

Benhur & Neroli Matautia

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Dear Family and Friends,

This year has been a remarkable year for the both of us. Ben has been working for Papatoetoe Adolescent Christian Trust with at risk youth and their families from his old high school, Papatoetoe High School. His work involves mentoring, counselling, family support, and encouraging the youth to fulfil their potential. He also runs a boxing programme during the year before school. Ben is also involved in the running of holiday programmes with primary, intermediate and high school aged students. Neroli has been a great support to the holiday programmes helping out with bible studies for the primary school students and running the Youth Alpha course for the high school students. Ben has put a hold on his theological studies and is hoping to transfer to Carey Baptist College next year.

Neroli has completed her 3 Years at Carey Baptist College and will graduate in March 2009 with a Bachelor of Applied Theology and Mission. It has been a lot of hard work, but she is grateful for her time at Carey and thankful that her training has better equipped her, with tools to serve God in our local community of Papatoetoe. Next year Neroli will be teaching Year 3's fulltime at Papatoetoe North Primary School.

Recently the Papatoetoe Adolescent Christian Trust took on the Street Church (The Gathering) that Ben along with Mike Lloyd and a team of people run as an official ministry of PACT. This is fantastic news as it means that they have a form of accountability and financial help. The other good news is that Ben is now paid for his hours involved with pastoring those who are a part of The Gathering. His roles their include pastoral care, family support, preaching, cooking, helping people with court cases, applications for jobs etc. The work is hard work, both challenging and rewarding. Ben has a passion to serve the marginalised of our local community. Neroli is also an integral part of Ben's work at The Gathering by helping out in whatever way she can.

Both Ben and Neroli see themselves as working as a team, ministering together in a range of ways in the local community of Papatoetoe. We compliment each other really well and are committed to serving the Lord together for the rest of our lives. At this stage that involves Ben being employed by PACT

In writing to you we would also like to ask if you would consider partnering us in our ministry.

Firstly, we will always appreciate your prayers, and lifting the work of PACT, and ourselves up to God. Please do this.

Secondly, PACT is a non-profit organisation and Ben's salary is based on the financial assistance of people like you. In that we would ask that you would prayerfully consider financially supporting Ben in his position as Youth Worker for Papatoetoe Adolescent Christian Trust.

If you would like to do this there are a couple of methods:

1. You can make a deposit anytime into the following Bank Account:

Papatoetoe Adolescent Christian Trust
ASB Bank, Hunters Plaza
12-3044-0377903-10

2. If you would like to make a regular contribution we have enclosed an Automatic Payment to do this.
(We would be so encouraged if you were able to do this!)

PACT prefers that gifts do not qualify for the Donation rebate BUT that means it is not taxable for Ben and Neroli, and so your gift goes 100% to the work - this helps a great deal!!

Also, if you would like to be on Ben and Neroli's Supporter's list to receive our newsletter please email us at the following address: ben@pact.org.nz

Please understand that this letter comes with no obligation or pressure. We know that there are many great organisations out there to support.

However, if you feel so led to support us, we would be extremely grateful and encouraged.

Thank you so much for considering this.

Blessings,

Benhur and Neroli Matautia