

- Authentic relationships-Spirit life-Mission together.

LINKNZ News

Dear Friends

I just want to keep in contact with you on the latest happenings round the network. I have just met with the apostolic team and have been able to clarify dates for some of the important events we have planned for 2009.

1. We have decided to postpone Beyond Borders till next year but are holding instead a leadership summit in Auckland from 22nd-24th July at the beautiful Willow Park Christian Camp facility. We have booked in Paul de Jong from Life church for a couple of sessions, we will have Edge Worship teams ministering with us and much more, for what we truly believe should be an exceptional time.

We are asking you to make this a priority and book flights and travel arrangements early. We are asking the senior leadership couples to select up to 4 key leaders to join them at this time. Accommodation space is limited but we have been able to arrange this venue at very good price's including accommodation and food. Prices range from \$110 per person for bunk accommodation or \$130 per person for motel accommodation (limited space two single beds and bunk bed in each room). The venue is right on the beach front, has nice cafes and walks around it and enables us to be together in one venue.

As a team we have had great response to the Beyond Borders conference but felt to keep these as a bi-annual event for all our LinkNZ church's to attend with these Leadership Summits taking place also bi-annually.

2. Geoff Malcolm has now been released to oversee the central region with Fraser and Dale moving up to the north. They will do so with the help of a team that is forming to give support in order to give input, direction and purpose to that region.
3. Equip events. Over 2009 we are setting aside two equip events for LinkNZ churches. We have changed the name we previously used 'Leading with Excellence' believing that 'Equip' more accurately describes what we want achieved through these events.

The themes for 2009 will be based around 'Spirit Life' with Greg being asked to prepare manuals on the prophetic to impact these regions. This is a very special opportunity for us to be equipped in the prophetic and the first time Greg has been able to find it possible to do these throughout LinkNZ regions. We encourage you to invite other city churches to these events.

The dates for the above events are:

	Christchurch: 13th March	
Taranaki: 5-6th June		Palmerston North: 12-13th June
	Auckland: 17-18th July	

The second 'Equip' events will also be based around the 'Spirit life' theme. More information to come on this.

4. Church planting initiatives. We have a goal to plant 20 new churches in the next 10 years so in order to encourage this Glenn France has set aside specific weekends to visit regions that want to have him in to encourage, teach and equip those who feel stirred to be part of church planting initiatives. His first trip is to Hamilton on the 14th and 15th March to encourage the team here. Glenn is a brilliant communicator and as part of our apostolic team would be a great blessing to you. Contact him on (03) 352 3040 or admin@linknz.org.nz to arrange him to come to your region.
5. Graeme Powell visit 2010. We have asked Graeme an ex-pat kiwi living in Canada who is highly regarded in areas of deliverance and spiritual warfare to travel in 2010 among the LinkNZ network. Further information will be sent later in the year.
6. CVT: By now you will all have received information from Donald regarding CVT 2009. So grateful for the massive work he puts into this.

May this update find you in good heart!
Keep the dream alive.

Blessings
Fraser Hardy

HARDY'S UPDATE:

Storm warning: Just listening to the radio and they are predicting storm warnings with rain and high winds this week end in the mighty Tron [Hamilton]. I had to smile when I heard it as it so characterized my last months of activity. Just like our journeys of faith the conditions about us are rarely predictable; this makes this faith journey so amazing.

For us the last six weeks has seen us sell up and move from Palmy to Hamilton and move into a rental only to find it has been sold from under us.

We have now purchased a house and were able to move into it within 6 days of purchase. Whew!

Finding new schools, new shops, new friends, new roads, new everything and the idea of being a pioneer people really is like being caught up in a storm.

Add to that a new church that's trying to find its bearings. Let me explain;

We have now 2 totally different groups of people we are encountering.

One group [all not involved in church] are middle class people with all their challenges and questions about life. They are a typical cross section of what middle society looks like- some married , some divorced, some living together all busy at business and people who want to do good for their families and want to find out if and where God fits in their worlds .

Another group of people have gathered around a flat that our young guys have moved into. They are from their neighborhood, they are between five and 15 years of age and up to 20 a night drop in each day, eat some of the boy's food and stay to do some homework in their lounge. The police are in their street often working with the many situations that arise. We find our selves wondering what to do with this great opportunity. One mother said just yesterday that their kids have been so much happier since the flat opened up. These are great people, with big hearts that are often facing some very complicated issues in life.

Storm warnings everywhere and here we are trying to work out what church looks like in this environment. Love the challenge and questions that all this throws up.

Had coffee today with two great people Dale and I had never met before. He has stopped going to church and is facing a crisis of faith while she wants to find a right way through it all .Both are people wanting to find where their lives with God, church and their young families fit. Both are interested in keeping in touch with what we are doing.

As you can see we are having our worlds challenged and shaken as we venture into this church planting season.

Our only other dilemma remains as to who to support this year in the super 14 -the Hurricanes or the Chiefs. With both looking so average we may not have to be too concerned about the outcome of our dilemma.

That's our present chapter of events.

Cheers

Fraser and Dale