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Dear Family and Friends,

Well we are over 1/6 of our way through 2007 – I trust and pray the year has started off well for you and your family!

Neeley and I were able to take a break over the Christmas Period. While most of it was spent hacking away at the jungle that had developed at our place due to our neglect over the previous 6 months, we did get to spend a bit of time away! So, there are a couple of holiday pics at the top – one a great view from Waiheke Island, and the other Neeleys first time out on a yacht here in the City of Sails!

This year has really started off with a hiss and a roar at PACT!

As you can see we have a new brochure, (featuring the new PACT logo) which we're quite proud of. I think it shows the essence of PACT and what we are all about. In it you'll see all the things we are involved in and groups and programmes we are running. There is a lot going on, and a lot to be involved in, and all our supporters definitely mean this can all happen!



You may notice there are a few new things. One of the biggest is the opportunity to be involved in a new school, Kedgley Intermediate, through the "Friendship Program – Encouragement for Life". This is a fantastic program, written by a good friend. Its main premise being that students are taught so many things in life and at school, but there is very little training on 'How to make good friends, and be a good friend', yet friendships are an integral part of who we are, and so there should be training given!! So we have made a great contact at the school, and are being used as part of the "Hauora" program at the school! It's great to be there!

Next time you are surfing the net feel free to go to www.pact.org.nz There you'll see our new website. It's still a work in progress, but a great start has been made on it. Hopefully here we'll have another avenue to let people know about us and it will give people direct access to finding out about programs they want to be involved in! It has a "Contact Us" section so feel free to drop us a line to let us know what you think!!

Neeley has also had a big change to what she's doing. She has finished her role as In School Social Worker at East Tamaki Primary, and is now contracted out to Papatoetoe High School for 15 hours a week as the Student Support Facilitator. Basically this means she is part of the School Staff involved in group work, support and pastoral care of students. It's another great opportunity to have an impact at the local High School, and to be a resource for the school to use. At the end of the day that's exactly what we are here for – to support the local schools in supporting their students and families.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- 2 Corinthians 4:18 -

Coming up we have the “Childwise” Parenting course starting March 14th. If you know any parents of 2-12 year olds looking for some fresh ideas on parenting please let them know about this. They can check online or call the office for more details!

As well as the things I’ve described I (Brent) continue to be involved at Papatoetoe Intermediate and Papatoetoe High School running Life Skills programs, and meeting boys one to one, as well as the many other different jobs that cross my desk. There are so many stories of need that I believe we at PACT have an ever increasing role to play. So I pray God continues to show us favour and allow opportunities to keep coming our way, so that we can do what we feel we have been called to do for this season, and that is to serve our community.

We continue to be excited about this phase of life – being involved in Ministry together, and working for an organization that we both thoroughly believe in!

I’d like to take this opportunity to update you on our Personal Supporters situation. I’m currently at approximately 42% of the target salary. (that being equivalent to a Secondary School teacher’s salary). We’re so appreciative of you who are supporting us – we wouldn’t be able to do the job without you - but we would love it if there were others who could help out in the ministry in this way.

As the New Year kicks in I wonder if there’s room in your budget this year to support us! I know it’s no fun being asked for money all the time, but we’d really appreciate it if you could please prayerfully consider this request.

So if you would like to support Brent and Neeley there are a couple of methods

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| <p>1. You can make a deposit anytime into the following Bank Account :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Papatoetoe Adolescent Christian Trust
ASB Bank, Hunters Plaza
12-3044-0377903-08</p> <p>2. If you would like to make a regular contribution we have enclosed an Automatic Payment to do this. Please fill it in and send it back into the office.</p> |
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Unfortunately your gift will not qualify for the Donation rebate BUT it is not taxable for Brent and Neeley – which helps a great deal!!

Honestly there is no obligation attached to this letter. We really appreciate all your prayers and support.

We do understand that you may not be in a position to financially help at the moment. However, if you feel so led to support us we would be extremely grateful and encouraged.

Thank you so much for considering this

Blessings

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