicious cupcakes!

If cleaning isn't your thing why not support Fee who is out and about cleaning houses to help raise funds.

Ella is producing trailers which are awesome and can help transport all your

toys around.

Jeremiah has been running the ShredX 8 week challenge.

And if you feel sore at the sound of 8 weeks of hard exercise then Caitlyn is qualified and available to provide a massage to help you relax.

For more information on what all of our awesome ambassadors are doing and to support them please check out their fundraising pages at www.360.org.nz/charitytv.

BY STEVEN RYAN

Support our ambassadors by visiting their fundraising pages at www.360.org.nz/charitytv





iCAN58

The church doors are closed and won't reopen until the same time next week, inside the pews are empty and the lights are off. For a Saturday morning, this is unusual. But today, a lot of things are.

The service begins at 10am. The seats are still empty although that's mostly due to the fact that they have been soaked with rain - there's no roof where we are. We have set up church in the Clendon shopping centre car park. While there are no stained glass windows, the bright red Warehouse next to us and the yellow of the Pak'n'Save behind us make for plenty of colour that fills our small hub.

Today is iCan58, a special day when members of the South Auckland cluster of Adventist churches in New Zealand spend their time worshipping together in service of their community. For the third year in a row, we are set up in the heart of Clendon.

A truck has been transformed into a makeshift stage which overlooks the rain-soaked chairs, throughout the day this is filled with talented musicians and MC's who invite passer-by's in and give away toys and lollies to the crowds of children who have

braved the rainy weather to be here.

Down from the stage are two isles of marquees where orange-clad volunteers and community members alike are gathered under. The marquees are filled with different offerings, all free and all helpful. Health checks, face-painting, invitations to a community gym and a kids club, and a prayer space are all being taken advantage of. However, the most popular marquees of the day are of course, the two which contain food. A large queue is formed by the marquee providing sausage sizzles, Up&Go drinks, fruit and doughnuts. The marquee next door contains a plastic table with food parcels that is getting restacked as fast as it is being emptied.

People of all different shapes and sizes come through to take a parcel. Mums and dads with large families in tow, older people on walkers huddled under umbrellas, children with bare feet who are helping their parents transport the parcels to the car. Some people ask for more; for their neighbours, their sisters, their parents, their children or for themselves, although no explanation is needed for taking what you need. There is no criteria, no exclusions, and no strings attached.

Being in South Auckland, our cluster exists in the heart of a marginalized community, Clendon included. We are among a population facing poverty, homelessness and depression among a great number of other devastating social problems as a result of inequity.

Inequity looks different to everybody.

In Clendon it can take the shape of a mattress and blanket in the back of a car being a man's only solace. Inequity can look like a mother's empty plate during dinner which ensures her children's plates are full. It may even look like a child who misses school because they don't have a raincoat. Whatever inequity may look like to each of us, it is real, it is hurting people and lack of awareness is no longer a valid excuse for not seeing the problem.

iCan58 is our chance to be part of the solution.

Each of our churches and schools in the South Auckland cluster are positioned in a community that has one of the greatest needs in New Zealand. What's important to distinguish is that this is not a threat instead it is our greatest opportunity.

Through iCan58 and a range of other long-term community building initiatives we get to build connection in our communities and selflessly serve anybody in need.

While our buildings may have been closed, the church itself was full and alive in the Clendon shopping mall carpark. For some who gathered this may have been their first interaction with church and their formative impression of God. Our hope is that we have reflected His character and how He loves each of us – with no criteria, no exclusions and no strings attached.

“Loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke. Share your food with the hungry and provide the homeless with shelter, clothe the naked, and do not turn from your neighbour. This is how the glory of the Lord will be seen.” Isaiah 58.

BY SARAH RYAN





AROUND PAPSDA

Our amazing First Impressions team!



WORSHIP WEEK

A week of worship, music and togetherness!
See page 3 for article.





THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group have been meeting every month this year doing fun things like walking the Orakei Basin, heading out to Waiheke Island for the day and visiting the Chelsea Sugar Factory.



IN.SYNC PAPSDA CAMP

We had an awesome time connecting at IN.SYNC Papsda Camp 2019!
See page 4-5 for article.



COMMUNITY DINING

Thursday night's it's all happening. ... and we would love for you to join us!!!

Isaiah 58:6-7, "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter..." NIV

The NZ church today is well fed! We have Christian music, popular speakers, all the books we could ever need and easy access to them. We have Christian radio, TV and the opportunity to freely join with others on Sabbath for community. We are blessed!!!

We then have the opportunity to give unto others. We are called to live a life like Jesus. To step out of what is comfortable and step into the lives of others and bring God's love to them. Every Thursday night Community Dining is a unique opportunity to meet the community and live out Isaiah 58! Last week as I watched people arrive, the thought came to me "this is exactly where Jesus would be". When you look at the life of Jesus he did not just hang out in the church. He was out in the community bringing food, healing, love and hope to those who did not have it. Our heart at Papsda is to Restore and Reconcile, but everyone who is hurting and in need of restoration does not always walk through the front doors of the church. They may however, come to a community dinner, be invited to church and choose to attend. They may just hear about the love of God from the music played or from the person who sits next to them and really cares about their life. Community Dining is for EVERYONE! The homeless, the college students, the elderly, the youth, life groups and YOU!

If you have not yet joined us on a Thursday night, I would encourage you to do so!! If you are unable to join us on Thursdays and would like to be involved in another way please contact Trena at 021 135 9435.

BY TRENA MEYER



PAPSDA LIFE TALKS COUNSELLING

Papsda Life is a free community service where we will go on a journey with you to help you navigate the areas of your life that could be holding you back from gaining independence and freedom. Papsda life is for anyone who feels like they could do with a helping hand.

As part of this ministry, we offer a COUNSELLING SERVICE. Our Counselling Ministry has 2 aspects to it:

1. A STUDENT SERVICE

This is done in partnership with the Manukau Institute of Technology's Counselling Department, which is part of the Faculty of Nursing and Health Studies at MIT. MIT allows students in their 2nd and 3rd year of their Bachelor of applied Science (Counselling) to do their practicums at Papsda.

This is a free service to anyone who would like some life coaching and/or counselling support.

2. TRAINED COUNSELLORS

Our Counsellors are skilled in a variety of areas eg: past trauma, relationship breakdown, abuse, young persons, Drug and Alcohol use, family harm among others.

This is a paid service but is often far cheaper than other trained counselling services. Payment is arranged between the client and the counsellor.

For more information or if you would like to discuss a referral to a counsellor, please contact Brigitte Bagg at the church office 09 278 7786 or brigitte@papsda.co.nz.

Meet our Papsda Life Counsellors

NATALIE



Hi, my name is Natalie. Our stories are unique and special. There are times though, when it just doesn't feel that way...

- If you are looking to change aspects of your life.
- If an experience has altered your view on life.
- You've come to a place where the ways you have always managed don't seem to be working any longer.
 - If you have a sense of being unsettled, you wish to grow or put down roots.
 - Or you feel frustrated, confused, afraid or just plain angry.

I offer a welcoming, caring, supportive, creative and culturally appropriate environment to safely explore better wellbeing and life enjoyment. I work from a holistic, integrative, approach to build trusting relationships and support your goals. (We may even laugh together sometimes along the way).

HANA



I am a 3rd year counselling student. My desire to become a counsellor has been shaped by my own journey and through experiencing the healing and growth counselling brought to my life. Every person God deserves to live the abundant life God calls us to in John 10:10. Having one safe person to talk to and process things with, makes all the difference in the world to beginning that journey. I am available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and enjoy journeying beside women, children, youth and couples.

KERRY



Hi, my name is Kerry and I'm delighted to have the opportunity in the final year of my Counselling Degree to complete the practicum portion with Papsda. Like many others I have my own experience of mental health and addiction in life, along with an extended period in therapy. Learning new processes and ways of being has enabled me to develop the way I see myself and the world around me. I spent 3 years working in Peer Support before starting my degree and Currently work for Pathways Health Ltd at a sub-acute residential Service part time. I will be in Papsda's counselling office every Thursday and look forward to getting to know some of you over the coming year.

MARY



My work as a counsellor gives me the opportunity to come alongside clients and help them unpack tough things. I consider it an honour to sit in this sacred space with clients and help them make sense of their experiences. Things may be messy and raw but together we can figure out a way forward. Establishing what's not working and with a different perspective, a fresh dose of hope, some tools and strategies, restoration and healing can happen.

**PAPSDA LIFE IS FOR ANYONE AND EVERYONE
WHO WANTS A HELPING HAND.**





PAPSDA AND CAPTIVATING SAYING NO TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEPAL

On average it costs \$20 to save one girl from life in a brothel. Since July 2017 Papsda has partnered with Andrew and Julie Colquhoun from Captivating International to stop the trafficking of Nepali girls into the sex trade. Papsda families and individuals fund the cost of one boarder crossing station in a place called Nepalgunj. (There are 11 more boarder crossing stations funded by others.) We are committed to \$20,000 a year, which saves more than 1000 girls.

Here's the stats for the last quarter of 2018

- 134 girls and women were intercepted. 596 women were taken aside, interviewed and questioned about where they were going. After questioning, the staff concluded that it was highly likely these 134 girls were in the process of being trafficked. These girls were educated on what was likely happening, counselled where necessary, and either returned home or picked up by their families.
- 6 girls were referred to the Nepalgunj Transit Home where they received counselling, medical care and accommodation until they were re-united with their family.
- 6 Hamro Abhiyan programs were conducted in local schools. 297 boys and 206 girls participated in this anti-human trafficking awareness program.
- 3 community awareness programs were held. 503 people attended these programs and all received handouts to remind them about the dangers of human trafficking.



Sabita is 15 years old and in year 9. When her parents could no longer afford her school fees, she dropped out of school and stayed home to help with house duties. Her parents have physical ailments that prevent them from working, and there are younger siblings.

One day an aunt visited and mentioned that she had heard about high paying jobs in India from where Sabita could send money home to support her family.

Sabita willingly agreed and her aunt introduced her to a boy with whom she would travel. Sabita felt very scared with him because of the way he acted towards her but she was keen for the new promised life in India. When the bus stopped at the Nepalgunj Bus Station for a security check the Captivation staff took Sabita to the office, and asked about her plans. They realised very quickly that she was in the process of being trafficked to a brothel in India. Her parents were devastated but very supportive when they found out the truth. The aunt was interviewed by police and it was discovered that she had actually sold her niece for US\$435. Police are involved and Sabita is now aware of the dangers and is safely at home - thanks to the Captivating staff, and someone from Papsda who cared enough to make a difference.

If you are a regular contributor THANK YOU!! All donations are tax deductible and can be made through Papsda, reference to NEPAL.



JOIN OUR TEAM! PAPSDA ON MISSION

Are you keen to travel and to serve?

Join our next Papsda on a Mission trip to Cambodia, 28 November to 11 December 2019.

Papsda has been travelling to and supporting the same village in rural Cambodia since 2014. The changes are significant with improved health statistics, more choices around family income, greater education opportunities for kids and families and less domestic violence. This is your chance to see first hand the differences. We are now expanding into surrounding villages who are also keen to experience the same benefits.

PLANS FOR OUR 2019 TRIP:

- Build a preschool in a nearby village
- Run a kids club - fun, values and learning
- Professional development training for local preschool and infant teachers
- Professional development for sewing business women
- Connect with villagers
- LOVE, LEARN and SERVE

What have you got to offer? What have you got to lose?

You will need: A willing heart and hands, and a reasonable level of health.

Cost: \$1100 plus your airfare plus a \$1000 donation towards the project costs. For more info talk to leanne@papsda.co.nz or keryn@potential.org.nz

NOW'S THE TIME TO SIGN UP!



LOVE, LEARN & SERVE

CAMBODIA



GROWING GREAT RELATIONSHIPS

28-29 JUNE 2019

In the spirit of IN.CONNEXION we will be incorporating both EPIC KIDS (7-12yrs) and 360 INTERSEXIONS (for high schoolers and youth). A creche for 0-6yrs will be available on Saturday.

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

John & Naomi Cowan · Nick Tuitasi · Rene Aish · Attitude

IN.CONNEXION will be an amazing time where we come together to seek a relationally authentic path forward for all of us.

IN.CONNEXION | GROWING GREAT RELATIONSHIPS

We'd love you to join us on 28-29 June to invest some time into growing great relationships. I want you to know that our speakers are AMAZING! You will walk away with your relational Kete's (baskets) full of life changing thoughts and practical ideas that work!

But there is someone else who has been speaking to us our whole lives, about how to have relationships that are so fulfilling that WE are left with...no words. And His name is Jesus. So check out these transformational ideals from the ONE who came to invite us into the greatest relationship of all...

Relationships are often difficult because 50% of the success of relationship is dependent on someone else. Relationship language often refers to ideals such as compromise, the ability to meet someone half way, it's all about give and take, and

the idea of a relationship being 50/50.

Isn't it any wonder then that many relationships only have a 50/50 chance of lasting, let alone thriving?

I think Jesus has an ideal that when laid over current relational advice, will transform our relationship experiences.

In John 14:27 Jesus said "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you; do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." In this instance, peace is translated as "to tie together as a whole, when all essential parts are joined together." Inner peace, then, is a wholeness of mind and spirit, a whole heart at rest. Inner peace has little to do with external surroundings or people.

What would happen if I applied this teaching to my relationships? I believe it

would be transforming. If I were at peace with myself, I'd stop blaming someone else for how I'm feeling about them – I'd take responsibility for that, and I'd invite Jesus peace into my life. After all, the way I think affects the way I feel, and the way I feel affects how I treat people.

Could it be that one of the overlooked secrets to a great relationship is not me trying to figure the other out, but rather making sure that I have invited the peace of Jesus into my life, so that 'all essential parts are joined together'?

This way I think our relationships will have a much better chance than 50/50, of not only lasting, but thriving!

BY TRACEY RYAN

MUCH MORE | EPIC

"I've really enjoyed watching how these activities encourage children to be creative and most importantly challenge them to push beyond their boundaries."

- Freddie Nateba (EPIC Volunteer & father of four)

When it comes to pushing boundaries I think of 3 year old Elle, who at our EPIC Adventure at the Carter's farm courageously had a go at slingshotting water balloons into the air. "Look out Elle!" a few of us parents shouted out as she bravely pulled back the slingshot, gripping onto the water balloon before unleashing it, aiming for the children who were waiting with excitement to catch it in the paddock. The joy on fearless Elle's face was a beautiful reminder of why we gather together as families. She had the support of everyone around her.

Today, in the world we live in, it has never been as important as it is now that our children feel supported and are equipped with values they can apply in their everyday lives to live a life of much more. "Since we have now been made right in God's sight by his death, how much more shall we be saved through his blood." Romans 5:9.

EPIC provides an opportunity for much more, through our weekly Saturday



morning environments for children aged 0 to 12 years. They see a picture of a loving God and discover through storytelling, craft making, and fun activities, what that means for them. They are inspired and equipped with skills on how to live God's love and ways they can creatively contribute to their communities.

EPIC Sports & Adventures run throughout the year to blend gospel experience through various sports, team building & healthy competitive activities where families interact with each other and push through boundaries together thus building strong connections.

Sure, there are things we can learn to do on our own but we grow when we come together. May we as parents and guardians choose to commit to ensuring our children have the opportunity to live a life of much more.

BY FEE TAMANI





THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

11:00AM, SATURDAY
15 JUNE 2019

There is more to life than just existing - we were created for much more. At EPIC Church we are going to explore this by going back to the beginning of creation and taking a journey together, through the circle of life. Join us on the 15th of June at 11am.



On a stunning, sunny Sunday morning at the beginning of May, a group of 100 people gathered to walk and run through the beautiful Duder Regional Park to help raise money for 360 Community Trust, ADRA New Zealand, and Captivating International. Through their efforts we were able to raise \$2,500 to help continue working with young and at-risk people in our local community as well as overseas. Over the years that we've been doing the Trail Buster Series, more than \$50,000 has been raised to help these charities.

What makes Trail Buster fun is that it is a great family event where we can make connections with local communities, while raising money for three awesome causes.



A big thank you to our sponsors and supporters for helping to make this day a success: Auckland Council, Sanitarium, Revive café, Frooze Balls, Broderick printing, ShedX, Wireless Warehouse and our many volunteers on the day. I also want to say a huge thank you to you our church family here at Papsda for always supporting us and helping to empower our young people who will one day lead our church into the future.

If you would like to get involved with any of the ministries that Trail Buster helps support please get in contact with Steven@360.org.nz or William@papsda.co.nz.

We can't wait to see you at Trail Buster Grit on November 17 here at Papsda!

BY STEVEN RYAN



7am Sunday, November 17
16 Puhinui Road, Papatoetoe

Team of 4 + 1 Optional Sub
\$50/Person

REGISTER: 360.org.nz/grit

Abundance

FOR MEN OF ALL AGES

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt

What's coming up?

THURSDAY NIGHT, 4 July 2019 · 6pm · Papsda [Lower West Wing]
BBQ + A Word from Rene Aish



MAN CAMP · 8-11 August 2019
Tui Ridge Park, Rotorua

THURSDAY NIGHT, 31 October 2019 · 6pm · Papsda [Lower West Wing]
BBQ + A Word from Rene Aish

For more info see Ricky Ryan

SAVE THESE DATES

COMMUNITY TEAM WE WANT YOU!

We are looking for people who are interested in getting involved in the community! There are many opportunities available.

COMMUNITY TEAM: We often have people call needing help moving, mowing or family support. Sometime they just need a friend. We are building our database so that those who are interested in supporting others can be given the opportunity.

DONATE A MEAL: Our freezers are empty! If you love cooking and are willing to cook some extra meals to put in our freezer we would really appreciate it. Every week we get calls from families that are hungry and have a genuine need. We are able to bless them with food lovingly cooked by our church family and frozen until needed. Food needs to be labeled and dated. If you are a team leader and would like to organise a cooking team, Let us know!!

SHAPE WORKOUT: Our Shape Workout for women is starting up again. We would love for woman from the church who enjoy working out to come along and meet the ladies of the community. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet the neighbours, make some great friendships and get in shape!!

COMMUNITY DINING: Every Thursday evening from 6-7:30pm is a fantastic time to interact with people from our community, have a great meal and a nice evening out. We would love to see you there!

PAPSDA MARAE: Our Winter Marae is planning to open for 6 weeks from July 25th to the end of August and we are currently putting together a team of VOLUNTEERS to help make that happen. "Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless"... if this is something God is speaking to you, please talk to Tracey or Trena to see how you can help.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining our team please email Trena at trena@papsda.co.nz

BY TRENA MEYER

360 CHARITY TV FUNDRAISER

20 JULY 2019 • 1:30PM
SYLVIA PARK HOYTS

Join Will and Fee for a special screening of The Lion King. Not only will you see an amazing movie, you're helping raise money for 360 Community Trust to continue helping young people in our community!

Book tickets with Will or Fee!



LOOKING AHEAD

8 Jun	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
8 Jun	Connections 12:30pm
9 Jun	EPIC Sports 10:00am-11:30am
15 Jun	EPIC Church - The Circle of Life
15 Jun	360 Social 6:00pm
16 Jun	EPIC Sports 10:00am-11:30am
21 Jun	IGNITE: A Worship Volunteer Event
22 Jun	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
23 Jun	EPIC Sports 10:00am-11:30am
28-29 Jun	In.Connexion - Growing Great Relationships

30 Jun	EPIC Sports
4 Jul	ABUNDANCE - Mens Event
5 Jul	360 Church 7pm
5 Jul	Term 2 Ends
6 Jul	Life Group Celebration Service
5-7 Jul	Digital Discipleship Conference (QLD)
7-14 Jul	360 Crazy Love Tour
12-16 Jul	NNZC Junior Camp
13 Jul	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
13 Jul	Community Celebration Service
21 Jul	EPIC Sports 10:00am-11:30am

22 Jul	Term 3 Begins
27 Jul	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
27 Jul	Church Social
28 Jul	EPIC Sports 10:00am-11:30am
8-11 Aug	Man Camp (Tui Ridge Park)
10 Aug	Prayer Gathering 10:35am
11 Aug	EPIC Sports 10:00am-11:30am
10-17 Aug	Adventist Education Week