



## CRYSTAL SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

February 2019

*God is raising up workers  
for the harvest-fields!*

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We are so excited to see how God is bringing more and more people to Crystal Springs to be part of this movement, restoring families to God's original design and reaching the families of the nations with the Gospel!

Our staff team has grown significantly, and our office is continually fielding enquiries from people interested in our training schools. God is on the move!!

### **IN THIS ISSUE:**

- New 11-seater base van
- Family Ministry School 2019
- Preparations for two Discipleship Training Schools (DTS)
- New staff continue to join Crystal Springs team!



# NEW DTS BEGINS JULY!!

We are thrilled to announce that Crystal Springs will host our first ever ... **SPORTS & FITNESS DTS** this coming July! This school is specially designed to disciple young people with a passion for God, sport, and physical activity. Students will be challenged to grow both spiritually and physically, in order to effectively reach a world of sports and fitness fans with the life-transforming Gospel.

Our Family/Crossroads DTS will run simultaneously, providing a wonderful opportunity for cross-generational sharing of ideas and relationships in the context of community life. Exciting days ahead!



## FAMILY MINISTRY SCHOOL 2019

Our current FMS kicked off in the last week of January. We have eight students plus 8 staff in class, representing 8 countries-of-origin plus a further two nations where these students have lived and worked extensively.

What a wonderful multi-cultural mix!

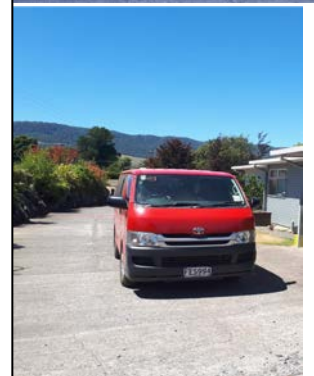
The programme is packed with teaching, tools, and workshops on family issues like marriage, parenting, divorce care, family styles, and counselling skills. The school is designed to equip students to work in Family Ministries, but it also gives the families themselves huge opportunities to deal with personal and relational issues. We are always in awe as we witness what the Lord is doing in all our students' lives.

Please pray for these student families during their twelve-week "adventure"!

## LONG-ANTICIPATED VAN ARRIVES!

The need for a newer, more reliable 11-seater van for transporting our students has been an increasingly high priority for our Family Ministries Trust for several years. Last month, we became aware of a 2009 Toyota Hiace diesel van which was made available to us at a very good price. Believing this to be God's provision, our Trust said an excited "yes", in faith that the full finances will be supplied. And now it's here! What a great asset this van will be in continuing to service the needs of this busy, mobile community. We are so thankful to the Lord for His provision and to our Trust members for their tireless work on behalf of this ministry!

Donations towards the cost of purchasing this van will be gratefully received.



# Welcoming New Staff



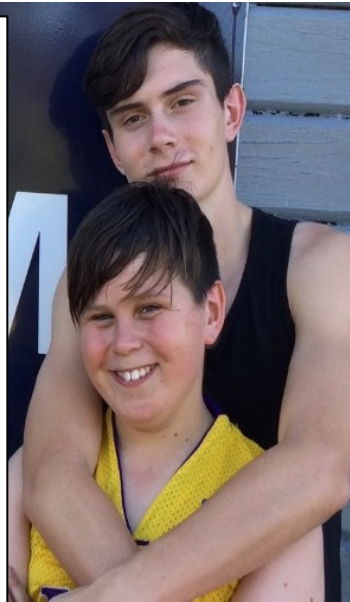
Kenny and Naphtali Morden, together with their children, Kiev, Sonja & Amarie, have joined us from Washington state, USA. The Mordens completed their DTS & FMS here in 2015-16. They bring wonderful energy, passion, and creativity to our staff team, with a lot of music, fun, and laughter thrown in!



Paul & Suzanne Godbey, with their sweet kids Aurora & Zander, have been warmly welcomed back to the team after enduring a long, testing wait for NZ visas. Originally from the USA, the Godbeyes served with YWAM in Australia prior to joining Crystal Springs as short-term staff in 2016. Ever since then, they have been pursuing God's call to return here to serve long-term. We love their huge servant hearts and wonderful sense of humour 😊



Louise Brown and her boys, Matt, Jack & Patrick, are our newest staff family. They are Australians who have travelled to many nations with YWAM since taking DTS at Crystal Springs in 2013, including several seasons as short-term staff here. The Brown family are missing their daughter/sister, Anna, who is now living in the USA but are excited to be making Matamata “home” for this next chapter of their lives, partnering with God and His people in this amazing ministry.



# For your prayers...

## **Johanna's Good News!**

In our previous newsletter, we described the heart-wrenching journey one of our staff families has endured with their daughter's health, in the wake of her diagnosis with a rare blood disorder. Jessica Lapuz now shares the latest update about her daughter Johanna's progress;

*It's been 9 months since Johanna's bone marrow transplant. She is doing well and is now being weaned off her immuno-suppressant medication. The progress of her healing has amazed even the team of nurses and doctors who were treating her. They have witnessed the power of prayer. A transplant specialist even commented, "Whatever it is you're doing, keep doing it! It's working!"*



*Some families who also had children in the hospital have asked for their children to be included in our prayers for healing.*

*It is amazing how God is glorified even in the midst of trials!! Johanna's story has encouraged others that we have a faithful, miracle-working God who hears our prayers.*

*Photo: Johanna celebrating her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday in January*

## **Praise Points**

- ❖ Johanna's continuing healing and recovery
- ❖ Provision of our current dynamic staff team
- ❖ Our new van

## **Intercession Points**

- ❖ God's chosen students and additional school staff for Family/Crossroads DTS and Sports & Fitness DTS

## **Ministry Support Needs**

The base is currently seeking the Lord's provision for the following property maintenance and equipment needs;

- ❖ Costs associated with purchase of our new van
- ❖ Funding for much-needed replacement of electrical wiring to some of the base buildings
- ❖ Installation of reverse-cycle heat pumps for our staff housing before the winter months

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

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