



ENCOURAGE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

**Liaison Link no. 4.
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Dear Fellowship Friends

Greetings to you all. It is time to be in touch again and keep connected through sharing with you information that I hope will be helpful to you all.

1. Our dates for **Convention 2014** Thursday 11 to Sunday 14th September.at El Rancho Christian Camp Waikanae.
2. I received a letter from the Minister of Broadcasting in response to my letter regarding violent programmes on television. Hon Craig Foss was grateful to us for taking the time to write about our concerns and stated that broadcasters are interested in receiving feedback from viewers and suggested that people write about their concerns to the chief executives of the following broadcasters:

TVNZ PO Box 3819 Auckland 1141	Maori Television PO Box 113-017 Auckland 1149	TV3 and C4 Private Bag 9262 Auckland 1150
Prime Television PO Box 9059 Newmarket Auckland 1149	Sky Television PO Box 9059 Newmarket Auckland 1149	Choice TV PO Box8257 Symonds Street Auckland 1150

3. We have plenty of **NZMWF Greeting Cards** in stock and these are now available at \$1 for card and envelope.
4. I have some hard copies of Rosalie Sugrue's Christmas Leaflets, namely Christmas Women (Meditations for Advent), A Christmas Story, 13 stick puppets and 4 speakers) and The Christmas Story, a simplified presentation.(11 stick puppets and 11 readers) These are available at \$1 per leaflet. They are now also available commercially in book form both hard-copy and ebook. *Ten Plays -short easy dramas for churches.*
5. From Nelson Marlborough District. Doreen Bateup has sent through an article titled "APRONS" which is interesting reading and she was keen to share the idea with you all. I attach it with this Liaison link. Thank you Doreen.

Marie and I are to visit the Nelson Marlborough District next Sunday for a few days. We are looking forward to meeting up with members there and sharing in fellowship and friendship.

My best wishes to you all

Kind regards

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APRONS

This programme was used with our group of older members. Members were asked to bring an apron. The afternoon began with the leader sharing the origin of aprons obtained through Google. Members then showed their aprons and told stories of what they had used them for. There were fancy aprons, half aprons, bib aprons, advertising aprons, and even a children's apron which could be used as an apron or as a sun frock.

This was then read – Grandma's Apron.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning our dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold Grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men-folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old time apron' that served so many purposes.

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Remember: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool.
Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I never caught anything from an apron – but love.

This was a great afternoon of fellowship with all members being involved.