



# 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

It's hard to believe that we have been here for six weeks. The days are slipping by way too quickly. We have come to feel at home among you all. The biggest challenge for us has been to learn how to drive on the left side of the street, as that is the opposite path of travel in the United States. We have joked about our prayer life expanding, as we slide under the steering wheel. Seriously, Jan and I have adopted the habit to pray every time we get ready to dive off. We pray for safe travels, for ourselves, as well as for everyone else who is sharing the road with us that day. We then pray a prayer of thanksgiving when we reach our destination safely. It will be a practice that we hope to maintain upon our return to the US. It's been a good lesson. Even the familiar routines in our lives should be prayed over. If one thing I have discovered, and God continually reminds me, prayer is both a discipline and a gift that keeps us in fellowship with Him. And apart from Him we can do nothing. So, whether it is the "white knuckle" experience of learning to drive in New Zealand or being too comfortable amidst the traffic in Charlotte, North Carolina, let me be in communion with the God who watches over me.

That we should establish ourselves in a sense of GOD's Presence, by continually conversing with Him." Brother Lawrence  
 "Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer." Ps. 4:1

## International Night

Saturday 21st September  
@ the church

Sharing food from around the world!

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

## shared lunch

AFTER THE SERVICE  
PLEASE BRING A PLATE



## JOSH GOBLE

Josh has now moved from Chiang Mai to a village on the border of Thailand and Myanmar. The team has been working in a refugee school for two weeks, teaching three lessons a day and also busy with extra lesson planning. Many of the students are 17 and 18 years old. They also helped raise 10,000 baht to sponsor some refugee Christian teens to play football at a tournament. Josh says these 18 year old boys have really touched his heart!

Please continue to pray for Josh and the team that they will remain safe and well and be able to keep sharing their faith with those around them.

## PRAYER ITEMS

Please pray for Winnie Wang and her dad following his stroke. Pray that he will continue recovering and that he will have people to care for him.

Pray for Daisy, Jonathan, Camila and Jay Miers as they continue travelling and have been unwell.

Please pray for Brian Moss and Betty Moss, and for Peter and Raewyn as they organise care for them.

Pray for Elaine Miles and Lynette Scott as they have been unwell.

## COMING UP

- 14th September - youth group
- 21st September - International night
- 6th October - shared lunch & baptismal service

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Garth Walton
- 24th - Tracey Gibney
- 28th - Janet Cooney

## CONTACTS

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**Care Coordinators:**  
Raewyn Moss, Glenyss Bennett

# YOUTH GROUP



## AMERICAN GAMES NIGHT

On Saturday the 15th August, Ron and Jan Thomas kindly opened their cottage doors to the Kiwi youth of Mardon Road, a true exemplar of American hospitality! Prepared for the youth was a fun-filled evening, with American treats and candy alongside some of the Thomas' favourite games all the way from the States. "Train to Mexico" proved to be a very fun take on dominoes and had the youth building domino tracks so long they crossed the Southern border! Despite Charlie's attempts to "Trump" Brian, there was no stopping his speedy Gonzales border crossing. The other hit game played was Jan's favourite, "Salad". This involved each player attempting to avoid ending up with certain cards in their hands, or as Holly might say, avoid Brussel Sprouts ending up in her Salad! Gareth and Dionne's competitive streaks came out in this game, as they showed more enthusiasm for "Salad" than they ever had at home. Thanks to Ron and Jan for hosting such a fun night and sharing a small part of their home with us all. >>>SB

## NEXT YOUTH GROUP

Saturday 14th September  
BLAST FROM THE PAST  
7:00 pm @ the church with Capernwray students

## SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

**AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE  
WE WILL HAVE OUR MONTHLY  
SHARED LUNCH FOLLOWED BY  
THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE**

ALL WELCOME

**BAPTISMAL  
SERVICE**

# SEPTEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30						1 Father's Day Church service 10:30a Speaker: Ron Thomas WL: Paul Goble
2	3 Young Adult's Bible study @ Ron & Jan's home	4 Leadership meeting 7:30p @ Neville's home	5	6	7	8 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Geoff Follas WL: Peter Moss  SHARED LUNCH
9 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Elaine's home	10	11	12 Bible study 7:30p @ Ron & Jan's home Judges 3:7-31	13 Roving fellowship 9:30a @ Bill's home	14 Youth Group with Capernwray	15 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Ron Thomas WL: Tom Bennett
16	17 Young Adult's Bible study @ Ron & Jan's home	18 Coffee group 10:00a @ Glenyss' home	19	20	21 International evening @ the church	22 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Brian Carr WL: Paul Goble
23 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Aileen's home	24	25	26 Bible study 7:30p @ Tom & Glenyss' home Judges 4 & 5	27 Roving fellowship 10:00a @ Look Out Cafe	28	29 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Ron Thomas WL: Carl Brandt