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Family Ministry, Crystal Springs Newsletter

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Crystal Springs Prayer Points

Staff and Visa's – Many of our fellow YWAM bases are having trouble obtaining visas for staff. Pray for continued and even more favor with immigration as new staff apply. And pray for more permanent staff as “many hands make light work.”

Students – Pray for our students and their families during the current DTS as they take part in a life changing experience and walk in obedience to what God has called them to do.

Updates and Finances – There are always various ways we need to update the base (it's an old property) in order to continue to accommodate and be safe for families. Pray for the financial provision (especially for a new creche building) as well as the “man power” to get it done!

Vision – For our staff to continue to work in unity with Christ and one another as we go forward in impacting families for Christ.

YWAM National Hui Gathering

We have the privilege this year of hosting the National Hui Gathering at Family Ministries Crystal Springs! 24-27 October we look forward to getting together with YWAMers from other bases around New Zealand to connect and hear about what God is doing in YWAM nationally.

If you are one joining us, please remember to book rooms ahead of time!

2018 Family Ministry School

We had another successful FMS! We were joined by 12 students from the Netherlands, Switzerland, New Zealand, Fiji, Canada, and South Korea and 6 staff from the Netherlands, New Zealand and America.

The theme of the school was “The Faithful Love of the Lord” from Psalm 107 (especially verse 43). Each student and staff were able to look back and see God’s faithfulness throughout our lives, so we can also look ahead and trust Him to be faithful in all circumstances.

If you are interested in reading any testimonies from the students themselves, check out our Facebook page (**YWAM Matamata NZ**) and scroll down to see photos of some of the families and read a little about their experience.

We are so grateful to have the opportunity to pour into families and release them back into their community to be a blessing to the nations – one family at a time!

“This school is an absolute life-changing experience and we totally recommend it to every couple and every family”

New



Staff



Above: FMS 2018 School Photo

Below: Kings Kids Program in April



Welcoming New Staff

We have had the pleasure of welcoming two new base staff families at the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018.

Rick and Brooke Lamb have come from America with their 5 children and are currently leading the Family DTS. Garrett and Jess Boyer (also American) have come from YWAM Taiwan with their 2 kids to staff and learn more about running FMS. We also have another family of 5 arriving at the end of August to come for two years as base staff, as well as one of our FMS students, who has applied for staffing and is waiting for visa approval.

We’re blessed to see how God is growing the team at Family Ministries Crystal Springs. As He brings in the workers, He is also expanding the reach and our ability to be a light to the community of Matamata and beyond!



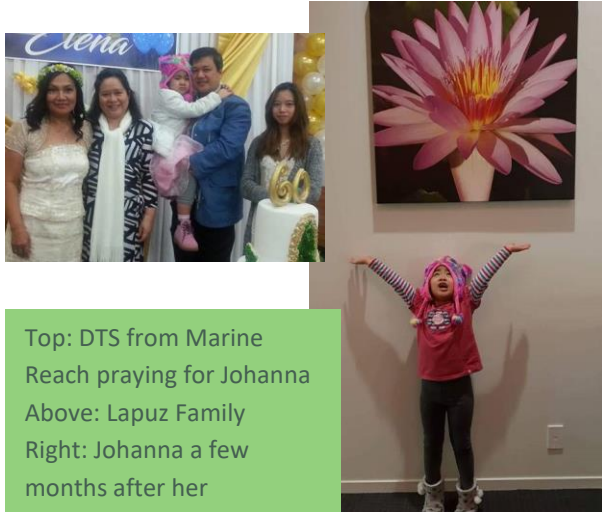
Lapuz Family Update

Many of you may know the Lapuz Family – Ronald and Jessica with two of their children, Christine and Johanna, are here from the Philippines. Johanna, the youngest at age 6, has been battling HLH – a rare blood disease.

After months of chemotherapy, she still desperately needed a bone marrow transplant and was thankfully able to receive one from her older brother, Reggie, who was a perfect match. The transplant took place in May and she has since been discharged but still closely monitored. Currently they are back with us at the base but still make trips every week to the Starship Hospital in Auckland.

If you want more information about their journey this last year, they have a facebook page, “Johanna Lapuz” with regular updates and testimonies and stories of how Johanna is doing. There is also a video you can watch for a quick look at how this journey has been for them since arriving in NZ: <https://www.facebook.com/363968047439039/videos/401881356981041/>

Continue to keep their family in prayer as they fight for Johanna’s life!



Top: DTS from Marine Reach praying for Johanna
Above: Lapuz Family
Right: Johanna a few months after her transplant

Family DTS 2018

We have started another school – the Family DTS – which began 30 August! We have another 12 students with their families from Germany, Switzerland, and America, joined by 7 staff – 4 of our base staff from America, NZ and S. Korea and 3 staff with their families from Australia and Sweden. It is a full base now and amazing to see God already at work in the lives of staff and students.

They have a full schedule planned out with speakers coming to talk about topics such as Identity in Christ, Spiritual Warfare, Hearing God’s voice, Missions and Evangelism and much more!

In October they will all be sent out for their 8 week outreach portion to the Cook Islands and/or Fiji.

This DTS and outreach is a major part of why we are here – to see families restored, equipped, and sent into the world to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ!

Remember to pray for these families as God moves and speaks in and through them as their families step into missions. Many of them have sold houses, resigned from jobs and moved their families here to follow a call God has put on them. We honor that obedience and are excited to see God fulfill his purposes in their lives!





Base Creche – moved and redecorated for more space and more fun!

Renovations and Donations:

With the support from others and the hard work from our base staff, we were able to renovate two student housing units that desperately needed it, as well as move the creche into a bigger and better equipped space for children. We also had heat pumps installed into 8 units, so students can enjoy a little more comfortable winter on those cold nights. Thank you to all who have donated to make updates like this possible!

We still hope one day to have an even bigger and permanent solution for our creche. This is such an important part of the base and property as most students say that they come here *because* we offer creche – we strive to offer a safe, fun, and peaceful environment for the kids to thrive! **Thank you for being a part of what we do here through prayer or financial offerings!**

If you have any questions about what we do here at Family Ministries, feel free to contact us directly at info@fm.org.nz. Or follow us on Facebook: YWAM Matamata NZ

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House of Prayer

We have had the privilege of hosting a House of Prayer on our campus for the community of Matamata. The Room is open from 5 am to 5 pm on Tuesdays and Friday's. If you are in the community and want to join, please come and sign up for a spot or contact Juerg if you have questions: juergrahel@livenet.ch. It's an honour that we can join in interceding for our community and the nations with those from around the community. Come join and see what God may speak to and through you in these intimate times.



Above: House of Prayer



Side/Below: the process of renovating a unit and the final product

