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Dear Family and Friends,

This year is going so fast! I realized yesterday it's been about 4 months since I wrote a supporters letter so today finds me trying to work out how to fit all that has been going on into a double sided A4 piece of paper! Maybe I'll lessen the font size or delete some pictures to fit everything in!! Either that or I could just stop babbling and get into it.....! So on that note enjoy the unexpired chocolate and here we go.....

Firstly from a personal point of view Neeley and I have now been back in New Zealand a year this week and are feeling good about it. One of Neeley's close friends, Whitney, has been here on a visit for the past couple of weeks. It's been great to have her here, and a good way for Neeley to redevelop her Georgian accent!!! We got away on a bit of a North Island road trip for the first week of the holidays, taking in nights at Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington and Mt Maunganui! New Zealand is an awesome country, and it was great to take in the fantastic sights, sounds and smells! The Luge at Rotorua and cafes, foods and views from the top of Mt Maunganui were probably the highlights! From an eternal and creation angle, it certainly sizes you somewhat, driving through New Zealand and looking out on the awesome views created for us to enjoy. If we take the time it really allows us to marvel at a God who made it all and yet in the midst of his awesome creation loves me and you!! Brilliant stuff!!

This Sunday we have free tickets to the Warriors game....a first live league match for both Neeley and Whitney, so really hoping the Warriors can pull a big one out of the bag! By the time you get this letter we'll probably know if they did!

This winter found Neeley playing Basketball for Counties-Manukau. It certainly wasn't as intense as what she was accustomed to in the States, but for the most part she really enjoyed the experience. From where I sat, on the sidelines (I play that position well!!), she was the star player, and I think the Counties girls enjoyed having an "import" player!!

One of the things I really wanted to do in coming back home was to complete my Bachelor of Applied Theology at Carey College. So I'm now a couple more papers through, and am now left with 3 semesters of part time study to go!!!

There are always a lot of things going on - with our families, especially with them being on different sides of the world, and the various social engagements that we love.

For us at PACT it has been a busy, but rewarding year thus far. People often ask me what exactly we are involved in so I'm going to try and let you know and not go beyond the 2 A4 sides!

The Schools that we are involved with really value the support that our staff can offer to them. It seems to me that schools are required to play a bigger part into the everyday lives of students than ever before, in areas of mentoring, intervention and support. That is the area where we can assist our busy teachers.

Neeley was contracted at the beginning of the year by Papatoetoe High School for 3 days a week to facilitate Mentoring, Anger Management, and Grief work with groups and individuals. She really does a great job. Students love her, and the other Student Support Centre staff at the school respect and appreciate the work she does.

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- 2 Corinthians 4:18 -

She's also coaching the Girls basketball School Team, enjoying it, but maybe sometimes wishing she could put up some shots for the girls herself! Neeley is also spending 2 mornings a week at Papatoetoe North School, doing similar work, and then she runs PACT's Primary School Girls After School Program called "Legacy." As you can see Neeley is extremely busy, and working hard at being salt and light in New Zealand schools!! For her this is overseas Mission work!

My role as Director seems somewhat eclectic. From a Youth Work angle I run Life Skills and Mentoring groups at Papatoetoe Central, Papatoetoe Intermediate, and Papatoetoe High Schools. (Actually these are all the schools I attended as a young fella!). Along with Neda I also run the "Friendship Program – Encouragement for Life" at Kedgley Intermediate. 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 being a good friend', yet friendships are an integral part of who we are, and so there should be training given!! Phew! We have been running the program for 2 terms now. It's very interactive, is a lot of fun and it seems to be a great hit with the students and the teachers alike! Out of school hours Neeley and I also get involved with some families, helping them deal with situations in the home and the results of those situations.

My role means I also oversee staff, administration, building issues, finances, grants and promotion for PACT. This side of things means there is always something new just around the corner and a need to be constantly juggling a number of balls at a time. All in all as I said earlier Neeley and I are relishing the experience we are gaining from being involved here and know God is stretching us, refining us, and growing us beyond where we have been. 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!

We have a couple of things coming up here at PACT that may be of interest to you or someone you know, that I thought I could draw your attention to.

Coming up we have the "Childwise" Parenting course starting July 25th. If you know any parents of 2-12 year olds looking for some fresh ideas on parenting please let them know about this – registrations are due real soon. They can check our website or call the office for more details!

As an extension of the Perk up Café we have for mums, we are starting a PACT Craft Group for mums on Friday 20th July. Again check the website or contact the office for more details.

From a financial point of view our support level has topped 50% (currently 56%) for the first time which is cool. However we are always hoping and praying for more people to help us to do the work here in Papatoetoe that is desperately needed. (Currently as an organization we are delivering and running programs or offering support to approximately 1300 people a year.)

As a Charitable trust we can apply to some organizations for funding. However while they may fund us for assets and the like very few of those will give funds for wages or running costs. That's why we have to ask you for your financial support. Enclosed is our new Supporters Card for details on how you could support us. Alternatively on our website you can download an AP form which you can either send back to us freepost or take into your bank. Thank you so much for considering this!

Well it's been fun chatting, and I've managed to stick to the 2 sides! – we trust you are well, and please feel free to drop by the office sometime to see more of what we have talked about here.

Blessings



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