



Welcome to our new layout....

In an effort to keep our expenses down, be wise stewards of our funds and yet, at the same time, keep everyone informed, enthused and up to date with events and happenings on the CWCI calendar, we have ventured into the realm of email-newsletters and so we would like to introduce our newest format - eNewZlink.

We trust that you will enjoy sharing this and if you would like to print out a copy and pass it on - please do! If you have any contributions or suggestions, please send an email to info@cwcinz.org.nz - we look forward to your feedback and hope to hear from you soon!

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Please remember PRAYER WEEK
12TH - 19TH FEBRUARY - join us as we
prepare in prayer, especially for Summer
Retreat events with Barb Detlefsen

*'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,
says the Lord of Hosts.'* Zechariah 4:6

If you would like to receive our special prayer emails,
please email prayer@cwcinz.org.nz
(You may get your Summer Retreat registration form at
www.cwcinz.org.nz)

Lord willing, AKOSITA DELAI will also join us for the Summer Retreats. Akosita lives in Fiji and has a real passion for her KYB study groups. Gill Crampton (right) has had the privilege of travelling with Akosita and has met with different groups—leading and sharing in fellowship around God's Word. We are thrilled to be able to have Akosita come and share with us about the way God has lead and sustained her as she ministers in this needy land.



*Do not be
anxious about
anything, but
in everything,
by prayer and
petition, with
thanksgiving,
present your
requests to
God.
And the peace
of God, which
transcends all
understanding,
will guard
your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6,7*

“You did not choose me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last.”

John 15:16 (CEV)

God's functional purpose for our lives is to produce fruit. Have you noticed the grape vines? They look so beautiful at this time of the year, with lush green leaves and bunches of grapes preparing for maturity. A few months ago you would have hardly noticed the bare gnarly looking vines. In viticulture approximately 90% of the art is pruning off worthless branches. The reason being that on grape vines, grapes only happen on new growth. So to produce 'even more fruit', Jesus says, "the Father trims clean every branch, that does produce fruit, so that it will produce even more fruit. Old branches are cut off simply because they take up so much of the nutrients and hinder the growth of fruit on the new branches. This part that the gardener does is painful to us because Jesus is talking about us – as Christians in ministry, He is talking about us as individuals. We are all designed to be new branches bearing fruit where He has placed us.

So as we move into 2011 and a new decade we each need to ask: Will we be fulfilling God's function for our lives? Will we be bearing fruit that will last? Or will we be pieces of greenery adorning His vine that need to be cut off because we are fruitless?

Let us be reminded that ultimately, we did not choose God; He chose us. God chose us as the objects of His grace. He appointed us to represent Him to a lost world. He determined that we would bear fruit and that the results of our labours would be lasting. What a comfort! What motivation for service!

How thankful we are as we start a new year for those who have willingly committed to serving on our Leadership Teams for the next three years (see names in this issue). We give thanks too for all of you who will lead KYB groups, help at Retreats and functions, write devotions for the website, support in prayer through the Prayer Letter, support financially, take time to write words of encouragement, plus the many other things that are done to show His love.

We believe that God will touch the hearts of many through the ministry of Barb Detlefsen (see dates, venues and other details on our website). Barb has some serious health issues, so we ask you to pray especially for strength as she plans and prepares for her time here in NZ. If you have friends or family who also have health issues do invite them to hear Barb so that they too, may be encouraged and strengthened in the Lord as Barb speaks on "Courageous Commitment".



We value your prayers, love, friendship and fellowship. We thank God for each one of you and pray that as God's chosen one you will have that complete joy Jesus speaks about in John 15:10-11, *"If you obey me, I will keep loving you, just as the Father keeps loving me, because I have obeyed Him. I have told you this to make you as completely happy as I am."*

May we experience God's love and grace as we serve and love one another with joy.

Lorraine Harvey (President)

West Coast Safari Recap—November 2010



The annual visit to the West Coast was blessed by safe travel, beautiful weather and excellent teaching as the Safari Team made their way from Mt Adam and up through Hokitika, Rotomanu, Greymouth, Granity and on to Karamea. Speaker Janice Gray and her husband Murray travelled by campervan while Judy Reid, Ruth Anderson and Chris Cummins went together by car.

There was a wonderful welcome wherever they went, and Janice was able to deliver God's message for each place in a different way.

As time was spent in various groups of people, Janice seemed to pick up on appropriate examples to help explain living as a Christian. In Rotomanu she captured imaginations straight away by talking about falcons and how they build their nests. In a place where there are lots of these birds it was quite a talking point and easy to relate to.

Thirty-two ladies in Greymouth heard a message based on Matthew 11 and with the story behind the writing of a well-loved song by Laurie Clyne, 'I love you Lord and I lift my Voice' Janice talked about the woman at the well when Jesus arrived tired and worn out.

Over afternoon tea in Granity Janice used a story about Willy the Crow acting like a pigeon to explain the Bible story of Zaccheus and the power of the cross.

Women at Karamea, Westport, Reefton, Maruia and also had time with Janice as she sensitively found a way of communicating that was just right for them. Janice's quiet manner and love of people drew people to her after each meeting to continue questioning her and asking her for advice. Janice took this all in her stride and never seemed to tire of people.



It was a busy time for Ruth (above right) selling books. There was lots of excellent feedback about the books with women eager to grab this annual shopping opportunity.

As Judy (left) steps down from her role as Safari leader she thanks all who have been part of the last seven years of visits to the West Coast. Chris Cummins (right) will be organizing the Safari for 2011. She looks forward to seeing the many friends that she has already in the area

as well as finding new ones. CWCI and KYB count it a privilege to bring encouragement in the name of the Lord.



Northern Team 2011

Chairman: Esther McKean, Auckland
Vice-Chairman: Donna Henstock, Hamilton
Secretary: Judy Campbell, Te Puke
Finance: *praying for suitable person*
KYB: Catherine Davison, Tauranga

Southern Team 2011 (pic below)

Chairman: Glenys Carson, Invercargill
Vice-Chairman: Anne Erskine, Invercargill
Secretary: Ruth Newman, Blenheim
Finance: Jenny Taylor, Timaru
KYB: Neroli Goodsir, Timaru
Communications: Chris Cummins, Blenheim

National Team 2011

President: Lorraine Harvey, Levin
Vice-President/Prayer: Sharyn Fieten, In'gill
Secretary: Glenys Melhop, Invercargill
Finance: Judy Reid, Timaru
KYB: Sue Reeve, Auckland



What a blessing it is to be able to meet together to fellowship and pray as we gather for our planning meetings—for those who have shared in the ministry can heartily agree, the blessings received far outweigh the work involved! Please pray that more women will hear the call to be involved and carry on the work of this ministry. Could that be you?

KYB - your Studies for 2011

Term 1 - Isaiah Part 1 Term 2 - Romans Part 2 Term 3 - 1 Samuel Term 4 - James

*O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your name, for in perfect faithfulness
You have done marvelous things, things planned long ago. Isaiah 25:1*

On starting out in a brand New Year, it is often a time to look forward, make plans and resolutions and try *not* to look back. However, the Lord *does* encourage us to look back as we face the days ahead. He encourages us to look back for the sole reason to see how faithful and wonderful He *has* been and how He *has* brought about all that He has promised down through the years. What a gracious and good God! He is **the only God** who may truly be exalted and praised above all! He is faithful and gracious and He *has* done marvelous things! As we read His Word may we continue to give thanks that we have it to study and have KYB to help us to do this. If you want to know more about KYB, join a group in your area or begin one, please contact me at cwci.kyb.nz@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

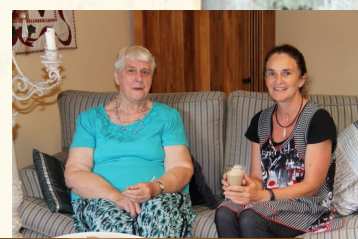
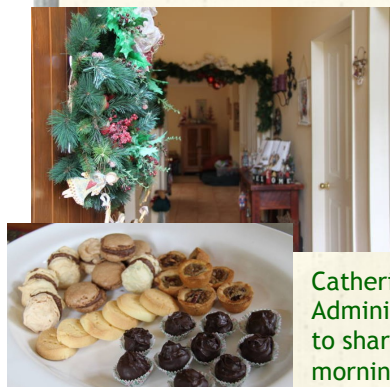
May the Lord bless you and in turn may you bless His name and glorify Him, Sue Reeve

Catherine's KYB Christmas Morning Tea

'Hi Sue, We had a lovely morning tea this morning. Twelve ladies were able to attend, it was just lovely to meet them and they thought it was a great idea to meet with other groups and were surprised to know that there were so many in Tauranga!

Unfortunately quite a few weren't able to come because they were either working, or in one case it was their group's last study day or because of other commitments.'

Catherine Davison has just taken up the position of KYB Administrator for the Northern Team and was delighted to share her love of Christmas with the KYB ladies over morning tea at her place.



Southern Focus—CWCi Committee Retreat

Lakeland Park, Queenstown 15 -17 October 2010

Twenty-three women gathered for a time to reflect on being part of CWCi committees and KYB groups around the South Island - with input from women at a National level from the organisation. With a relaxed programme that covered team building, sharing ideas, chilling-out-like-girls-do, and stopping in the quiet moments to really 'be still', there seemed no better way to enjoy being together in a beautiful place. Lakeland Park is also superb as a camp.

The thoughts of Friday evening:

- *being steeped in God's Word*
- *we are all so different*
- *we need mentors not pedestals*
- *feeling inadequate -*
but learning to trust God more

As members of a team:

- *we all have a part whether it be up front or grinding away in the background*
- *using examples of Jesus with His disciples*
- *being a diverse bunch with a real fondness for one another*
- *moving together as people of God not only as individuals*
- *we combine what we have to help each other*
- *hesitant maybe but being willing to take on any task*



The 'girls' time on Saturday took the group to Stone Haven Estate where the story was told of God's hand on a visionary creative person who persevered against all setbacks to stay within her call. Artist Da'Vella Gore welcomed all into her garden (see <http://davellagore.co.nz/>). How refreshing! It seemed to contribute to the weekend's message about not giving up, and being like different stones that Christ chooses to build His church and make it endure.

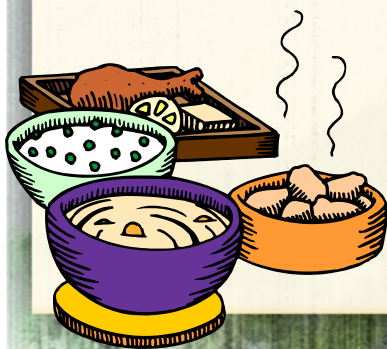
BLENHEIM BLITZ— Know Your Bible Pot Luck Meal

The Blenheim CWCi Committee were wondering about the KYB groups in their area - especially after promoting them at each event.

They knew that CWCi and KYB had always worked together seeking to make Christ known, and to help followers continue to grow in their faith by studying God's Word. It was time to get to know each other better locally!

The questions, 'Where do these groups meet? Who attends? What goes on?' needed answers. They took the opportunity to find out by visiting each in turn. As a result seven active groups were found, each doing the same study with their own 'flavour', but mostly unaware of the other groups. It was time to gather them together in one place.

An invitation went out to all to meet over a pot luck meal. The CWCi hostesses set up the venue and provided dessert and beverages. A good representation of attendees and their families came and enjoyed the time. Now the hope is to do this again as a support and encouragement to feeding together - both in that yummy shared food style, but especially in God's Word - the best fuel for daily living!



You are welcome to forward or print out this newsletter and pass it around. For more information or if you have an event or happening with your CWCi Team or KYB group you would like to share with us -please contact us at info@cwcinz.org.nz. We look forward to hearing from you.