

Men's Forum - Shiona Fregley published an article recently in the Waimea Weekly (12/07/17) under the banner of The Lantern entitled "Is early intervention priceless?" If you haven't read it do so. If you did, read it again. Shiona raised the question of the cost of illiteracy, I want some answers. What can we do to help those children and adults who have difficulty with reading? See Shiona's article below. I expect some real answers from our forum members! July meeting: Monday 31 July 2017 at 7.00pm. 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. If you have a friend in the education system bring him along. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

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Is early intervention priceless?

I had been thinking about the cost to us all of having to wait for help when a friend told me this story. She was waiting for a bus in Wellington recently when a guy asked her which bus went to Kilbirnie. She told him to catch the number 24, and it would be coming soon. Then her bus came and she got on. As it left she heard him ask someone else which bus would go to Kilbirnie. It took a while for her to think this through, and she said, "He might not been able to see, but I think he could have told me that so I guess he couldn't read!" As a country we rank fifth for teaching our children to read; but all is not well when 90% of those in our prisons struggle to read and write. How come those prisoners didn't learn to read? What must it be like not to be able to read? We can't really understand what not being able to read is like, but I imagine would be like finding yourself in China, you wouldn't be able to read any of the signs, find a toilet, buy food and drink and if you got lost how could you ask for help?

A study done last year estimated the cost of failing to provide the best possible help for children who are not achieving at school is over NZ\$500 per year for every person in the UK. If we give our children the best possible start in life, with world leading educational support for the child, teachers, family and whanau, and the best possible housing and an adequate income we can change our country for the better. However the dilemma is that the cost is high, because we still have to respond to those who have missed out while investing in early intervention. Caring for our children and the families and whanau who raise them is good for our communities and country as a whole.

Some years ago a lovely, gentle, humble man I knew committed suicide; he was illiterate. He had been employed since he left school but when the railway workshops in Dunedin closed, he never found another job. He was a much loved member of his whanau, but years of trying to get work, not being able to provide for his children or help with their homework – made him feel worthless. After years of struggle he gave up. His family and children were devastated. They felt to blame. Can we as a community imagine better outcome from early intervention? How much would you be willing to pay for better health and education?

Shiona Fregley, Church member

Small things to raise money for missions - Have you ever wondered what the bin in the church kitchen labelled "Aluminium Cans" is for? Glenda Thomson has for many years been collecting used aluminium and selling it to raise money for missions. So, if you have some spare aluminium cans pop them in the bin and Glenda will see to selling them (thanks Glenda). How about postage stamps (those things that used to adorn letters through the post)? Yes, you can donate stamps for missions too, but NOT KIWI STAMPS. Please leave 3mm (about ¼ inch) of paper around the stamp and give them to one of the Mission Action Group and they will ensure they are sent to Anglican Missions. Little things, but it all helps. Any other ideas, let us know. - John Palmer.

Free CAP Money Course - A money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. / Session 1: Creating a budget. /Session 2: Balancing the budget, how to increase income and/or reduce expenses. Session 3: Preparing for those one off expenses through savings. 9.30am - 11.30am Monday 3, 10, 17 August at The WAY, 11 Florence St (Down the driveway behind St David's Church). Contact Dave Harris 021 106 6967

Invitation to Joint Churches Day of Prayer and Fasting - (regarding the Euthanasia bill soon to be voted on and the Decriminalisation of Abortion bills) on Saturday 5 August at Richmond Community Church between 9.00am and 3.00pm for anyone who would like to join in prayer about the Euthanasia bill soon to be voted on and the Decriminalisation of Abortion bill being proposed by Family Planning and supported by the Labour, Greens and ACT parties. Please consider a commitment to fast and pray on the day, for whatever amount of time you can attend. There will be a hand-out given at the door with the prayer points to cover and additional information around how to pray effectively into these issues. It will be a time for individuals to intercede before the Lord, or pray with others that are there as you are led to, with worship music as our background. Contact: Shari Gibson Ph. 5445578 or 0272530842
Note: There is a possibility that the Euthanasia bill may have already had it's first reading before we meet, but it is still possible to be defeated at subsequent readings.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal - Marbles are needed to fill marble bags which Grace Martin is busy sewing. If you have marbles at home which are no longer played with would you consider donating them to this appeal. Marble donations can be left at the back of the church or the office anytime before Thursday 12 October.

Nelson Hospital Chaplaincy Appeal Week - Monday 18 to Friday 22 September. Fund raising stall during Appeal Week at the Hospital. We rely on donations of goods to sell and would be grateful for anything you are able to give. Baking is always popular, as are knitted and craft products. Please leave donations at the Chaplain's office, Information Desk in the foyer or email: annie.brown@nmdhb.govt.nz (Fresh goods can be left the week of the stall)



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