



Word of Life
New Zealand

THE **MISSION** OF
WORD OF LIFE
IS TO
EVANGELISE
AND **DISCIPLE**
YOUTH IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH LOCAL
CHURCHES

MAKE an IMPACT

Leave a legacy

HOW DO YOU VIEW the world? Not the created earth but the people in the world. When you see the world what are your thoughts? Does it seem like an impossible task to reach them for Christ? What are the opportunities? What are the possibilities? Can you make an impact even if it seems small?

I HAVE BEEN THINKING about how God takes someone out of obscurity and creates a legacy of blessing in their lives. Our speaker at our Labour weekend camp, Graham Ashby, was plucked out of what would seem an impossible environment to become a major impacter of the gospel in our country. I have a Pastor friend who was a very “active” teenager (to put it nicely) but got saved and now leads a vibrant church in Tauranga seeing souls come to Christ. A key leader in our worldwide ministry of Word of Life recently shared how his father had witnessed a horrific scene in his home as a child but got saved and has left a lasting legacy of many family members who have been saved. His family continues that legacy of sharing their faith today. I have been reminded that every soul is an opportunity to make a difference for Christ. Never underestimate what Christ will do with a soul surrendered to Him.

AS WE HEAD TOWARD CHRISTMAS we remember something that seemed like a pretty insignificant event to the world. A virgin gave birth to a child in a stable. No one really knew who she was, but what appeared irrelevant to the world would change the course of history. This little child would bring redemption to the whole world (LUKE1:26-38). Did Mary and Joseph understand it all at this point? I am sure they didn't. However, they were obedient to do what God asked of them and their obedience impacted the world forever. *“For nothing will be impossible with God.”* Luke 1:37

ARE YOU ALLOWING the Holy Spirit to speak to you about a lost soul? I encourage you to start praying for one soul and trusting the Holy Spirit to bring them to faith in Christ. You will never know how this one step of obedience could make a radical change to your neighbourhood, your church, your city, your country or this world. Let the reminder of the impact Christ made on this world, no matter how insignificant His beginning seemed, spur you on to make an impact for the cause of Christ this coming year.

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We have seen God at work this year within our team, throughout NZ, Fiji, Samoa and beyond! Join us in celebrating all that He has done.



“...you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- Acts 1:8



STAFF



DAVE & AINSLEY

We had a great time in New York studying at the Bible Institute during the 2015/2016 school year. Along with everything we learned, we loved having the time and space to dream and plan for how we can serve together in ministry with Word of Life. Since arriving home in September we have spent time with family, helped out with Word of Life camp and visited friends and supporters down South. We are glad to be back and excited for all next year will bring.

INTERNS

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN... “one of the most inspiring, exciting, and stressful years of my life. I was pushed hard, but it was so fulfilling because I was able to grow in my relationship with God so much and apply my faith in ministry. I thank God for the opportunity to serve in a ministry that is so passionate about evangelism and discipleship.”
DAN GILLESPIE

“the most challenging yet thrilling year yet. My ministry capabilities have been stretched and my relationship with God has grown beyond what I could ever imagine. I am so grateful for this opportunity God provided.”
KIRSTY LICKFOLD

“an unexpected and unforgettable journey for me. Many new skills have been learnt and I’ve been pushed in many new areas. I truly value the accountability, mentoring and the family atmosphere at the office.”
ISAAC JONES

“a year of deepening my relationship with Christ, extending my ministry ability and being part of a community of believers. I am incredibly thankful for the foundations that were formed this year and know they will remain with me for the rest of my life. I look forward to continue serving the Lord wherever He may lead.”
JACONE du PLESSIS

“one of the most testing and stretching times of my life, especially my responsibilities in the Events department. My study and ministry requirements, although difficult at times, have definitely shaped me into who I am today. I thank the Lord for all the work He has done in my life.”

NICK HOUGHTON



LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY

PERSONAL GROWTH

Local Church Ministries exists to equip, resource and train leaders to do youth ministry with excellence. We hope you are encouraged by the following testimonies of diligence and growth.

"I like the Olympians programme at my church because I get to see my friends and have a lesson from the Bible learning about God. I also like that I can bring my unsaved friends."

- JOSH, 11



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

"The Interactive Quiet Time Diary is way better than anything I've used before. When I'm reading the Bible it's hard to follow what it's talking about, but the Interactive Diary asks questions that make it easier to think about and understand the verses I'm reading. My quiet time is really challenging now because it pinpoints what the Bible is saying and how I can apply that to my life." - EMMA, 15

DISCIPLESHIP



"One of the girls from youth group approached me early this year about being discipled. I had already noticed her spiritual growth and a developing hunger for God's word. She had returned from a teen camp eager to grow closer to God and be challenged in her faith. We started meeting together once a week to discuss life, the Bible and pray together. This has been an encouragement and challenge to me as we help each other be more diligent in our prayer and study of the Word. She is always coming up with creative and artistic ways to be in the Word of God and it has been a blessing to get to know her more, to answer her questions and to help her develop a heart that hungers after God." - ALISON, 28 (full time student and youth group volunteer)

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

"Ministering to Millennials"

Keynote Speaker: Mike Calhoun

Coming Soon!

11 FEBRUARY 2017

Location: Hamilton

Contact: nathanmartin@wol.org.nz

Save the Date Now!

EVENTS

2016

- 9 Cities
- 12 Salvation decisions
- 21 Recommitments
- 1,200 young people

volleyball tournament in Christchurch! "Dress to Impress" will be back again with a new theme — SPOTS AND STRIPES!

We have had a great year of events enjoying many epic nights of competition and community. Throughout the course of the year we saw 33 people respond as they were exposed to the gospel - some for the very first time!

Our prayer for 2017 is for many more to receive Christ as their personal Saviour. Looking forward to the new year, we are planning to add two Olympian Games (an event for Intermediate aged youth) and a

2017

- New "Dress 2 Impress"
- 3 New Events
- More decisions for Christ!

DAN & NICK
Event Coordinators



CAMP

Our vision for Camp is *"every life touched and changed for eternity"*. As we reflect on everything that happened over those four days, we can only give thanks to God for how He used the weekend to impact lives for eternity.



ROELIEN du PLESSIS

"The best part of camp for me was discovering God for the first time. Surrounded by the example of other Christians, I realised the way I wanted to live my life and that there is support to help me live that way."

Our annual youth camp took on a pirate theme this year as eight crews battled to find an ancient buried treasure. They built rafts and bravely sailed down the river in search of buried treasure as their rafts disintegrated underneath them. Needless to say, it was an action packed weekend for the 250 youth and leaders who attended. Our guest speaker,

Graham Ashby, spoke on 'identity', and challenged the young people about where they find their value. Several young people were convicted and encouraged over the weekend including thirteen teenagers who made first time commitments to Christ. There were many more teens who rededicated their lives to Christ.



CHARLES & TINA—FIJI

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”
- 1 Timothy 2:3-4



I THANK GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS to my family and me. He has taken care of our needs especially our children and provided the opportunity to attend the Pacific Rim Word of Life Conference. We were really encouraged by what the Lord is doing in other parts of the world and challenged by the theme “Together we serve.”

2016 HAS TAUGHT US TO TRUST God and His Sovereignty instead of our plans and timetable. We thought we had figured out how we were going to do ministry this year but God had other plans for us. Cyclone Winston, which happened in February, changed all that and opened doors in ways we couldn't have imagined possible in reaching out to the 9 villages on Charles' home island. Praise God for the churches and individuals He has touched to bless those in need who lost their homes and livelihood during this cyclone.

LOOKING AHEAD, we have the opportunity, upon the request of a pastor from the mainstream church, to help with their young people. This has resulted in a combined youth camp from 1-5 December 2016. “Youth” in the village setting is a little bit different, so the campers will range from early teens to mid-forties. Please pray that souls will be won for Christ and lives encouraged to live for Him. Pray that the sound system will work well so that the whole village can hear the message.

THE LORD HAS OPENED ANOTHER DOOR to serve as Youth Coordinators for the Brethren Churches in Fiji. This involves working alongside the Local Church Ministries around the country and we are excited and looking forward to serving, encouraging and being encouraged by the youth leaders

WE HAVE BEEN DISCIPLING eleven boys who currently sleep at the church. They started off with digging drains around the church, cutting the grass and helping out at other church families' homes and we now have them helping in ministry. Please pray for them and for those who have given their lives to God for His direction upon them and for the others who are still seeking.

PRAISE GOD for a chicken shed given to us which can house 3000 chickens. We are hoping to rebuild it to its former state, sell meat birds and use this to generate a source of income to support the workers and the ministry. Pray along with us that God will provide the financial help to get it up and running.

PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO SEND WORKERS to join us here in Fiji under the Word of Life banner whose passion is to evangelise and disciple young people for His kingdom. We value your prayers, encouragement and support.

Charles, Tina, Elizabeth & Philip

PACIFIC RIM CONFERENCE



On 11 November, 13 people from our team went to the Philippines for the Word of Life Pacific Rim Conference that is held every three years. We had a great time as a team interacting with 160 other missionaries from Philippines, Indonesia, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Fiji. The theme for the conference was ‘Together We Serve’ and we were encouraged and challenged in the way we serve each other as a team and the people of our country. It was a great time of encouragement and fun together as a team!

We have seven Interns planning to join us next year from all over New Zealand!

Please pray for:

- Alisha Clark—HAMILTON
- Blake Hanna—TAURANGA
- Craig Jamieson—DUNEDIN
- Damien Peden—HAMILTON
- Emma Sproul—AUCKLAND
- Mikey Cooper—DUNEDIN
- Sarah Jamieson—DUNEDIN

Several of our staff members will be travelling over the Christmas and New Years holiday period and we appreciate your prayers for safety.



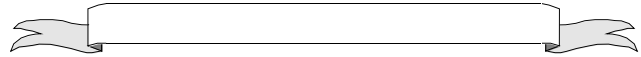
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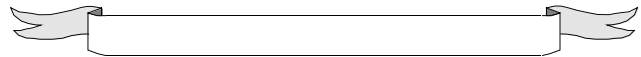


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CONGRATULATIONS

to Dan, Nick, Isaac, Jacone and Kirsty for graduating from Pathways on the 9 December!



NEW BEGINNINGS

Straight after Christmas a team of adults and teenagers will again head over to Hot Water Beach holiday park for 10 days of **BEACH MISSION**.

There's nothing better to start a new year then seeing someone's new beginning in faith.

Please pray for the team serving and for lives to be changed!



DATES

SAVE the DATE so you don't miss out on an Event near you!

