



December 2011

***"Our church is a mission centre not a parish. The parish model, (which many of us were trained for,) only works in societies where Christendom prevails. A mission centre prioritises the needs of the "non-churched" while honouring and meeting the needs of the existing congregation."***

*Rev Mark Chapman, minister of Clevedon Presbyterian Church quoted in Hands On in an article entitled "Missional Hearts"*

## God has a plan

What an incredible privilege it has been over the past month to share the Christmas story, as we find it in the Bible, at five schools and the Starship Hospital children's church. "God has a plan" was the theme. I began by asking where they thought Christmas began, giving them three places to choose from. Most chose Bethlehem, a few didn't know, a few chose Heaven and no one chose Your Place. I wanted children to see that God's plan started way before Jesus being born in Bethlehem and that it continues today in peoples homes and lives. Then we looked at how God used angels and a star to communicate this wonderful news with the world. I then reminded children, and some of the adults, why we have a star or an angel at the top of our Christmas tree. God's plan is for everyone, everywhere and the star and angel remind us of that.



### Matthew 2:2

"Where is the one who has been born **king of the Jews**? We saw his star when it rose and have **come to worship him.**"

*Thank you for your support through 2011. Blessings for Christmas and God's Peace for 2012.*

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## Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause great joy **for all the people**. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; **he is the Messiah, the Lord.**



## Is it true?

I ended my assemblies by saying that there are some people who think that Christmas is just a made up story, but that I knew it was true. How did I know this? Well every time I write my birthdate or the date on a letter it reminds that our time is divided between before Christmas and after Christmas. A day after my last assembly I received this email from a SUPAKidz club leader who was at the assembly.

***"One small girl caught up with me later and asked "Was it true? Was the story the man [me] told actually true?" and I was able to assure her that the wonderful Christmas story was completely true."***

The Living God who created us and the whole universe really is amazing!!!!

## Give Thanks and Praise

- For individuals and churches that give towards our camp sponsorship fund.
- For leaders who give a week of their time to serve on a SUPAKidz Camp.

## Please Pray For

- Recruiting of volunteers and trainers for the Auckland WAY2GO training event – 24 March '12
- Our two new cooks for SUPAKidz camps – Jennifer (Auckland) and Penelope (Wellington) – as they prepare for camp.
- More campers for both Auckland and Wellington SUPAKidz camps.

# WAY2GO 2012



...get ready for  
what's coming next  
in children's ministry...

Wellington 10 March

Auckland 24 March

Dunedin 31 March

I am busy trying to complete the writing of three workshops that I will be running in Auckland and Dunedin. I am also busy recruiting volunteers to help in Auckland and people to run the workshops

**Please pray** for inspiration for me and that people I approach will warm to being a part of this event.

## January Holiday

4th and 5th drive to **Wellington** with family  
6th to 13th Gill and boys to **Blenheim** for holiday  
14th Drive back to **Auckland**  
15th to 21st family holiday at **Matarangi**



## January 2012

## Home

The Christmas tree is up despite us being busier than we have ever been at this time of the year. What with end of year functions, birthday celebrations, four sports events in less than 24 hours and numerous other things happening, we are really looking forward to a holiday!!!!



## Finished

I have finished primary school! I'm thinking that high school may not be as much fun as primary school was. Well, for the first week at least.

James 12

## Sleepover

Our neighbours are returning to Korea this weekend. So I am sleeping over there for a few days as I will really miss them when they are gone.

Chris 9

## Assembly

I was in two assemblies in two weeks. The first was my school year assembly in which we sang, danced and dressed as Pacific Islanders. The second was our Bible in Schools assembly in which we dressed as stars.

Thomas 6



**Wellington Mon 9 to Fri 13**

Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, Wainuiomata  
Leaders' training and preparation 6 to 9 January  
Team Leader – Andrew Ramsbottom

**Auckland Mon 16 to Fri 20**

Houghton's Bush, Muriwai on Auckland's West Coast  
Leaders' training and preparation 13 to 16 January  
Team Leader – Paul Dadd

**Please pray for** lives to be transformed | safety | good weather when we need it | wisdom | energy