

The Power of Sponsorship

For those of you who sponsor children, take encouragement from a recent example in Uganda. An orphan boy was 'chosen' by an English minister, and he was

sponsored right through his education. The young man is still in phone contact every week with the minister, and he is now in ministry himself, running a Christian Kindergarten and reaching out with the gospel to local children. He was on the organising committee of our Jinja course. Here is Hugh catching him up by gaslight on a lecture he had missed because he was in the nearby town doing photocopying for the course. So you can see the end result of sponsoring a child!



TRAINING 2012

Mr Rod Muchenje is the children's ministry leader for his denomination in Zimbabwe, and travels all over that country doing training. When he attended our recent course as one of the translators, he said that he realised all he did not know, and wants to attend our

international training course. Hugh and Jean both believe he has great potential, and so offered to seek donations towards his \$1,610 course fees in NZ. If you would like to invest in this way into this politically troubled but spiritually open nation, please let us know.



Empowering and Equipping LEVEL 1



A popular and dynamic Children's Ministry training course will be held over 8 Monday nights from the 13th February - April 2nd 2012.

Plan to send your team or new people joining it for foundational training in Children's Ministry.

What people say.....

- ➔ "This session rocks because it really taught me how to effectively present the gospel to the children."
- ➔ "Coming to this training is making me hungry for more. Keep up the awesome work. I know that God has really anointed you within this ministry."
- ➔ "Good discipline techniques and examples given. It really helped with confidence in managing the classroom."

Would you like a Personalised Children's Ministry Training for your Church?
Are there specific topics we could help you with? Feel free to call us to discuss how we could help.

Prayer and Praise

- ☺ Praise God for the blessing of so many keen workers being trained in Africa.
- ☺ Thank you Lord for the children coming to know you at Camp Raglan and Kids Connect Camp.
- ☺ Thank God for the provision of freight and price subsidies on the curriculum we sent to Africa in July.
- ☺ Rejoice over the testimonies received about the effectiveness of God's work through CBM in New Zealand and overseas.
- ☺ Pray for God's provision to renew the driveway at Raglan camp.
- ☺ Ask the Lord to raise up those who can assist in financing artwork to complete the first year of the Knowing God curriculum.
- ☺ Please continue to pray for on-going support of CBM's staff in India.

Partner with Us...We need your support

For CBM to implement future vision we need your continued prayer and financial support. Your financial gift is helping CBM "reach today's children".

Recent letter from a child....

Dear Uncle Mike

"Thanks for the great week. I have returned home a more disciplined person. I would really like to thank you for what you and your team have done and for praying for me on Thursday night. It's helping with school and choosing the difference between good and bad. The activities were exciting and every day there was something different...
Thank you! God Bless"



BEQUEST

Making provision for CBM in your Will would be a huge blessing and a lasting investment in ministry to children and the training of those who work with children.

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From the Director's Desk.....

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. (Romans 15:4 NIV)

What a privilege it is to be at CBM serving Jesus by offering hope love and assurance while things around us in NZ and internationally seem to be in so much turmoil! A few months ago I was asked to speak at the Christian Camping Conference in Christchurch.

Obviously the children in Christchurch have been through enormous stress and the question was, how can we really get to their hearts and help them. Ironically as I was speaking, the region received another major shake of 6.3 magnitude. That was fun....not!!

In our lives and in the lives of families around us we can experience shaking of a different sort. In an earthquake, we have no warning and we are often powerless to do anything so when it hits it can be hugely devastating. It's no different in our lives.

During the hardest parts of life, when the bottom seems to fall out without warning, where do we turn for peace? Although God doesn't offer any easy solutions, He does offer Himself and His cross as an anchor of hope. We see in the above passage of Romans that God's Word is to be an encouragement to us all and an anchor of Hope to hang on to through those times of shaking.

As I write this I am very aware of families that CBM knows very well who have had massive upheavals

On June 25th 2011 we were told of the sudden death of one of our campers **Dion Nuke Wilson**. He was only 14. He went to sleep on the 24th and never woke up on the 25th.

The family were obviously shocked and devastated, but they told me "When something like this happens the reality of eternity, and the truth of heaven suddenly comes very near but thanks be to our Lord Jesus Christ - we do not sorrow as others who have no hope....." Here are some words I found on his Bebo page

Do you know where you're going? "Every EXIT is an ENTRANCE to somewhere"..... What door have you EXITED? What ENTRANCE door are you entering? Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me"

On Sunday 18th September 2011 we farewelled another very special friend **Isaac James Poole**, who had incredible courage, strength and determination in his six year battle with leukemia. The week before he went to heaven he talked of his dream to come back to camp.

Isaac loved to come to camp as a child. He went on to serve as a Junior Leader well-loved by many children. Isaac had a wonderful love for Jesus and a love for His family.



What an amazing God, we have -- He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does He do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us. 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4 TLB)

What a privilege it is to know that CBM played a big part in both of these boys' lives. Please continue to pray for these families who are grieving.

Many thanks to who that have invested and sown into CBM's vision of "Helping Reach Today's Children." Thank you for your prayers, your donations, and your encouragement as we seek to serve those ministering in to the lives of many children.

Without your support, CBM could not do what we do. We are indebted to you for your faithfulness. Please be sure to know that you have had a part in making a difference with the young people we serve. For this, we are so grateful.

We have a lot of great news to share so here we go



Mike Buckley
CBM NZ Director

SURVIVAL CAMP



Over 180 brave campers attended our Survival camp in April this year. The theme for the week was "Loving God with all your heart, mind, body & strength". What a joy to see young adults who have grown up through camp taking a lead in storytelling, worship leading, teaching verses and being group leaders. We're excited to see the baton being passed on, as we want to see the work of God amongst our children and young people continue well beyond our time.



HOLIDAY CAMPS

Camp has been a home for tens of thousands of children over 48 years. I'm so looking forward to seeing the impact in eternity but until then we continue to obey the Lord and "Bring the children to Him". We are seeing 50-60 children each camp come to know Jesus and many others are allowing God to deal with issues in their lives. Please continue to pray for us as we hit the front line every school holidays.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

(Luke 4:18-19 KJV)

Please also consider joining us for a week as a nurse, a leader or a kitchen helper.



Upcoming Camp Project: The Driveway

For many years we have been patching our driveway at camp and it is now past patching...it is needs replacing! It's time to get rid of that nasty metal and replace it with a concrete drive. We want our children to be able to use the trolleys, skateboards and other activities on the smooth drive. We need to fully utilise these areas. Friends, this has been saturated with a lot of prayer as we realise this is a big project and very expensive. We also realise we have a BIG God and already we have seen amazing answers to prayer.



A long-time friend of Bill Morley's and of CBM owns a company that works on roading and footpaths. He came down last term and quoted \$180,000 to do the job. He then offered some of his gear and workers to dig up all the old driveway and old tennis court (now the car park), spread all the foundation materials and then lay all the concrete for us as a gift to CBM.

Their contribution is worth \$120,000 and so is a huge help and we are so thankful to this company and to our great big wonderful God! While the driveway is up we also intend to put in piping to take our power underground from the road to the camp.

News flash

The amount we need to raise for the balance of the materials is \$60,000!

Let's break this down. 60 people giving \$1,000 could do it or 120 people giving \$500. Whatever you could manage would be a huge help.

With God's help and yours we managed to replace all the bunks at camp a few years ago.

Now we have the challenge to raise the money for this project within **6 weeks!** **The company has a tight work schedule and by faith we have booked the job in for December**, which I am confident we can do with the help of our friends.

Kids Connect



In March this year we held our second Kids Connect camp for children with physical disabilities. It was a small camp again, but we feel it was very worthwhile, both for the children and for all our leaders. Our international students gained new insights into ministering to disabled children and some have returned home with a vision for what can be done in their own countries. We continue to be in prayer as to how God wants to develop this ministry to children with disabilities.

One girl who was only able to communicate on her computer or by using facial expressions, received Jesus into her life and was encouraged to know Jesus would always be with her.



A bonus spin off from Kids Connect camp is that we are now catering once a year for hearing impaired children at our Raglan camps. It is fantastic seeing these children being blessed with all the fun and experiences of a Christian camp.

Testimony from the teacher

"Some of our students went to the camp last year and thoroughly enjoyed it, returning with added maturity and confidence."

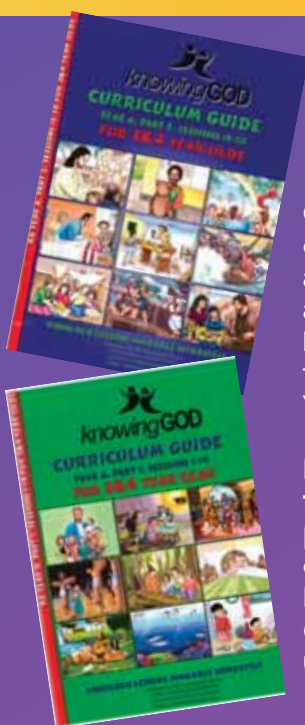
Preschool Training

Lyn Anderson has recently run two training courses for those working with preschool children and has introduced our new preschool curriculum, "Knowing God".

The feedback has been very encouraging from participants. "The course was very well presented; we learnt lots and got a lot of new ideas in a short period of time."



Thank you. "This was an eye opener for me and my sister-in-law. We enjoyed learning the importance of ministry to young children and it has helped our Sunday School class very much."



Knowing God

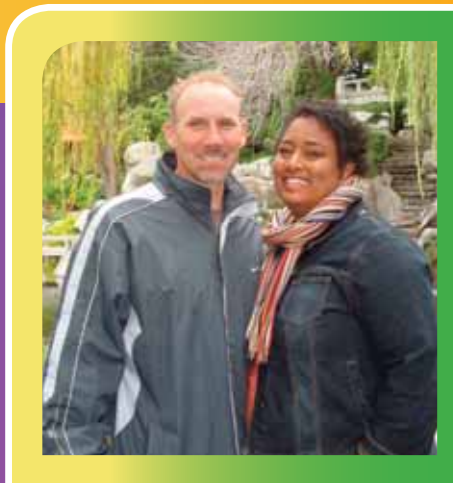


CBM's new curriculum for children aged 3-6 has been well accepted both in New Zealand and overseas. The first two parts have been published and we hope to print the final pack (14 lessons) of Year 1 at the end of 2011.

However, we need a final capital injection of \$5,000 for printing and \$1,200 for artwork to complete this mission. Hindi translation is finished (and published) and work is underway on Chinese and Telegu.

New Staff

We warmly welcome Todd and Donna Funk onto our CBM staff. Todd and Donna have been working closely with us over the past 3 years helping out at camp in many ways. Donna has been amazing with her wonderful creations in craft as well as helping out in the area of counselling. Todd has been just an amazing role model in the older boys groups and has also helped us with teaching and many other practical sides of camp. We look forward to having them involved with our training courses as well as many other parts of the ministry.



AFRICAN MINISTRY

Jean and Hugh's marathon trip to five African countries was very rewarding, and well worth all the difficulties along the way!

In Uganda 60 attended the course in Kampala, and in Jinja an organizing committee led by Sylvia Ngobi (Grad '10) gathered over 100 people from 75 local churches. She wrote afterward, "Very many people are calling to appreciate you for the wonderful teaching. The church also gave great thanks for your coming



The Zimbabwe course was organised by Arnold Maviya (Grad '11). He has since written, "Many people had committed themselves to come for one day. They had many things to do other than attend a

children's ministry training for a week. But when they came and heard they said it was worth it (and nearly all stayed for the whole week.) It is now three days after the training and we are still receiving comments and joy within the people. Our children will be transformed. Churches will be changed by the children." Another man has written, "Kids have turned up in great numbers, as teaching using visual aids is something new around here."

Internet access is a real challenge in Africa and when we opened our emails on the Saturday morning we were to leave for Malawi, we discovered an email sent the previous Tuesday cancelling our course because of security concerns, since a national demonstration was planned during our stay there. In an immediate phone call to Malawi we explained



that our plane tickets could not be changed and we would arrive that afternoon.

So the course was hastily rearranged at a safe location on the outskirts of Blantyre, but the numbers were well

down on what had been expected previously. Nevertheless, the 30 present were keen although they were almost totally ignorant about ministry to children.

It was certainly virgin territory and we can see the need for a follow-up visit next year. In the end the national demonstrations were postponed for a month because the police had run out of tear gas and rubber bullets and didn't want to use live bullets on any looters!

Successful and well attended courses were held in two cities in Nigeria. Our "Life Changers"

curriculum had just been printed in Nigeria and we helped collate the first copies for sale. We were very aware of God's presence as we ministered to very hungry and open people in every place.



Sunday School work in many of the countries we visit is very traditional and academically oriented, so the people are both challenged and encouraged to discover how God can work in much deeper ways to transform children's lives.

In Ethiopia we spoke on Christian Parenting to parents from a Christian school and local churches. As a result of enquires afterward we have written a booklet on the subject for use in Africa and Asia, since this is a much neglected subject in most churches.

India Training

By the time you receive this newsletter, four of our team will already be in India. Lyn Anderson and Dell Dickey will be conducting six one-day courses on working with young children aged 3 to 6, and introducing the new "Knowing God" curriculum. Jean Morley and Hugh Dickey will be conducting two one-week courses in Northeast India. One is in a Theological College and the other is for the Council of Baptist Churches. An advanced course for IET children's ministers will be held in Nagpur. All four will also attend the CBM India staff retreat in Nagpur.

