

# 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



## ROPA & ANESU

The church family said farewell to Ropa and Anesu Kunaka last Sunday as they travel to Perth on the 6th July. They will be joining their mum, Marjorie, and starting new schools there next term. Driden will stay in Hamilton until the end of the year and then hopes to find employment in Perth. Please keep them in your prayers as they start this new phase in their lives.

It is also time to say goodbye to Daisy Mier's mother, Nahora, as she is returning to Colombia on the 11th July. We pray that she may travel safely and we look forward to seeing her next time she visits New Zealand.

Congratulations to Elaine Miles who is celebrating her 75th birthday in Hawaii with all her family. We look forward to hearing all about her trip when she comes home on the 16th July. Watch out for those volcanoes while you're there.

Welcome back to Doris Dominguez who has been visiting her mother in Spain for three months. It's great to hear that her mum is doing well after her surgery and is planning a NZ visit.



The older girls group are joining in the Bible Society "Bake for Bibles" project in the school holidays. They will be baking delicious animal cookies and will have them for sale at church later in July. All funds raised will go towards Bibles for China.

## SOUP LUNCH

On Sunday 15th July we will have an honouring age service followed by a soup lunch. All welcome!

## VISITORS FROM THAILAND

Chotika Pimsri (Ploy) and Nutjira Nilsakha (Parn) are visiting from Christian Mission Naratchakwai (CMN) in Thailand. They will be staying with the Bennett's in July and will be part of our church family during that time.



## KEY DATES

15th July - honouring age service and soup lunch

21st July - youth snow day

12th August - AGM & shared lunch

29th September - church working bee

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Elaine Miles

9th - Raewyn Moss

9th - Marjorie Kunaka

13th - Esme Walton

20th - Tom Bennett

22nd - Emily Walton

22nd - Emma Rose Gibney

25th - Maddi Bennett

## CONTACTS

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Bill Goble, Neville Brandt

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## YOUTH GROUP

On 8th June the youth put their baking skills to the test in Mardon road church's first "Hottest Home Baker" challenge. Faced with the task of making a delectable dessert with a can of condensed caramel, the teams raced down to the shops to gather ingredients for their original creations. There was chaos in the kitchen as the teams worked against the clock to prepare and present their desserts. Concerns were raised when the all-boys-team asked how to whip cream and boil water! They also put their cake in the oven 20 mins behind schedule... and we weren't quite sure of some of the other creations being put together (thank goodness some of the elements were left off the plates!)

In the end the youth pulled together their kitchen skills and 3 beautiful desserts were presented. Our guest ...

... judge, Glenn Peoples, chose the brownie as his favourite. Thanks to Tom and Glenyss for giving up their kitchen for the night. >>MB

On Saturday the 30th of June, the youth group ventured out to Orini for an evening playing spotlight. The low fog at the Gibney's property made for an eerie atmosphere, and masked the full moon, which made conditions perfect for the youth to run around the field, hiding from spotters. The group was organised into three teams and were told they had to pretend to smuggle Bibles from South Korea (the Gibney's driveway) to North Korea (The Gibney's back deck), while being chased by the communists (Tom, Maddi and Josh K). There were a range of different strategies used by the Bible smugglers to get into...

... North Korea, plenty involving tackling and dodging the communists' flashlights. Danielle found some success pretending to be a bush, while Michael somehow found a loophole in the North Korean's border security (by simply strolling down the side of the house undetected) and became a hero smuggling hundreds of Bibles across the border! Gareth and Dionne also had good strategies to outpace the North Koreans. Those North Koreans may have Kim Jong Un, but they sure can't Kim Jong run! Altogether it was a very fun night, topped off by a devotion from Maddi about being a light in the world!

Thanks to the Gibney family for opening their house to the youth group and feeding us so well. >>SB

### Next youth group:

**Snow day**

**21st July**

## JULY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Werner Schreiber WL: Tom Bennett
2	3 Leadership meeting 7:30p @ Neville's home	4 Coffee group 10:00a @ FirePot cafe	5	6	7	8 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Wayne Schache WL: Paul Goble
9 School holidays Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Elizabeth's home	10	11	12	13 Roving Fellowship 1150a Mid year luncheon @ Forest Lake Gardens & Bernice's home	14	15 Honouring Age service 10:30a Speaker: Paul Goble Soup lunch
16 School holidays	17	18	19	20	21 Youth Group Snow day	22 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Tom Bennett
23 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Joy's home	24	25	26 Bible Study 7:30p @ Kevin & Karen's home	27 Roving Fellowship 9:30a @ Brian & Janet's home	28	29 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Geoff Follis WL: Peter Moss