

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are three-quarters through this year already! We hope that your year this far has been filled with blessing.

There are a few exciting things to read about in this newsletter. Below you will find a report from Maree Turnbull who is the leader of the Riversdale Youth group. Maree and her team recently took a group of 13-17 year olds on a short trip to Tonga. This trip replaced our usual month-long DTS, and you can read all about it in Maree's report.

We are also excited to introduce the new directors of 3D Mission Training, who will be leading us through our next season.

The 3D leadership team met in August for a weekend of prayer and worship, during which we were inspired with fresh ideas for 3D—so stay tuned for new opportunities to discover and connect with God in the coming months!

Many blessings, the 3D Team



### New Directors:

Earlier this year we appointed Foliaki Taufua and John Shand as our new 3D directors. Foli had been John Gullick's 2nd in command for the past 7 years, and John Shand has been on the leadership team since mid-2013. We look forward to working under their combined leadership.



### Please Pray With Us:

- ◆ For the youth who have returned from Tonga—that they would continue to grow in their relationship with God.
- ◆ For Foli & John as they lead the team forward in this new season
- ◆ For continual guidance and provision for our ministry

## Youth Team Report - Maree Turnbull

What a blast we had experiencing Tonga in a whole new way with 10 amazing young people (aged 13-17 years) and 6 leaders!

We felt from the beginning that this vision was given to us by God - to take youth to Tonga to deepen their relationship with Him—to develop and strengthen their character, and to stretch them physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We started preparing a couple of months before the actual trip, meeting every fortnight to learn about topics that would help everyone make their most of their time in Tonga.

On July 2nd we set out from Dunedin in the very early hours of the morning and arrived in Tonga later that afternoon. From the moment we landed until the time we arrived home, God had His hand on everything.

We had a plan of what activities we wanted to do during our short 10 day trip, but in God's timing and planning we had several CHOPs. These activities all happened at different times than we had planned due to weather or availability. But as we followed His will we experienced many gems and blessings because He was in control. He showed his faithfulness on this whole journey, from the planning stage right through to the end of making it home.

We were very warmly welcomed at the YWAM Base where we stayed, and were totally embraced as part of the Pelehake Village family. The hospitality, generosity, and love we were shown was amazing!

We managed to pack a lot into our 8 days on Tongatapu:

We spent a lot of time with the Pelehake youth, joining with all their programs. We did programs with children at Patangata and at Pelehake Primary school. We visited the Disability Resource Centre and did a program at Willie's radio station. We did community service: picking up rubbish, and visiting the elderly. We witnessed at the market, with songs and dramas. Along with all this, we found time to sightsee around the island as well as enjoying snorkeling off Pangaimotu Island, and attending the One Youth Concert. A highlight of the trip was that each youth was able to spend a day with a Tongan family in Pelehake village. All this was in addition to the daily devotion and teaching times.

By the end of the trip it was so exciting to see how everyone—both youth and leaders—had grown. This was a great taster of what a mission field looks like, as well as an introduction to the full Discipleship Training Courses.

