



NEWSLETTER

WE EXIST TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER ON THIS JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH OTHERS AND TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO GROW IN MATURITY IN CHRIST



RON & JAN THOMAS

Greetings:

"Jan and I want to thank you all for the warm welcome we have received since we arrived. Landing in Auckland on July 17 was quite a transition as we had left the summer heat and humidity (32°C or 90°F) at our home in Charlotte, North Carolina. Everyone has been so friendly and helpful as we have settled in our new home at 5 Pear Tree Lane. The gift of hospitality has been generously poured out by so many of you. Open homes, gatherings with various groups for Bible Studies, sharing in conversation, time around the table, eating together and our first Sunday in worship with you have collectively served as the introduction to our home church away from home. Over the next two and half months, Jan and I want to visit as many of you as we can. With you, we want to seek God's leading for the Mardon Road Church, seeking to serve as He reveals the full purpose of our joining with you as labourers for the harvest. You have blessed us richly. Our prayer is that we might be a blessing to you."

Ron and Jan would love you to feel welcome to visit them at 5 Pear Tree Lane in Glenview or phone them on 020 4010 0620 and organise a time for them to visit you.



JOSH GOBLE

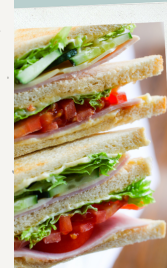
Josh travelled to Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 28th July with Headspace. They arrived safely and spent the first week being orientated to the culture with language lessons, visiting local markets, trying new and interesting foods, and visiting a Buddhist temple to observe Buddhism in action. Next they will participate in English Camp with at least 250 students. They will be teaching English, sharing in music and drama and sharing their testimonies.

Please pray for Josh and the team that they will be safe and that God will use this time to grow them in their faith.



ROVING FELLOWSHIP

A special Roving Fellowship lunch was held on 2nd August followed by a devotion from Ron Thomas. It was lovely to see Brian and Janet Cooney back for a visit! Special thanks to Glenyss and Wendy as well as Tom Bennett and Charlie Goble for their help with serving and clearing away. Thanks also to Jan for providing a delicious dessert.



SUNDAY 11 AUGUST

shared lunch and AGM

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ALL WELCOME

COMING UP

- 2nd August - roving fellowship lunch
- 11th August - shared lunch & AGM
- 17th August - youth group

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Sam Bennett
- 2nd - Wendy Goble
- 15th - Simone Blackburn
- 19th - Anesu Kunaka
- 23rd - Leonie Ireland

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YOUTH GROUP

It is always a real blessing when the youth comes together, just really pouring into each other and witnessing into each other's lives. Saturday, in particular, was an incredible time of growth for our young people, and I feel privileged to have been present to see such exciting developments in their walks. I am writing to share now with you all just how our youth presented themselves in public during a Rototuna wide scavenger hunt.

Firstly, Gareth showcased his incredibly vocal range while ordering a Pepperoni pizza at Dominos and has left me wondering why we don't incorporate his obvious talents for opera into the Sunday worship. Seriously guys, get on that.

We all know youth need a lot of spiritual feeding, and I was excited to see a lot of that on Saturday. It was so encouraging to the young people huddled around tables at McDonalds showing a great sense of unity and community, as they shared a single frozen coke -with one straw.

They also had many opportunities to witness to the

strangers that they met on this journey – with Sam showing the love of Christ by pumping a man's petrol for him. However, I was a little disappointed that he did not offer to pay for the petrol as well. Sam, let me remind you that you cannot serve both God and money.

The youth definitely brought the Joy of the Lord to a Subway that Saturday night, in the form of a Macarena. It was beautiful to witness such a public and powerful display of Psalms 149:3, and I'm sure the Subway workers didn't think you were weird at all.

There were a few memorial services for inanimate object however, which makes me a little concerned for these kids' doctrine. Josh, no matter how many times you pray, that squished McDonalds burger is not going to heaven! Finally, we wrapped up the evening in the Bennetts home with a really wonderful Bible study led by Ron, and the announcing of the winners. I am not going to tell you who won the night though; the first shall be last and all that. Thank you hugely to everyone who made the night happen!

Also, if anyone has any dogs that they need walked, Dionne will help for free! >> CG

NEXT YOUTH GROUP

Saturday 17th August - USA GAMES NIGHT

Saturday 31st August - ORIGIN Word of Life event

AUGUST

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Roving fellowship lunch 12 noon @ church	3	4 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Greg Liston WL: Paul Goble <i>Why the Bible should be written in Texan</i>
5	6 Leadership meeting 7:30p @ Neville's home	7	8	9	10	11 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Mark Budenberg WL: Peter Moss <i>James 2:14-26</i> SHARED LUNCH & AGM
12	13	14	15 Bible study 7:30p @ Tom & Glenyss' home	16 Roving fellowship 9:30a @ Neville's home	17 Youth Group USA GAMES NIGHT	18 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Ron Thomas WL: Tom Bennett
19	20	21 Coffee group 10:00a @ Glenyss' home	22	23	24	25 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Ron Thomas WL: Carl Brandt
26	27	28	29 Bible study 7:30p	30 Roving fellowship 9:30a @ Aileen's home	31 Youth Group ORIGIN Word of Life event	