



e-mmaus news

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New Zealand Emmaus Community

Grace and peace to you ...

I am sure our emmazing Emmaus community knows that this is how the apostle Paul started his letters to the different communities in his time. In our modern times we mainly hear this greeting in church from the pulpit. What about some of our friends and family members who do not attend church? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we started greeting each other in this way on a daily basis? It is always so inspiring when friends and family end their letters, emails or text messages with "God bless"!

As we prepare ourselves for the Easter weekend, we have the assurance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day ... Let us enter the weekend solemnly and reflect on God's amazing love and grace to us.

We don't have to do a thing to receive His love but, as a community, we have the privilege of being His hands and feet. The teams for our next set of walks have been very busy preparing and training for an emmazing weekend for our new pilgrims. Have you been praying for a pilgrim to experience a wonderful weekend with God?

This newsletter is another reminder of the exciting few months ahead:



- **Saturday 18 April 2009 – Crossroads Methodist Church, Papakura @ 4pm**
Commissioning of our Men and Women teams. This is open to everybody.
- **21 - 24 May 2009 – Men's Walk #37 – Scout Camp Motu Moana, 90 Connaught St Blockhouse Bay**
- **4 - 7 June 2009 – Women's Walk #38 – Scout Camp Motu Moana, 90 Connaught St Blockhouse Bay**
- **Prayer Vigil** – Please consider signing up for the 72hour 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 <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml> and select the Auckland Emmaus Community. Then select your time-slot(s) and sign up – it gives you all the instructions you need. Or, if you don't have internet access, please contact the relevant Prayer Director (see below).
- **Prayer Chapel – Thursday night @ 7:30**
This is an hour before the start of the walk. Members of the community gather in prayer at the venue as the team and the new pilgrims begin their weekend.
- **Candlelight – Saturday night @7:45 – to be held at St Peter's in Onehunga.**
Another new venue with which to familiarise yourself. Candlelight 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 ...

Prayer requests:

- Our Lay Directors **Kelera Waqa** and **Mike Walton** and their teams.
- The Prayer Directors **Bradley Hamilton**, **Sybil Rinquest** and **Lupe Smythe**.
- The Spiritual Directors **Allan Oliver**, **Julia Vincent** and their Assistant Spiritual Directors.
- Financial difficulties – a reality for many families
- Job opportunities - several people have lost their jobs since the last newsletter
- Job security- several people feel insecure since the last newsletter
- Students - perseverance
- Travelling – those who need to travel abroad
- Families – reconciliation
- The sick.

Contact Prayer Directors with names of pilgrims:

Bradley Hamilton: blhamilton@clear.net.nz

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Lupe Smythe: lupesmythe@yahoo.co.nz



Last but not least:

Please fill in the **Support Crew Sign Up Sheet for Future Walks** in the previous newsletters.

Just a reminder to e-mail me any interesting news to share in the next newsletter.

May you, your families and your wider church communities commemorate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ this Easter.

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