

New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship

PRESIDENT'S LETTER - September 2005

Malo E Lelei, Taloha Ni, Nisa Bula Vinaka, Talofa Lava, Kia Ora, Munu Munu Leana and warmest wishes to you all – whatever your mother tongue might be – greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord.

What a wonderful privilege and delight it has been for me to visit in both Waikato / Thames Valley and Taranaki District Fellowships in recent weeks. Thank you to those who made all the arrangements, provided hospitality and also transport. Thanks, too, to everyone who attended the meetings and shared with Margaret, Alison and myself. The warmth of your friendship and sharing really touched our hearts as we felt the joy of being part of our Fellowship family.

Visiting our senior members who are no longer able to attend meetings was a very special time – a privilege and a delight – and we loved hearing their stories of earlier MWF times.

Our hearts have gone out to the people of Tonga over these past few weeks while they have been struggling through such hard times. We pray that problems will be solved and family and village life be restored to normal. May there be better times ahead.

Council meets on 30 September – 2 October at Waiwhetu Uniting Church, Lower Hutt We are grateful to Hutt Valley MWF members who have offered billets and hope the two days (or rather nights!) will be a happy time for all. Please pray for our Council meeting.

Joy and blessings to you each one
Nelma Woodfield.

I have had it said to me that people don't know who we are (i.e. the National Executive) or how to contact us, so here we are:

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'Prayer is a two-way conversation and the most important thing is listening to God's replies'.
– Frank C. Laubach.

Liaison Officer, Margaret King thanks those Fellowships that have responded to her request in our last letter and sent in their minutes to her. She loves to hear from you

Wellington Members of the Tongan Women's District tell us of their plans to hold a Family Day at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street on Saturday 8 October, 12 noon – 6 pm. They have five groups in the District who will be contributing to the programme, Petone, Upper Hutt, Avalon, Tawa and Wesley. Their aim is to bring families together for a day of fellowship and fun. That's great! Do let us know of any special plans or activities in your district.

Congratulations to Judith Parkes of Blenheim, (South Pacific Area President) who celebrated a special birthday recently. We hope your next decade will be your best yet Judith!

Our Bible Puzzle books have been selling like hot cakes.
Have you got your copy yet? They will be available at Council so if you want to save on postage, get your president to pick up your supply. Price: \$5.00 each, \$6.00 if posted.

*How sad we are to read of the effects of Hurricane Katrina.
Please pray for those in New Orleans and Southern States who are bereaved, injured, homeless and / or hungry. Perhaps you could give to some organisation you know is giving help, such as Red Cross.*

Invercargill MWF. For various reasons including advancing age of members and reluctance to go out at night, one of the three groups in this southern town has disbanded and members transferred to one of the two remaining Fellowships. We thank those who have faithfully served in the closing Evening Group and pray God's blessing on you all as you continue to fellowship and work for Him through Women's Fellowship.

An idea for the use of the Bible Puzzle books we have been selling for the Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship – A puzzle page blown up to A3 size makes a great group activity for young teenagers e.g. at Bible Class time or in a Home Group.

11th World Assembly – 11 to 17 July, 2006
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre
Jeju Island, South Korea

The theme of the Assembly is
WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

It will offer positive ways of bringing about change in our many communities.

There will be Sales Table areas where crafts and other items may be sold. These should promote the work of WFMUCW.

Any donations will be gratefully received.

Thank you, everyone, for the financial support you have given this year to these funds:

Special Project \$36,493.

Medical & Educational Fund \$3,140.

Stamp Fund \$6,217

Great work. *****

“On the street I saw a small girl, cold and shivering in a thin dress with little hope of a decent meal.
I became angry and said to God:
“Why did you permit this?
Why don’t you do something about it?”
For a while God said nothing.
That night, He replied, quite suddenly:
I did do something about it. I made you.”
Anon.