



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY 2018!

“Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24

We can't help but see God's hand of **faithfulness** over our family and ministry as we reflect on the last 12 months. He indeed has been **faithful** to us, and **faithful** in bringing things to pass. Here's a few short testimonies:

In the area of schooling, He brought to pass the **promise** of enrolment for Andrew in Aquinas College. He also provided a safe place for Elaina to regain her joy and confidence at Oropi school this year (grade 6), and February next year she will also be attending Aquinas College! YAY! Aquinas is grades 7-13, so this means we won't have to worry about school enrolments again - which is a HUGE relief. He is **FAITHFUL!**

God has been faithful to me, Catherine, in areas of work - providing me with more staff needed, both in the accounts and registrar department. And even more staff will be joining both these teams in the new year, further sharing the load, which is **GREAT** because we have another **BIG** DTS coming in January (currently 65 students). Thank you to many of you who stood, prayed, and waited with me, especially for the accounts dept, He has brought it to pass so wonderfully. **We truly are blessed and thankful** for ALL the things He has done for us in 2017

“Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided - Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”

We want to say a **BIG** thank you for your support over this past year, it means so much! A very Merry Christmas to you & your family! Lots of love from **New Zealand!**

Cheyne & Catherine

Mary Poppins & Mr Walt Disney himself came to dinner one night - it was supercalifragilistic!



DTS OUTREACH



In November I (Cheyne) visited some of my July DTS outreach teams. I started in Hong Kong and had an **amazing time** with the team there. There were a few highlights and one was during a day of street evangelism. I met this guy - left - who was from **Bangladesh**, and had the opportunity to share about Jesus and his great love for him, I asked if I could pray with him and he gladly received it.



Another highlight was what came next! I was sharing Jesus with a guy from Afghanistan when I felt the Lord strongly say to **END THE CONVERSATION IMMEDIATELY** and find Natasha (one of my DTS staff, pictured here on the far right) I found Tash talking to 4 ladies from Indonesia. Straight away I was excited as I've been to Indonesia many times and have a heart for that place and the people. I felt the Lord speak some encouraging things to pass on, but my **Bahasa** is a bit scratchy and I was making small progress, when all of sudden Toby (from another YWAM outreach team) came up and said "*I lived in Indonesia and speak Bahasa*" **WHAT!!!** So we were able to share the words from God with the girls and encourage them; Tash even shared her testimony, and we pray with them. What are the chances! Only God can arrange 4 girls from Indonesia, Natasha, myself, and a guy who speaks Bahasa to be at the exact same place at the exact same time... in Hong Kong. **God is so AMAZING!!!**

Later that night we went to a **red light district** with a local ministry. To begin the night I was asked to play some worship. God's presence became very real, and people were coming up to us during the worship asking about it. We then went in teams of 3 to share with the **Prostitutes** and give simple little gifts to them. I was with 2 of my students, and God lead us to one young girl; and the pimp/owner actually allowed us to share with her briefly! That's NOT normal! We shared about Jesus, and His presence was still tangible from the worship, and she felt that presence. It was **precious**. As we left she had tears in her eyes.

OUTREACH CONTINUED...



Prayer Points

- * Pray for rest and refreshment for us all after a VERY big year.
- * Pray for Cheyne as he starts staff training for the next DTS on January 3rd.
- * For Catherine as her responsibilities grow and she deals with a large January school arriving.
- * Wisdom with the kids, and Andrew entering the "teens" this December

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outreach stories continued...



From there I met up with the team in **INDIA**...

I spent several days with them in Chennai. One Sunday morning we visited a church and after the service one of my students (Phil, pictured here on the left) and I ended up praying for this **little old lady** who had limited movement in her left shoulder. After praying she had much **greater** movement, yet was not 100% healed. I don't always understand why it happens this way, and perhaps its not for me to understand. What I do know, is my job is not the healing, it's the **faith** to ask for it. So, I trust God and choose to rejoice at what we DID SEE, verses what I didn't see.

We also visited a **aids orphanage**. It's truly something sad when you see these little ones bear the brunt and fruits of someone else's choices. There are about 2 dozen kids at this particular house, but this one boy caught my attention. He might be infected, and small in stature for his age of 14, but is just **FULL OF LAUGHS AND JOY**. He loves cricket, and his bedroom doubles as the makeshift pitch, and like the other boys and girls they are fast to catch on to the fun and games you teach them, and **EVEN FASTER** to call you out when you bend the rules! It was a humbling visit. The team took on the project of painting the bedrooms and hallways to give the place a fresh look and makeover. It was a **PRIVILEGE!**



We have been targeting the nation of Vanuatu since 2012 and this year alone, of the 21 DTS teams we have sent out, 15 of those have been to Vanuatu. We have also sent our ship the "**Pacific Hope**" many times. A few months back, a volcano on the island of Ambae was erupting while our ship was in the main island of Efate. The government of Vanuatu asked if we could transport all the patients from Ambae's hospital, to safety on another island. **WE SAID YES** and ferried patients to another island for several days. I saw this picture of Micah, He was carrying this elderly lady who was frail and blind, from the sea door into the lounge onboard the ship, and I had to throw it in this update. Micah was one of my students in 2010 and has served as an engineer onboard for several years. **WHAT A GUY!** He and the crew have just sailed the 30 days from Vanuatu, across the pacific, through the Panama canal, and are at anchor in **PANAMA** preparing to minister and serve the recently devastated nations in the Caribbean next year. Stay tuned on this, we hope to bring updates in 2018.



**THANKS FOR STANDING WITH US YET ANOTHER YEAR AS WE
TRAIN OUR STUDENTS, AND CONTINUE TO SEND THEM INTO THE NATIONS.
YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT REALLY DO MAKE IT POSSIBLE!**

ELAINA

Our teacher gave us a **40 book challenge** this year. Currently I am finishing my 40th book!

I've actually read more than 40, but only ones that meet specific criteria count. Recently, I went on camp with my school class. We did so many different activities: golf, water-sliding, harnessed into a flying fox that goes across a river, went to a zoo, mud-sliding, and a bonfire with **marshmallows**. Doing the Burma trail was the **SCARIEST**. You have to find your way through a forest trail in **complete darkness** (saw glow worms) with only a rope as your guide. I snuck my torch (flashlight) into my pocket though, just in case! It was 4 days of fun, fun, **FUN!!**

This year I put up our Christmas tree mostly by myself. Last year, our **CAT CLIMBED UP IT** and hid among the branches - and the branches got a little bent. She's too big to do that now though :) I love

seeing all the Christmas lights around town, but you have to stay up late to see them though as the sun sets at 8:30 right now.

After years and years of swimming lessons, I have finally mastered

something only two people (Jesus & Peter) have ever done **WALKING ON WATER!** (see my photo)

Merry Christmas everyone and blessings to you. Ta ta for now.



ANDREW

Year EIGHT is GREAT! I've really enjoyed school this year, have made quite a few new friends and learned lots of new things. I have done wood-working, food technology, and am learning French and Te Reo (Māori), and my **drums teacher** says I'm doing well too!

We had a Disney movie dress up at the YWAM base and in this photo (on the right) I am pretending to be the guy from the "Blank Cheque" movie, holding my million dollar cheque. If only it were true!!

In swimming we are now learning butterfly and tumble turns; both are quite technical and tricky. Our lessons are an hour long each week, and it's just me and Elaina with our instructor which has really helped us improve our technique. **THANKS** Mum for sitting and waiting week after week. I can't wait for beach trips over the summer, and catching some waves on my bodyboard. We went to the beach the other day, but it was still **too** cold, so instead I used a proper shovel to create some sand bridges/tunnels.

Every year, 5 mins from home is a Cherry Blossom Festival with classic cars lining the main road. You can walk up and down the street, checking them all out! This is my favourite - a 57 Chevy, I wish you were here to see them with me, Grandpa! Maybe next year??

Mum & Dad have started doing badminton together. I had never really tried it, but after giving it a go I really like it!! I'm going to see if I can get involved with it at school next year.

Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noël! Meri Kirihimete to you all!

