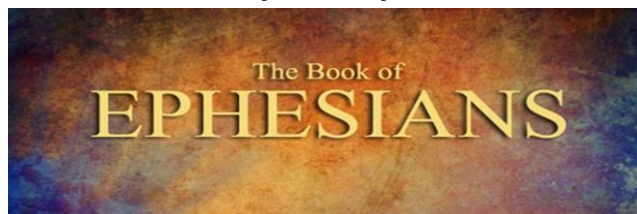




Our motivating vision is...
'To be His Love, Light and Life'



Sunday 3rd May 2020



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Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).
Dione is still working, but from home. Please don't call the Church Office as the phone is unable to be answered during the lockdown, but you can still email the office as these will be getting checked every morning during normal office hours.

For emergencies or pastoral issues, please contact Paula.



- The Church Buildings and Office** are still shut during Level 3. Please continue to stay away from these and do not enter, even if you have a key. Thanks.
- 'Prayer Chain'** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can still be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.
- Donation Receipts** – The end of year donation receipts will be ready in the next couple of weeks. Due to the current situation we were planning to email them out this year. If you **DO NOT** want to receive them by email, and would prefer to wait for the hard copy, please email the office or give Dione a call. Thanks.



**Lego ANZAC Field Hospital
School Project by Zebrina Cowley**

Giving/Tithing - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say 'tithe' or 'donation' in the reference.

Paula writes...

I hope you have enjoyed one or two extra freedoms this week as we have moved to Level 3. Coffee on the beach was certainly one of my highlights. ☺ We certainly won't be forgetting 2020 for a while. We also have much to be grateful for living in Aotearoa, and our heart goes out to those cities and countries around the world who have had such huge losses of life.

I also have been in contact with friends and colleagues from Vanuatu, amazingly still free from COVID19, but with many islands devastated by the cyclone. We were able to talk with some of our closest friends there, all of who lost their house, their small island has no water, and their gardens are ruined. Yet, they are already rebuilding and replanting. Here is the story that was published this week of a woman we met and shared a meal in her house:

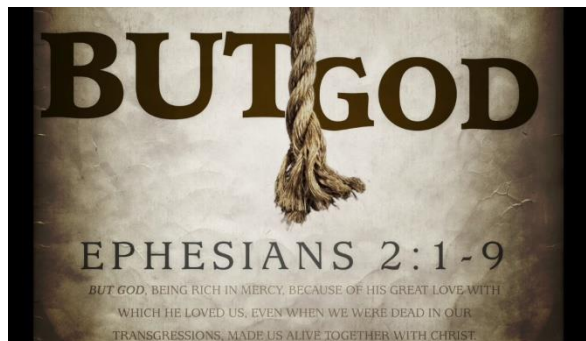


Here is the widow of the late Pastor Peter Henly, standing joyfully by her destroyed home in Hasavaia, South Santo. She served in the mission in many islands around Vanuatu, and has dedicated her life to caring for others. We are very happy to see that God preserved her during this cyclone. She said, "My heart broke in tears to God, and I prayed a prayer of thanks

and waited to see my beloved husband in heaven." When Category 5 Cyclone Harold blew her house down, she described "...it fell over the top of me but I was okay. The house fell over me but I was protected. People thought I was dead, but I am alive! Again praise God." As she crawled out from her fallen house she smiles as though nothing happened to her. Her response ... "I have lost my house and everything thing in this world but I did not lose Jesus."

So friends, please pray for this brave Christian elder, that she will receive the care she now needs. And thank God that He protected her during this Category 5 Cyclone!

This week, we continue to learn from the book of Ephesians, Chapter 2, which contains some incredible descriptions of what God has done and who we are in Christ:



"⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)"

Tim Keller says this:

"In Christianity, the moment we believe, God imputes Christ's perfect performance to us as if it were our own, and adopts us into His family. In other words, God can say to us just as He once said to Christ, "You are my Son (or daughter), whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

You see, the verdict is in. And now I perform on the basis of the verdict. Because God loves me and He accepts me, I do not have to do things just to build up my resume. I do not have to do things to make me look good. I can do things for the joy of doing them. I can help people to help people – not so I can feel better about myself, not so I can fill up the emptiness."

May each of you know His incredible saving Grace deep in your hearts.

Blessings, Paula



How Did You Remember the ANZACs this Year?

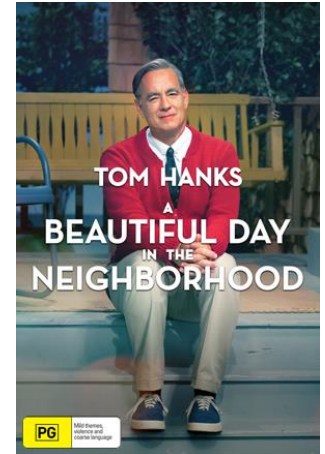
Zebrina Cowley, Felix & Eli Theobald did it by making their own ANZAC hospital



MOVIES CHANGE PEOPLE

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Starring Tom Hanks, A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood is an uplifting and heart-warming movie that provides a wonderful and timely reminder about what's important in life; love, kindness, friendship and family. After a jaded magazine writer (Matthew Rhys) is assigned a profile of minister Fred Rogers (Hanks), he overcomes his scepticism, learning about kindness, love and forgiveness.



**PRAY AS
ONE NZ**
Christians Uniting for Aotearoa

Weekly Prayer Meetings
Starting 8pm-9pm
Monday 4th May

After the launch of Pray As One NZ, the original team has continued to meet on Zoom, by email and phone to discuss establishing an ongoing prayer movement. At this time, they feel led to establish an ongoing WEEKLY prayer conference, then incorporate other initiatives to complement prayer for our nation.

So, **starting on Monday 4th May** they will be launching their **weekly, nationwide Zoom prayer meetings from 8pm-9pm**. To join in just go to their Facebook page @prayasonenz on Monday at 8pm and click on the Zoom link.

(You can also help them to spread the word by liking and sharing their posts, as well as applying one of their Facebook frames to your profile image.)



To watch the movie trailer, go to the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTWP0NwHuhc&t=1s>

"Which Bible character had no parents?
Joshua, son of Nun."

