

Reflection questions:

- Who are we having a spiritual conversation with?
- How can these conversations challenge us?
- How patient are we with those who don't agree with our view of faith/life?
- How can we get to know some 'normal' people?



Kids Church - During the holidays Brad will be responsible for the KC programme. Children will be preparing for the end of year play. Lisa will be responsible for crèche children.

Ingrid Update – Ingrid is recovering well from her first hip operation. The second one is scheduled for end of November.

Baking Request - Is there someone who would like to bake for Richmond School's staff morning tea on Friday, 17 October. Please contact Ingrid Ph. 544 4917

An Invitation to Chopsticks and Chips - Presented by a team from OMF International, the theme is Loving My Neighbour (from another culture), building bridges across cultural and religious differences in the 21st Century. The presenters are Rev David and Rosemary Harley. David is a former Director of OMF International and principal of two Bible Colleges, and with Rosemary has had extensive cross-cultural experience. Children's programme available for ages 5 to 12. Saturday 1 November 12.00-3.00pm at the Orangerie Room, Monaco, Nelson. \$25 for lunch and seminar. RSVP by 10 October to tania@nzkiwi.net.nz or phone Barbara Doig 547 7281

Micah's Living Below the Line - From 6-10 October I will be participating in the Live Below the Line challenge. LBTL is a challenge in which participants live below the global extreme poverty line (NZ \$2.25 a day) in regards to what they eat for five days. I am doing the challenge to support the World Vision Children of War Rehabilitation Centre in Gulu, Uganda. This centre works to rehabilitate former child soldiers from the Lord's Resistance Army and reconcile them with their families. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to support me donations can be made online at www.livebelowtheline.com/me/micahd or they can be made offline to me in person. I can be reached at 544 6495 or youth.onhill@xtra.co.nz.

Calendars for Sale - Birds of Tasman Native Bird Recovery Richmond 2015 calendars are available early October. \$10.00 each. Order from Bob Reynolds, Ph. 544 0441

Garden Trail - Plans are well in hand for our Garden Trail on Saturday 15 November. Your response to our Wedding Gown appeal was overwhelming; you will all be contacted nearer the time. Be aware we shall need items for sale on our baking, plant, pre-loved Christmas decorations and craft stalls. We also have another of Joan's beautiful quilts and our Home Group baskets to raffle. Garden Trail Admission Tickets \$10 each will be on sale from the Mall or Committee Members from mid-October. As a tribute to Caroline lets make it our best Garden Trail ever. Thank you. The Garden Trail Team.

Mendelssohn's Elijah - Nelson Civic Choir with top of the South Combined Choirs and Soloists at Nelson Cathedral, 7.00pm Saturday 1 November 7pm and 2.00pm Sunday 2 November. Tickets from Madeline McRae and Alison Heslop at \$20 now or later for \$25 from the Theatre Royal or Ticket Direct.

EQUIP - Nelson/Waimea. Saturday October 18, 9.30am - 4.00pm St Stephen's, Tahunanui. *Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand: Engaging bi-culturally*. This is highly relevant as we approach the 200th anniversary of the Christian Gospel in Aotearoa NZ, and the day will cover: Beginnings of Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand, Te Hahi Mihinare/The Missionary Church, Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi, The Settler Church, Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand Today. Enquiries: Bishopdale Theological College, Ph: 03 548 8785