



e-mmaus news

September 2008

New Zealand Emmaus Community

Greetings

With our busy lives, diaries filled with meetings, conferences, retreats, exams and other family commitments, it is understandable that some of our community members missed out on our 10th anniversary celebration, held on the 7th June. The celebration coincided with the 4th day gathering for the first two walks of the year. Many of the new pilgrims attended and what an amazing experience to have been in the company of the wider Auckland community.

The evening was filled with a little surprise for everyone. The decoration of the hall, the delicious variety of food, the show for the children, while the adults were spiritually filled by an amazing puppet show, the music and just God's awesome presence helped to make this celebration a memorable one.

With all that behind us, it is once again time to prepare for the last two walks of the year. The two teams are organised and well on their spiritual journey of team training days. The first training day held on the 2nd August was a huge success and I'm sure all the team members felt God moving amongst His handpicked servants.

We need the prayers of the whole Auckland Emmaus community to ensure all men and women are moving closer to our heavenly Father. Now is the time to approach pilgrims and to forward their names to the prayer directors so that they can start praying for them.

De Colores

Bernadette Paulse

Newsletter Editor

Message from the Community Lay Director

Greetings in the Name of Christ to you all

We are fast approaching the next set of walks and we require your help in the following matters.

Mens #35 October 16th - 19th

Women's #36 November 6th - 9th

The Prayer Vigil

I have sent this to Charles Jones for circulation and Board members to arrange for slots to be filled. Please fill in these time slots online or contact Charles Jones, the Emmaus Board Prayer Vigil Co-ordinator.

Pilgrims

Please get the application forms to Janet Huddleston ASAP as time is running out for sponsorship and arranging of Agape letters. Application forms can be downloaded from the website.

Position

We are looking for someone to take over the SUPPLIES position on the Board. For these sets of walks we need someone to provide the **small agape bags** for the **pilgrims guide and cross**.

Commissioning

Please Support Robert Hemp, Rykie Smit and their teams by attending Commissioning **at 4pm on Saturday 4th October at Crossroads Methodist Church Papakura.**

Thank you

Lloyd Rigby
Auckland Community Lay Director

Men's Walk #35 – 16-19 October 2008

Lay Director: Robert Hemp
Prayer Director: Dennis Peat
Spiritual Director: Peter Benzie

Women's Walk # 36 - 6-9 November 2008

Lay Director: Rykie Smit
Prayer Director: Belinda van Gruting
Spiritual Director: Julia Vincent (nee Emmit)

From The Kitchen Co-ordinator:

Kitchen duties are fun and there is no preparation time needed. So, if you are at all interested in helping at the next walks next year, please e-mail me or leave a message on my voicemail at home. Home baking is much appreciated by the team and pilgrims, so please let me know if you can provide home baking, as well.

Belinda van Gruting

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Support Crew Sign Up Sheet for Walk 35 & 36

Yes, I would like to be a member of the support crew for

Walk 35 October 16 - 19

Walk 36 November 6 - 9

Entertainment

I would like to be involved in the entertainment for Saturday Night

Behind the scenes

I can

Serve meals & work in the kitchen

Participate in the 72-hour Prayer vigil

Help with facilities setup on Thursday 6.30pm

Arrive at camp at 6.30pm to meet/greet and pray for participants

Prepare home baking for the weekend

Provide table agape for the walk

Help with facilities cleanup and set up for closing on Sunday 2.00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emmaus Walk # _____

Please email the completed form to pandsnaidoo@xtra.co.nz

For your Reunion Group

Working on a Walk is always a special growth opportunity and I find that I constantly learn from the pilgrims as well. It was no different on Walk #34 where I was one of the Assistant Spiritual Directors.

During the group discussion after one of the talks, one of our pilgrims shared the following accountability questions with us, which I would like to share with you:

- What Scripture passage are you currently **meditating** on?
- Which fruit of the Spirit are you currently **cultivating**?
- What sin are you seeking to **eliminate**?
- Which spiritual discipline have you been **practising**?
- Where have you seen God at work or active this week/fortnight?
- How can I pray for you?
- Here is an evidence of grace I see in your life...

These questions can be used as an alternative to the standard questions by your Reunion Group. Or if you are not (yet) part of a Group, use them as growth markers for yourself or with your Church Home Group. My husband and I use them with each other and have found them invaluable and challenging in our daily walk – for Sunday and for Monday!

I encourage you to write them out and stick them on the fridge at home or on your toolbox or computer at work. **As Deuteronomy 6:6-9 says:** *“You must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates”.*

Why not use this passage as a starting point for your next Reunion Group meditation?

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Tina Toschi

Birthdays

Congratulations to all those who celebrated birthdays between June and September. Our birthdays are special days to remember and celebrate the fact that, “we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10) **YOU WERE SHAPED FOR SERVING GOD!** (The Purpose Driven Life-Rick Warren.)

Anniversaries

Congratulations to all those who celebrated a marriage anniversary, whether it is just a few months, one or many years. Marriage is a sacred matrimony and as Amazing Christians we should pray for all marriages.

Bereavement

Our sincere condolences accompany this newsletter to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Our community empathise with you, in your time of grief. In Matthew 5:4 we have the promise that “those who mourn will be comforted.”

Diarise!!!

- Approach a pilgrim: write down possible names to pray about and approach.
- Commissioning
- Return Crew Sign Up form
- Contact Charles Jones and sign up for **prayer vigil** during Men and Women’s Walks
- **Candle lighting** Men and Women’s Walks – Crossroads Methodist Church Papakura
- Closing ceremonies Men and Women’s Walks – Chosen Valley
- Daily prayer for TEAMS and PILGRIMS

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