



Hi friends,

I haven't written for a bit, been lots happening, but having nothing in my inbox for a month now means that ...
I'm missing you!

It's coming up three years now since we were in NZ, and we are beginning to sense the need to renew and strengthen our ties again with you all - more than an email can do. Please pray with us concerning the possibility of returning to NZ at the end of the year.

The pre-schoolers continue to learn heaps, and it is so awesome to see the difference that Nicki's constant enthusiasm and consistent teaching is making in their lives. Recently she organised the volunteer firemen to come and talk with them and also the local police. She has other similar plans up her sleeve for the next term!



Teen club has reduced in numbers, but is still a good group. Frank's talks are getting deeper, touching closer on the things that really stop and cloud their way to believing the truth. He is stepping carefully, so as not to offend, but at the same time is holding up a "mirror" so to speak.

We are all praying that they will see the truth of where they are really at in their idol worship and spiritual blindness, and that they will hear and understand the message of hope that Jesus alone has for their lives.



Trevor and Margaret are over halfway through their time here - we now have some beautiful boat swings for the littlies, and a safe swing especially for one of the boys who has balance difficulties. Trevor is now working on completing the kitchen at the Educational Centre, which will then be ready to cater for up to 60 people. Margaret continues with patience to help the pre-schoolers, and also with Benji in his schooling.



We ask for prayer in this regard also, as concepts and thinking skills are becoming more and more difficult for Benji, and his fixations and compulsions seem to become stronger as he grows. I have revised his learning with his correspondence school teacher, and we have come up with some adjustments, but day-in-day-out it is getting harder. Please pray for understanding for our special son, and wisdom for me.



Melanie has turned sixteen – we nearly set the cake on fire with her candles! She continues well with her schoolwork, plenty of gym workouts and is now interested in street workout as well. Both Nicki and Melanie have many friends, and it is encouraging to see that some of those friends are becoming more interested in the Bible truths that we endeavour to live out in our daily lives.

Well, that's about it from here,

Lots of love,

Francisco, Joanna,
Nicki, Melanie and Benji.

