

Hullo everyone!!!

Time to tell you what's happening over here!

Melanie has finished her park and alongside her schoolwork is now training people in fitness!

We are finally ready for "Oasis" visitors – the rooms are ready and we have just sent out the invite to two of the main mission organizations in-country.

As often happens with "key players" in a ministry, so much "good" activity is happening that you can easily neglect to look after your own personal health and wellbeing until it is brought to your attention by something drastic. We want to help prevent that by offering this place as a "retreat" for cross-cultural workers.

Please pray that those who would truly benefit from some "time-out" would find a way to clear their schedules for a week, and come and be refreshed and renewed. Photos following:







We have some very special prayer requests for this time round.

Over the past few months it has been getting more and more difficult for us to honour our commitments financially. We have been praying and asking God for a miracle, and now we ask you to **join us in prayer**, as humanly it seems impossible to continue with the needs we have at this time. We have seen Him do the impossible in the past, and believe that He can in the future, but we felt we should share this burden with you.

I (Joanna) also have a health issue that will need attention in the near future, and would value **prayer** to know whether to wait till we next return to NZ, (which would mean being on a waiting list) or to pay for an operation here. (I am not very confident in the expertise or experience of the doctors here.)

Nic and Tim are planning their wedding for this year in Paraguay, which means some things will be less expensive than they would have been in NZ, but as you probably know, any event like that is a large cost. We ask that you **pray** also for this need, and that God would direct them and us to the best people and options in the organization of such a special occasion.



We are gearing up also for our teen club this year, planning and designing special activities and games for learning skills, teamwork, self-esteem and other things. Frank is planning to continue teaching them from the Bible principles of friendship, and how God is all of the things that a loyal and dependable friend would be.

And after that, we will be sorting out the best way to run our literacy classes for the younger kids, as there is so much need here in the neighbourhood. Lack of understanding, ignorance of basic health, acceptance of bribery and corruption even among the young kids.

So, until next time,

Lots of love, Francisco, Joanna, Melanie and Benji.

