



## CRYSTAL SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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### *Catching God's Heart for the Nations of the Pacific*

At Family Ministries NZ we train students from many different nations in order to bring transformation to families across the globe. Yet God has also strategically placed our training base in the South Pacific and given our team a heart to specifically reach the families of our Pacific island neighbours. Outreach teams from our training schools in recent years have ministered in Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, and the Cook Islands, and our current DTS class will again be focusing their outreach on Fiji. It is exciting to build on the ministry of previous teams and to witness how God is continuing to change lives for His glory in these nations!

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# Family DTS News

## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOL, 2019**

***Surrender to Love*** is the theme for this year's Family DTS. This theme celebrates the love of Christ which draws us to the Father's heart, where we become children of God instead of slaves to sin and self. It is a journey together into the beauty of surrendering in new ways to the vast love of our Creator.

We are thrilled to have families from Korea, Singapore, Fiji, Germany, the Netherlands and U.S.A. with us on this journey! Getting to know God is a grand adventure and making Him known is the overflow. We will be 'making Him known' to our spouses and children, our fellow students and team members, as well as our brothers and sisters in Fiji, where we plan to spend our outreach this October - November.

## ***UPDATE ON SPORTS DTS***

The vision for establishing a sports-focused Discipleship Training School alongside our family training schools remains a passion within our leadership team, however plans for a specific launching date for this school are currently on hold. We are asking God to raise up staff called to bring this vision to fruition in His perfect timing. If you or anyone you know might be interested in coming on board with this vision, please get in touch with us!

*"The goal is to advance God's purposes on earth in and through sport, fitness, and wellness."*  
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## Welcoming New Faces..



### The Son Family

Daniel and Misoon, together with their youngest daughter, Gloria, have recently joined our staff team. They come to us from South Korea, via many years of ministry in China. They are truly a blessing!

### Hinrich and Katrina Kraenzlin

Hinrich and Katrina are currently serving in leadership roles within the YWAM ministries “Yachts for Life” & “Bible School for the Nations” in the Pacific. They have taken up residence at Crystal Springs as ‘elders’ in our midst.

## ..and Honouring Faithful Ones!



On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, many friends and family of **Rosalie Heath** gathered at Crystal Springs to celebrate Rosalie’s incredible service to the Lord through YWAM Family Ministries over the past 26 years. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, food and fun with many stories shared, as we honoured Rosalie’s unique contribution to this ministry and her personal impact on so many lives, together with her late-husband, Malcolm.

Rosalie has now moved off base to take up residence in the town of Matamata. She is no longer involved in day-to-day base operations but continues to oversee accounts and maintain her position on our Trust. Rosalie has brought joy to so many here at Crystal Springs, and we know God has new things in store for her during this next chapter!

# International FM Strategy Conference in Thailand

In June this year our base leaders, Mas and Karlyn Mataitoga, along with ministry leaders, Ross and Sheryll Watkins, went to Bangkok (Thailand) for the Family Ministries Strategy conference. Around 50 leaders gathered from all around the world to discuss and strategise on Family Ministries' future goals and vision. This was a great opportunity to learn from other bases and schools around the globe and identify the pressing needs.

One of the big ministry areas we want to refocus on is YWAM staff families: those in the mission field who need practical teaching, advice and support. Family Ministries has tools and knowledge that could be immensely valuable in helping establish healthy families in mission. We want Family Ministries to be viewed as a "power-house" for equipping and releasing families, not just a "hospital" for receiving those broken and burnt-out from ministry. We want to see families THRIVING, not just surviving, in ministry and mission. We hope that focusing on these families will multiply our effectiveness: As they go out and apply the tools they have learned, many other families in their ministries, communities and nations will also be reached and transformed. Such exciting possibilities!



*Participants at the recent International Family Ministries Conference in Bangkok, Thailand*

# Property Update

Our Family Ministries Trust is continually working behind the scenes to maintain and improve the facilities on this magnificent property, Crystal Springs, which God has entrusted to us to use for His glory.

Since our last newsletter, several significant improvements have been completed. **Heat pumps** have now been installed in all our staff housing (praise the Lord!), and a further two student/guest units have undergone **makeovers** to replace aged and damaged flooring. Plans are also in progress to replace some inadequate electrical wiring to the Lower House.

Looking ahead, there are two major projects which the Trust is prayerfully considering;

## 1. New purpose-built rooms for children's ministry

Providing quality care and discipleship for the children and teenagers of student families during our training schools is an extremely valuable part of what we do here at Family Ministries. For the past 16 years, creative use of existing base facilities has enabled our team to provide excellent creche and base school programmes for these student families. However, we would dearly love to be in the position to permanently house both these programmes within one purpose-built facility.

The Trust is actively exploring the feasibility of demolishing the old "sound-shell" building, located within the children's playground, which has become leaky and hazardous in recent years, rendering it unfit for further use. Our vision is to replace this structure with a brand-new facility designed specifically for the needs of our children's ministry. This is a major project, requiring a significant investment of time and finances.

## 2. Heating for A-frame dining area

Anyone who has visited Crystal Springs during the winter months will attest to the need for this project to go ahead! The base dining-room is located in the centre of our distinctive "A-frame" building at the entrance to the property. While this building is attractive and functional in many ways, heating the dining area with its high, apex ceiling has proven very difficult. It is not uncommon to see individuals huddled around the tables wrapped tightly in blankets to ward off the chilly air! The Trust are currently investigating numerous options for installing the most efficient, cost-effective heating system for this room.

***As friends and supporters of this ministry, would you consider prayerfully asking the Lord if He would have you contribute towards seeing one of these two important visions realised? Gifts of finances and/or skilled labour will be most gratefully received.***

**THANK-YOU** TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING, FAITHFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FAMILY MINISTRIES NZ TEAM IN REACHING THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS WITH THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS! YOUR SUPPORT IS SO DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

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