



# MISSION RESOURCING NEWSLETTER

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## Engage – Rugby World Cup 2011

Engage is a serving and resource based approach that helps the 'church' to engage in the community in meaningful ways at the time of the Rugby World Cup 2011.

The Cup provides the opportunity for the average 'Church-goer' of NZ to seize the opportunity to engage in their community, to serve and to share to the nation, the teams, sports people, sports clubs, the New Zealand community and sports fans who visit our country – and feel good about it.

The Church knows how to serve, because that is its mandate, that is what Christ did. The nation needs the help of the 'NZers' to be official volunteers or to provide a range of services that we are good at. This is an awesome opportunity to link arms and provide services to the rugby community, to serve as we are called to.

For more information please go to their website [www.engagerwc.com/index.html](http://www.engagerwc.com/index.html)

### *Coming up for your information and prayers*

- 9 February – Taiwi Strategy Facilitators Meeting
- 16 February – Synod Candidates Conveners Meeting
- 18 February – Mission Resourcing Strategy Day
- 21 – 24 February – Vision NZ Congress

## What resources are you using in your Children's Ministries?



We recently asked everyone on our Children's Ministries Network to let us know what resources they are using and would recommend to others. The information has been included in a resource list that you can view by clicking [here](#) or visiting our blog [methodistchildrensministries.blogspot.com](http://methodistchildrensministries.blogspot.com).

We will continue to update the list as we receive more information and feedback.

We have attempted to ensure that any costs or subscription requirements etc for some of the websites and resources listed are correct but recommend that you confirm this before ordering material or subscribing to sites that require payment.

If you are using any resources you think others may find interesting or if you have any feedback on the resources listed that others may find helpful I'd love to hear from you on [kidslovingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kidslovingchurch@gmail.com).

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*Please also keep in your prayers, the presbyters and their families who have been stationed to new churches this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their parishes as they get to know each other and continue their ministry. Details of the Taiwi Induction Services can be found on the [Methodist](#) website.*

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## “How heavy is this glass of water?”

A professor raised a glass of water and asked; “How heavy is this glass of water?”

Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, “The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.” He continued, “And that's the way it is with ministry. If we carry our challenges and concerns all the time, sooner or later, as they become increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on dealing with the challenges and concerns.”

The beginning of a new year is a good time to take stock of the **balance** in our lives. The balance between work and play; the balance between ministry and family; the balance between our time working **for** God and just being **with** God; the balance between regular times to engage in the challenges of ministry, giving our best energy to the task and the need for regular times when we step

back to gain perspective, re-strategize, and tend our wounds.

We need to acknowledge and live within the limits of our humanness and then to take steps to begin to live more graciously within the order of things otherwise we cheat ourselves, our families and God.

So, before you return home tonight, put down the challenges and concerns of ministry. Don't carry them home. You can pick them up tomorrow. Be present for your family. They deserve the best of you rather than the left-overs. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested a while.

A supervisor once said to me, “Marilyn, you can't give a person a drink out of an empty cup.” Allow time for the filling of your cup.

“Sabbath keeping honours the body's need for rest, the spirit's need for replenishment, and the soul's need to delight itself in God for God's own sake.” (Ruth Haley Barton)

*Marilyn Welch*

## Noah's notes for New Year

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat!
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember, the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

