

The Lamb of God Chronicle

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REFLECTION... Things We Say, and Things We Don't

In this edition you will see the House Group Resource section challenges us to reflect on Scripture with regard to what we say, and what we don't. I do encourage you to read this and ponder how you go in these important areas.

Even working full time in a Christian Community I face times of struggle as people speak negatively before me of others and at times express outright bitterness. This usually reveals there is a lot going on inside that person as he or she struggles through some issue. But I do understand such struggles as I have faced many myself. But whatever is going on in our life does not justify negativity and bitterness toward others. It is wrong. Then again some people are negative in humour and attitude most all of the time, and they need be confronted in love - but confronted.

At the same time I can say 'my soul rejoices' when I am in the presence of positive and affirming people. What a difference and what a joy. We have many such people in the Lamb of God and I like to be near them! It rubs off. It is so good to hear a pastoral leader or member affirming others, speaking of their faithfulness, their qualities, and their service. It builds, and I am sure it is pleasing to God.

Yes, we are sinners on a journey but in our pastoral groups we have the opportunity of a place where we can share our lives and seek to grow. Let's do it - don't miss those special times with your house group.

Roger Foley: Senior Coordinator

STOP PRESS- just two vacancies left for Fiji Mission trip Sept 24 to Oct 6 so call Roger on 03 383 2631 or email Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz

OUR PEOPLE ...

Congratulations!

- Nathaniel Flynn [Roger and Veronica's grandson] for a silver at the Twizel rowing championships

With sadness, yet confidence in the Lord, we remember:

- Karyn and Neville Coutinho, as Karyn's grandmother recently passed away.

Guess Who...?

- Had a sore and bruised body from a fall off a bunk bed during the recent national leaders' meeting in Christchurch?

Joe Collins in NZ Catholic

Joe Collins [Auckland] has recently appeared in the NZ Catholic newspaper issue 311 dated March 8-21. Joe works as a youth coordinator at Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre for 12 to 24 year old youth. As a youth worker, Joe helps direct them out of alcohol, drug abuse, petty crime, truancy and gang involvement and reaches out to them through music development, performing arts, drama, arts and crafts, and sports. Joe attributes his being part of the Lamb of God to what he does. *"Being part of the youth ministry instilled in me everything that I am today. It taught me that there is more to it than doing the Monday to Friday thing and then Saturday it's the big party and Sunday you go to church and that's it. It gave me direction to pray every day, to never lose sight of what you want and to always help others, be of service to others."*

[Note to all Branch leaders: Please send your local news/snippets to Roger Foley or Tom Caballes so that we can acknowledge important occasions in the lives of our brothers and sisters and make sure we do not miss any of them.]

NEWS AND ARTICLES

South Island Branches Join Together

In March, leaders from our South Island Branches [Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch and Southern] met in Christchurch for prayer, sharing and planning. Various matters and opportunities were noted for future attention. A decision was made to bring together a South Island Service Team to serve and maximise our presence in the South Island. The SIST will comprise the present Christchurch Branch Service Team [mainly younger leaders] plus one brother each from Nelson, Blenheim and Southern.

Healing Sharings from Fr. John Rea

During a recent healing service in Queensland, we received a word of knowledge that the Lord was healing someone who had blurred vision through the left eye. The blurring was there because the eyeball was scarred. The next day a woman named Joy told me that the description fitted her condition except it was the right eye, not the left. She claimed the word despite this and woke that morning seeing clearly through both eyes. There are two lessons in this healing:

1. I frequently tell people at meetings, that I don't always get it right. If the Word fits more or less, claim it. Joy is a great example of that.
2. Healing often doesn't come immediately. It can be days or even a few weeks before a person knows the Lord has acted. For Joy it was overnight.

Fr. John Rea

Changes in Community Leadership

The National Council recently approved Dominic D'Sa and Tom Caballes [Auckland] as elders who have completed training and now move to confirmed as elders of the Lamb of God National Community. John Murray [Christchurch] was also approved as an elder in training.

Luan gives Time and Talent to Encounter

Jesus and More!

Luan Antao [Auckland] is pioneering a new initiative in Lamb of God! She is giving six months of her time to working with Encounter Jesus and young families here in Aotearoa New Zealand, and then with youth and families in the Patmos Community in Fiji. Luan was on the 2008 Mission Trip to Fiji and impressed with her wonderful personality and hard work. Before departure each person is assigned [not asked] a particular task and Luan landed the thankless and difficult task of arranging, organizing and assuring that teams were assigned for all tasks of cleaning, food preparation, setting up, and cleaning up- in fact, whenever a leading supervisor needed a set up or task team- Luan was to go get it done. That is not easy with limited resources and often very tired young people to motivate to service rather than succumbing to the heat and tiredness and looking for a siesta!



Luan and Clarice in Fiji

Luan also excelled in relating well to all ages, from the youngest team member [Clarice: age 14] through to the senior supervisory team, and she responded on the spot to give exhortations and talks in a variety of situations whilst in Fiji. During one of the long and hot walk to 'go buy food' at Deuba, Luan shared with Roger of her desire to take time off work and give time to the Lord's work. That's where it started. Within months we structured a New Zealand/Fiji package which will see Luan serving in youth work in all centres excepting her home branch of Auckland. That means Luan is something like a 'GAP' worker in her own community and also with our works in Fiji. It fits very well as all travel costs are picked up by Lamb of God and she will be accommodated in a variety of households in Blenheim, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch and then three months in Suva, Fiji. Luan has also signed up for the September 2009 Mission Trip and will have been in Fiji for a while before our team arrives. That has big advantages having her Fiji-side ahead of the team. At the least it means Roger's coffee will be hot and ready when he arrives [sigh].

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In Fiji Following the Disastrous Floods

Sincere thanks to those who responded to the needs of our people in Nadi. It is easy to 'hear' and do nothing, justifying we have our own bills to attend, or that famous person 'someone else'



will do it. I was blessed to see individual gifts as high as \$600 and others from children at \$5. So often people 'do nothing', thinking they can only donate a small amount so why bother. Believe me: the small amounts are important if you have lost so much. Thanks also to our brothers and sisters from the Antioch Community [London] and Word of Life [Ann Arbor] who transmitted funds directly to the Flood Appeal.

I went to Nadi last week of February, and following time with Pastor Timoci where we looked at the immediate urgent needs of individual families, I then met with the members of Cornerstone Lamb of God and distributed thousands of dollars aid in sealed envelopes to individual families. Over forty gifts were distributed. Getting to where our folk live was challenging as even six weeks later there was much water and access damage. Several of our people's homes had just less than six feet of water through and everything was extensively damaged. Unlike New Zealand there is not much one can do except wait until the water recedes, drag out your saturated beds and household effects, and hope you can somehow find a place to get things dry before they rot, fall to pieces, or fall prey to vermin. My lasting impression was of the 'deadness' in people's faces- there was little animation, rather a quiet resignation to the difficult road ahead. We are a part of that journey with the people of Cornerstone Lamb of God.

In the midst of all of the challenges the Lord brought joy with the birth of a baby in the midst of the floods. There are now seven couples and extended family groups in Cornerstone and numbering into the mid-forties. The group is 100% Protestant/Pentecostal and desiring to be connected with us in the Sword of the Spirit. This will not be 'community as we know it' but I am confident we will find a way forward and be enriched in relationship with Timoci and the people of Cornerstone Lamb of God.

Roger Foley



Baby Sulia with dad

Christchurch Family Dance

The Family Dance [a fund-raiser for Fiji] was again a great success! Bill McElhinney, Jamie Rodgers and Mike Cullimore [plus their drummer] again provided an environment for all ages to enjoy a wide range of entertainment and dance. From limbo to twist to rock n' roll to waltz it was a full on evening! Plus over \$1,000 was donated to the Fiji Mission team.



'CHALLENGES IN LIVING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY'
Resource for House Group Discussion by Roger Foley
'Your Tongue - A Blessing or A Curse?'
April 2009

The tongue is often described in negative ways in Scripture:

Psalm 64 [3] it can be sharpened like a sword

Psalm 140 [3] be like a serpent

Jeremiah 9 [3, 8] like a bow and deadly arrow to shoot lies

Jeremiah 18 [18] Jeremiah is 'attacked' with their tongues

Psalm 5 [9] it is used for deceit

Proverbs 25 [23] and for sly backbiting

...and for many other negative things.

But the same tongue is used to speak:

Psalm 35 [28] of the Lord's righteousness

Psalm 126 [2] and sing His praises

Proverbs 12 [18] and it can promote healing by what it declares

Yes, your tongue, can utter a 'blessing or a curse'

Scripture is clear and *directive* -

Psalm 34 [13] 'keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies'

Proverbs 21 [23] 'guard your mouth and tongue and keep from calamity'

James 1:26 'if anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, deceives himself and his religion is worthless'

What we say can reveal the 'pulse' of our maturity in Christ.

In the Lamb of God, we have two opportunities:

1. We can help each other to 'mature' the tongue
2. Or we can re-enforce the sin of the way a brother or sister speaks

Yes, we can help or hinder our brother or sister- our *choice and decision*

Discussion suggestions:

1. How do you think you would feel if a brother or sister talked to you about something you had said which they thought was negative or gave offence? Do you think you would be able to 'receive and handle it?'
2. Have you any thoughts on how we might best help each other 'keep our tongues from evil and our lips from lies? - Psalm 34:13
3. How can we all work to strengthen affirmation and positive talk?

KAIROS NEW ZEALAND YOUTH NEWS

PJTSTOP '09

WILL

Give YOU the GEAR to...

Identify distractions

Live a Holy Spirit-filled life

Learn God's Will for YOUR life

AND

Equip YOU to survive daily life.

Come and see for yourself....

PJTSTOP '09 Youth Conference - Be there!

VENUE

St Mary's Parish Centre, 61 Maxwell Road, Blenheim (03) 578 0038

DATE/TIME

The youth conference will commence at 1pm Friday, April 17 and will conclude at 2pm Sunday, April 19. The deadline for registration is on April 1 – hosting space is limited so register early to secure your accommodation.

FEES

Registration will cost \$30 per person for weekend costs and billets; \$50 for 2 from same family; and \$60 for 3 or more from the same family.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

PJTSTOP Manager - Kerry O'Neil (03) 578-2023

koneil@nettel.net.nz

Or go to: <http://www.kairossp.com/pitstop09.htm>

Kairos New Zealand Schedule of Events – 2009

Apr 04	Kairos Youth Leaders Training	[Auckland]
Apr 17-19	Pit Stop Youth Conference	[Blenheim]
Apr 17-19	EJ Boys/Girls Weekend	[Auckland]
May 29-31	Mid-Winter V	[Christchurch]
June 20	Kairos Youth Leaders Training	[Auckland]
July 04	Kairos Youth Rally	[Auckland]
July 16-19	Winter Oasis	[Auckland]
Sep 24 – Oct 6	Fiji Mission trip	[Fiji]
Oct 03	Kairos Youth Leaders Training	[Auckland]
Oct 17	EDGE Family Night	[Auckland]
Dec 11	Kairos Christmas Party	[Auckland]
Jan 10-14	Summer Oasis 2010	[Christchurch]
Jan 15-16	S/O Leaders Training	[Christchurch]

WEB SITES WORTH NOTING

KAIROS South Pacific Web Site – go take a look ...

Check it out at- www.kairossp.com

You can network and chat with other young people by going to this website:

<http://www.kairossp.com/kairosspnzchatroom.htm>

We designated every Friday night at 10pm as a time to meet other young people.

Sign up [free] for Youth Culture Newsletter

The most recent edition of the Youth Culture Newsletter is now available online. It will no longer be sent to you via the Lamb of God e-mail list but you can get it at this link-

<http://www.kairos-na.org/youthculturenewsletter.htm>

This is a recommended Sword of the Spirit publication for youth and parents.

Living Bulwark Sword of the Spirit - Recommended!

This Sword of the Spirit on-line publication has received more than 43,000 visits (an average of 135 visits each day) in its first year. All back issues for the past 12 months can be found at: <http://www.swordofthespirit.net/bulwark/archives.htm>. The current issue of the online magazine can be seen at: www.swordofthespirit.net/bulwark/index.html .

**FR. JOHN REA HEALING MINISTRY
ITINERARY FOR 2009**

18-26 April	Ministry with "Disciples of Jesus", Perth
28 April-03 May	Ministry with "Holy Spirit of Freedom", Perth
04-08 May	Parish Retreat, Hilton, Perth
10-14 May	Seminar for "Disciples of Jesus", Sydney
22-24 May	One Day Retreat and Healing Service, Te Puna/Tauranga
05-09 June	Seminar for "Servants of Jesus", Sydney
12-14 June	Healing Services, St. Benedict's, Canberra
22-30 June	Healing Services, Auckland with Lamb of God Community
JULY	RECESS
08-16 August	Dove Fellowship and Healing Services in Christchurch
24-31 August	Healing Services, "Sword of the Spirit", Miami
03-13 September	Healing Services, "People of Hope", New Jersey
14-20 September	Healing Services, "People of God", Pittsburgh PA
21 Sept- 03 Oct	Healing Services, "Work of Christ", Lansing MI
05- 31 October	Samoa. Carmelite Retreat and ministry for Archbishop Alapati
08 – 18 November	South Island Healing Services with Lamb of God Community

FR JOHN MINISTRY IN THE LAMB OF GOD

AUCKLAND in JUNE

Monday 22 June to Tuesday 30 June, Healing Meetings in various locations

CHRISTCHURCH and WEST COAST in AUGUST

Sunday 09	Lamb of God Centre Healing Meeting
Monday 10	Fr John speaks on 'Mary'
Tuesday 11	Fr John speaks on 'Marriage'
Wednesday 12	Fr John speaks on 'Gifts of the Spirit'
Thursday 13	Fr John speaks on 'Faith'
Friday 14	Greymouth: Healing Meeting
Saturday 15	Free day
Sunday 16	Lamb of God Centre Healing Meeting

CHRISTCHURCH, BLENHEIM and WELLINGTON in NOVEMBER

Sunday 22 November to Sunday 29 November	
Sunday 22	Lamb of God Centre Healing Meeting
Monday 23	Life in the Spirit: part one
Tuesday 24	Life in the Spirit: part two
Wednesday 25	Lamb of God Centre Healing Meeting
Thursday 26	Blenheim Branch Healing Meeting
Friday 27	Free day and travel
Saturday 28	Wellington: Gifts Seminar [half day]
Sunday 29	Wellington: Gathering and prayer Gifts Spirit

SENDING NEWS FOR CHRONICLE PUBLICATION

Branches are encouraged to email news, happenings and snippets to Tom Caballes at josethomascaballes@gmail.com. Each issue is closed around the 20th of the month.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OUR RECORDS

Membership Records and Data: Branch leaders are responsible to keep updated records and then email all new attendee additions, deletions, address and phone changes, births, deaths, transfers, etc to -

Tom Caballes josethomascaballes@gmail.com
and copy to Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz

BIRTHDAY INFORMATION

[day and month, but year is optional] Branch leaders are asked to keep updated records and email all new attendee additions to –

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[3] The Chronicle has a national and international mailing schedule. If you know of others wishing to be added, notify Lamb_of_God@clear.net.nz.

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of April

SURNAME	NAMES	DATE	BRANCH
Jackson	Mark Mary	01/04	Blenheim
Anngow	Peter Debbie	03/04	Christchurch
Zalamea	Henri Cutie	05/04	Central
Greig	Terry Sue	09/04	Blenheim
Homes	Steven Judy	11/04	Southern
Lobo	Brian Joan	18/04	Auckland
Machado	Steven Lolita	18/04	Auckland
McKenzie	Jonathan Helen	18/04	Christchurch
Fernandes	Basil Reena	21/04	Auckland
Van Doorn	Robert Karin	21/04	Christchurch
Roberts	Chris Catherine	22/04	Christchurch
Forster	Bernard Andrea	24/04	Christchurch
Gomes	Joseph Theresa	26/04	Auckland
Foley	Roger Veronica	28/04	Christchurch

Birthdays for April

SURNAME	NAME	BIRTHDAY	BRANCH
Fonseca	Neil	01/04	Auckland
Matthews	Amelia	01/04	Christchurch
Matthews	Isabella	01/04	Christchurch
D'Mello	Richard	03/04	Auckland
Donald	Cherylyn	03/04	Auckland
Collins	Anila	04/04	Auckland
McKenzie	Danielle	04/04	Christchurch
Stolten	James	07/04	Auckland
Pinto	Ajit	09/04	Auckland
Hollingsworth	Blanche	10/04	Auckland
Saldanha	Denver	10/04	Auckland
D'Souza	Rachel	11/04	Auckland
O'Connell	Stephanie	11/04	Nelson
Van Der Werff	Imelda	12/04	Christchurch
Antao	Deanne	13/04	Auckland
Sison	Stephen	13/04	Wellington
Fonseca	Nilesh	14/04	Auckland
Fredericks	Marie	15/04	Christchurch
Sequeira	Nicole	16/04	Christchurch
Staite	Diane	16/04	Nelson
Carvalho	Ivan	17/04	Auckland
Mascarenhas	Melina	17/04	Auckland
McElhinney	Bill	17/04	Blenheim
D'Souza	Mira	18/04	Auckland
Finnigan	Anne	18/04	Central
Misst	Bob	18/04	Auckland
Elliott	Ron	19/04	Christchurch
McCormick	Kevin	19/04	Auckland
Pinto	Daniel	20/04	Auckland
Rufino	Nikkie	20/04	Wellington
Dias	Joshua	21/04	Auckland
Joslen	Bruce	21/04	Christchurch
Lowe	Brian	21/04	Auckland
Rajkumar	Francis	21/04	Auckland
Caballes	Alexa	22/04	Wellington
Forster	Patrick	23/04	Southern
Leatitagaloa	Tili	23/04	Auckland
Cullimore	Carol	24/04	Blenheim
McCormick	Sarah	24/04	Auckland
Price	Gail	24/04	Blenheim
Lim	Judy	25/04	Auckland
Anngow	Mary	26/04	Christchurch
Anngow	Peter	26/04	Christchurch
Fernandes	Austin	26/04	Auckland
D'Souza	Leander	27/04	Auckland
Geneta	Apollo	27/04	Central
Westbury	Sandy	27/04	Nelson

Donald	Bruce	28/04	Auckland
Martis	Elias	28/04	Auckland
D'Silva	Seadon	29/04	Auckland
D'Souza	Allan	30/04	Auckland
Lowe	Harry	30/04	Auckland

Prayerwatch - Soldiers Of Christ, Arise!

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverb 18: 10

Over previous months I have looked at the 'Armour of God' Ephesians 6: 13-18. God has made other provisions for our divine protection and the 'Name of the Lord' is one of these. The power in the Name of the Lord is not used in a superstitious or magical way but exercised in faith in Who the Lord is and what his name means. The scriptures tell us that ***'all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered [or saved]'*** Joel 2: 32, Acts 2: 21. Romans 10: 9-13 tells us as we confess with our lips that 'Jesus is Lord', we take his Name upon ourselves and into our lives and as we believe in our hearts that God has raised Jesus from the dead, so we are saved. We need to call on the 'Name of the Lord' for his protection, his deliverance, his victory as there is no other name we are saved by, from the hand of the enemy. Jesus told us to pray 'in His Name' as it is only through Him that we have access to the Father. By Jesus being obedient to the Father and his atoning work for us on the Cross, that we who believe and put our faith in him have access to God the Father, in His Name. John 14: 6, 13-14; 15: 16; 16: 23-24.

Lamb of God Prayer Watch - Prayer Intentions

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Against strongholds of Apathy, Witchcraft, Confusion and other named spirits.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER *Protect and bless the life and mission of*

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, Patmos Community [Fiji], Vanuatu Group, Light of Christ [Nelson], The Covenanted Community For Christ, [Penang & Taiping], Lamb of God Nadi Branch, [Fiji] Protect and bless their life and mission.

FAMILY Auckland: Chris, Shalini and Denver Saldahana, Keith & Rohini Lewis, Jo & Anila Collins, Mira & Alwin D'Souza, Gladys Gomes, Bernie MacNevin, Elvis & Andrea D'Silva, Peter Celestine, Yvonne D'Souza, Basil & Reena Fernandes, Ivan and Sheila D'Souza, Joseph & Teresa Gomes, Elizabeth Locke, Dominic, Sandra & Francis Rajkumar, Karyn & Neville Coutinho, Wayne & Michelle Cammell's, **Central:** Orencio & Riza Gueco, Jun & Angie Briguera, Cutie Zalamea, **Blenheim:** Jamie & Judith Rodgers, Mark & Mary Jackson, **Christchurch:** Roger & Veronica Foley & Family, Robert & Karen Van Doorn & Family, Darren & Julie Humphries, Bev Cummins, Philip & Alison Middlemiss, Lesley Tilston, Bernard & Andrea Forster, **Southern:** John & Janet MacManus, Richard & Christine May, Margaret & Alan McKenzie

HEALING CANCER Auckland: Christine Pinto, Sandra Middlecote, **Central:** Bryan Scoullar, **Blenheim:** Carol Cullimore, David Aberhart, Tony Price, **Christchurch:** Reima Petersen, Tai Stirling, Margaret Considine,

HEALING HEART Auckland: Winona D'Costa, Alfred Saldanha, Allan Carvalho, Maria dos Anjos D'Souza, **Central:** Paul Oliver, **Blenheim:** Chris Fredericks, Jamie Rodgers

Christchurch: Dorelle Ham, Undine Cavanagh, Philip Middlemiss, Chris O'Connell

HEALING Auckland: Thomas Hong, Edward D'Souza, Peter D'Souza, Chris Saldanha, Ceejay Rodrigues, Mira D'Souza, TJ Brown & Samuel, Elise D'Souza, Valeri Menezes, Cheryl Lobo, Kati Cammel, Wendell Fernandez, Shalini Saldana, Jesse and Peter Delgado, Fatima Joy, Audrey Cabral, Marinelle Misst, Collin and Vimath Sequeira, Ruby Lowe, Tili Leatitagaloa, Philomena Lobo, Tony Antao, Susan Dias, Chrisanne Antao, Lovlin Franswah, Sheila D'Souza, Cynthia Braganza, Dorothy Fernandez, Sandra Rajkumar, Luiza & Luan Antao, **Central:** Stephanie O'Connell, Raphael (Bubbles) Rufino, Alice Rufino, Sharon Powick, Michael Powick, **Blenheim:** Peter Greig, Josiah Grieg, Grace Weston, Mike Garrett, **Christchurch:** Lisa Borkus, Karin Van Doorn, Chris Aston Grieve, Veronica Foley, David Black, Siobhan Forster, Andrea Forster, Catherine Roberts, **Southern:** Fr Merv McGettigan, Daniel MacManus, Steven & Judy Homes & Family, Sara Homes

BEREAVMENT Auckland: Arun & Christine Fonseca, **Central:** Paul & Christine Oliver, **Blenheim:** Carol & Mike Cullimore, **Patmos:** Joe & Sinead Kado

OTHER NEEDS Auckland: Stanley & Teresa D'Souza & Family, Keith & Rohini Lewis & Family, Mark & Elizabeth Stolten, Sean D'Silva, Bradley Pinto, Bob Misst, Greg Hall,

COVERING PRAYER

National Council, Kairos Ministries, Branch Life, Lamb of God Centre, Branch Visitations, Clustering in Auckland, Ministry of Fr John Rea, Employment of Members, Light of Christ Special Ministry, Wellington branch [sickness among extended family], "PITSTOP 09" Blenheim, 17-19 April

Roger Foley to Sword of the Spirit meetings 27 April – 2 May
Preparations, Travel, God's blessing on meetings, etc

"I have made you a Watchman" Ezekiel 33: 7