

Greetings from the Tabor's - May 2007

Dear Friends

We trust and pray that 2007 is going well, for you and your family. We hope that you will find time to take a break, open the yummy (personally tested!!) chocolate raisins, and read our latest update.

Also included with this letter, is my latest report to the PACT Trustees, on our work in the Papatoetoe community, along with the recently printed, new PACT brochure, detailing our programmes and services. Girls Brigade NZ, the sister organization of Boys Brigade NZ, from which the ICONZ Adventure and ICONZ Anchor units have developed, use the chocolate raisin sales to help fund their organization. By supporting the Girls Brigade fundraiser (and helping them to clear some remaining stock...), we are hoping these chocolate "rais-e-n\$" will al\$o help u\$, to rai\$e our per\$onal \$upport level.



But first, let us share some family news! Diane is still enjoying her part-time job (15 hrs/wk) as a teacher aide at Chapel Downs primary school. She always has lots of interesting stories to share about the children she works with. We also both keep active in our church life at Papatoetoe Community Church, as Kids Church coordinators, as well as helping to organize some church social events (such as picnics, sports events and breakfasts). James (8 ½) in Year 3, continues to enjoy school. This is a real blessing, particularly as he faces a number of learning difficulties. At the end of last year we have sought specialist support for James as he continues to struggle academically and socially. Please pray for James and the team of people who support him, as we work through different strategies to bridge the gap between him and his peers. James has had a wonderful summer, especially in the pool (and at the beach). He is confidently swimming in water above his head, and is very good at holding his breath and diving deep for dive sticks. Last year James continued with Gym during the winter, but this year he is trying out soccer, playing in a 7th grade team for Manurewa. James' soccer coach is a friend, and Diane has volunteered to be the team manager. Go the Mighty Cougars!! Laura (12 ½) is in Year 8 (Form 2) at Elim Christian College. Laura was elected class councilor by her class, and attended for the 3rd year in a row, the National Young Leaders' conference. In March both Laura (with Dad as a parent helper), took part in an enjoyable but exhausting...



3 day Intermediate school camp at Camp Adair in Hunua. Laura is also going to be very busy (or should I say, WE are all going to be busy!!!) in terms 2 & 3, after she successfully auditioned for a place in the school musical production. She is very excited about taking part. Laura has also been trying out badminton (at the Otahuhu club), this year and is really enjoying it.

Help! The Trustees have given me a pay ri\$e... but we need to increase our support to reach our salary target for 2007.

As in previous years, we are praying for, and seeking to raise our support to the target salary set by the PACT Trustees. Because our work, as a charitable organization, doesn't generate profits, all full-time PACT workers, work by faith, and therefore need to raise their own salary support. Currently my support level is at 79% of my target salary. This includes a grant that PACT has secured specifically to subsidise part of my salary for this year. The amount of the shortfall is approx. \$630 per month (which includes the \$111 per month pay increase). We are so grateful and praise God for the generosity of our financial supporters. A regular gift by way of automatic payment (A/P) each month, no matter how small or big, (e.g. \$10, \$20, \$50, \$200 per month) would help us reach our target. If you are able to support us, an A/P form and a freepost envelope, are enclosed with this letter to assist you.

We began this ministry with PACT on 20th April 1998, and God has faithfully provided for our family. 2007 marks the start of our 10th year in ministry with PACT. It continues to be a privilege to commit full-time to this ministry & to share God's love with the children and families we encounter through our work – thanks to your investment. WE THANK YOU AND PRAISE GOD FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS. *"From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things, as surely as the work of his hands rewards him."* Prov 12:14 NIV. We fully understand that you may be unable to assist because of other commitments, or that you may prefer to direct your donations elsewhere. We remain constantly blessed by your loyal friendship, encouraging words and covering prayers, and we will continue to keep you updated with what is happening in this ministry.



Supporters Email addresses: We would like to set up a database of our supporters email addresses to allow us to communicate some of our updates by email. Simply send an email with your Name in the SUBJECT box to glenn@pact.org.nz

Are you using your PACT key ring? Recently we were able to return, a lost set of keys that were posted into us, back to their owner. We have spare PACT key rings available, if you need a replacement. Either email glenn@pact.org.nz or phone the PACT office.

All glory to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for any positive changes made to people's lives, reached by this ministry.

God's blessings to you, Glenn, Diane, Laura & James

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph 2:10

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- **Work with Schools / Families** – Papatoetoe East: Working with 4 East families, with the children attending either PACTMEN or ICONZ. Currently running 2 Social skills groups (Yr3/Yr4 students & Yr5/Yr6 students), with 6 children in each group. Also running a lunchtime chess club for Yr4 –Yr6 students.
Puhinui: Currently working with 3 Puhinui families. Other involvement at school includes lunch-time sports sessions twice a week, for Yr3/Yr4 children, teaching a Bible in schools class, and running a chess club for Yr4- Yr6 students.
- **Holiday Programme** – An awesome week for all involved. An average of 55 kids per day took part in the 5 day April Holiday programme held in the 2nd week of the school holidays. 4 staff, & 14 volunteers, supervised the programme. This included 5 from the Adventures in Missions (AIM) ministry, who along with Neeley, led the Bible story time themed on “Super Hero” characters. Outings included the Indoor Climbing Wall, Ten Pin Bowling, Mini Golf and a day trip to the Parakai Hot Pools. The comments from the surveys of the parents and kids were positive.
- **AIM Ministry** – The AIM ministry once again have been a huge blessing to PACT & the Papatoetoe community. They have all completed their internships and return back home to the USA. Brooke (our PACT intern), as well as Brian (assisting with PACTMEN) & Andrew (Kiwi Games) have been fabulous workers and wonderful role-models to the kids that they have been in contact with. Almost the entire AIM team members have helped as supervisors at one or both, of the last 2 Holiday programmes.
- **Kiwi Games** – 1st term went extremely well with an average of 35 children participating each session. This term our sports are 4-6yrs (soccer), 7-8yrs (hockey), and 9+yrs (netball). Leslie Guillard & her sister Katie (both Manurewa Baptist) return, after a 6 month break, to bolster our coaching staff, for term 2, especially timely as we farewell Brooke & “crazy” Andrew from the AIM ministry. Gary Jamieson (Pap Baptist) continues as our most experienced coach & is very much appreciated for his commitment. With Diane unavailable (while James plays soccer), Carol & Tania do a wonderful job covering the gate & preparing morning tea. I’ve also noticed there’s a lot less talking in the kitchen this term!!
- **PACTMEN** – Targets Yr4/Yr5/Yr6 boys. Currently 5 boys attend the PACTMEN mentoring group. 3 boys who have started Yr7 at Intermediate school have now left the group at the start of term 2. A number of these boys continue to maintain regular contact with PACT staff, either through referrals to our Intermediate Life Skills groups or by voluntarily attending our Friday after school Drop-In, Power House. It is encouraging to see these boys relating with their peers in an acceptable manner, and with appropriate behaviour, in a social setting. Paul Shaw and Ken Stickland (both PCC) continue to be available to mentor to this group of boys, assisting on alternate fortnights. Brian Dusek (AIM) has also been an excellent role-model for these boys.
- **ICONZ Group** – **ICONZ Anchor: (Yr1-Yr3)** Cinnamon Shaw (17) (PCC) and Brooke (AIM) have been doing a wonderful job leading this group of 6-8Yr olds, with 8 boys attending regularly. They meet from 4.30pm – 5.45pm on Monday afternoons and occasionally join up with the older group for outings & special occasions such as the recent ANZAC day parade. Currently looking for a new leader to replace Brooke.
ICONZ Adventure: (Yr4 – Yr6) Visiting various workplaces, an Airport manhunt and a sleepover at PACT are the main activities for this group in term 2. Both Paul Shaw & Jimmy McCoskrie are doing a fine job leading & being positive role-models to the 18 boys in this group. Wayne Tabor also assists towards the end of the session, due to work commitments.
- **Power House** – Jimmy McCoskrie (PCF), Adam Strickland & Neda Kam (both Pap Baptist) supervise the Friday afternoon Drop-In exclusively for Pap Intermediate students. 20–30 students (mainly boys) regularly attend each week.

