



e-mmaus news

New Zealand Emmaus Community

February 2009

Greetings To All

On behalf of the Board I would like to greet the entire community in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ and wish you all God's peace throughout the year. May you and your families be filled with His joy so that you can cheerfully spread peace and happiness to those around you.

Personally I get so excited every time I communicate and connect with you, the most emmazing community. My sincere prayer is that, as you read the newsletter, you will feel a special connection with every member, not just in the Auckland community, but also with those across the country and all the Emmaus communities around the world. As each community prepares their walks for this year, they rely on your faithful prayers.

My prayer for the entire community comes from Ephesians 1:15-18 – that God may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, and that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened.

In your quiet time, please think prayerfully of your role in the Emmaus Community for the New Year. This newsletter contains important dates and activities, which need your prayer, but mostly your action. If you have not been actively involved since your Walk, now is the time to commit yourself to one of the roles. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal God's will for you to participate actively. Have you ever be prompted to serve on a team? You know, giving a talk? No? What about just a table leader or assistant table leader?? Or would you like to RING THE BELL!!!

E-mail me with any interesting news/events so that we can celebrate with you and keep you in prayer.

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Bernadette Paulse

Newsletter Editor

Support Crew Sign Up Sheet for Future Walks

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

- Men's Walk 37 – Scout Camp Motu Moana, 90 Connaught St Blockhouse Bay
21-24 May 2009
- Women's Walk 38 – Scout Camp Motu Moana , 90 Connaught St Blockhouse Bay
4-7 June 2009
- Men's Walk 39
15-18 October 2009
- Women's Walk 40
12-15 November 2009

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 set-up 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 clean-up and set-up for closing on Sunday 2.00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emmaus Walk # _____

Please email to Sylvie Naidoo pandsnaidoo@xtra.co.nz.

While the walks are on we need the support of the entire community in the following Emmaus special moments. Please note that the first two walks will take place at the Scout Camp in Blockhouse Bay, which means, closing will also be at that venue.

➤ **Prayer Vigil**

Please consider signing up for the 72-hour prayer vigil on the roster throughout the weekends above. We know that the Hand of God moves when we humble ourselves before Him to pray for others. To register your slot go to www.3dayol.org and follow the instructions. – Prayer vigil – Auckland Emmaus Community – Select your slot, sign up and it gives you all the instructions you need. Or contact Charles Jones to slot you in – chajane@paradise.net.nz

➤ **Prayer Chapel – Thursday night @ 7:30**

On the first evening of the walk, members of the community gather in prayer at the venue while the team and the new pilgrims begin their weekend. It is especially important for sponsors to attend this.

➤ **Candle Lighting – Saturday night @ 7:45 – first two walks will be held at St Peter's in Onehunga.**

Another new venue to familiarise yourself with. Candle lighting is a memorable experience for the pilgrims, but we need YOU the community to be God's angels here on earth. The Angels of Heaven cry holy, holy, holy is the Lord!! What a privilege to support the angels in heaven.

➤ **Closing Ceremony – Sunday afternoon @ 4pm**

We want to see YOU there when the Saints come marching in!! Please make sure of the new venue...

From the book table

A few of our friends in South Auckland have formed a book club and meet once a month to discuss our favourite books. Below is a list of books, which have been encouraging to the ladies in their individual circumstances and personal walk with God.

- * The Believer's Authority – Kenneth E Hagin
- * Heaven is so real -
- * What happens when women pray – Evelyn Christenson
- * Knowing God – J I Packer
- * Honest to God – Bill Hybels
- * This side of peace – Hanan Ashrawi
- * Soul Survivor – Philip Yancy
- * The most important person on earth – Dr Myles Munroe
- * One minute promises of comfort – Steve Miller
- * Keeping the Sabbath Wholly – Marva J Dawn

Prayer Requests

A lot of us are involved in different prayer groups and pray for different people and issues. If you have any prayer requests that you would like the community to pray for, we would like to support you in prayer. Please pray for the following issues:

- Teenagers
- Marriages
- Financial Difficulties
- Unity in churches
- Leadership in schools
- Job opportunities
- Job security

Studies

For those of you who are studying this year, we would like to wish you all the best. May God bless you with spiritual gifts throughout this year and may you experience His presence when you need answers. May you grow spiritually as you seek His guidance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Congratulations to all those who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries between September and December. Also, special blessings to those of you who have celebrated birthdays and anniversaries early in this year. These special dates are inscribed in the palm of His hand and we celebrate and give thanks unto Him who has formed us in our mothers' wombs. May you be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Eph.3:19).

Bereavement

Our sincere condolences accompany this newsletter to those community members who have experienced the loss of a loved one. As a community we also pray for those in our country who have lost loved ones during the festive season. Our thoughts and prayers are also with the communities in Australia who have tragically lost loved ones and possessions in the recent bushfires and floods.

Members of our community abroad

If you are in contact with members of the community who have moved to a different country, please forward the newsletter to them. If you know of anything interesting that they are doing, please let me know so that we can put it in the next newsletter.

Last but not least

Preparations for the next set of walks are well underway. Please keep our Lay Directors **Kelera Waqa** and **Mike Walton** in your prayers as they prepare themselves and their teams to fulfil the purpose of Emmaus (to bring men and women closer to God). The Prayer Director for the Men's Walk is **Bradley Hamilton**. **Sybil Rinqest** and **Lupe Smythe** are the Prayer Directors for the Ladies' Walk. The Spiritual Director for the Men is **Alan Oliver**. Please forward the names of any potential pilgrims to our Prayer Directors so that they can start praying.

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