

# The encourager

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## CAMP FIRE A HIGHLIGHT OF THE EMMANUEL FAMILY CAMP



**DISABILITY  
AWARENESS  
SUNDAY**

18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017







The photos shown at the top of the pages were taken at Torch Camp.

*Quality is never an accident, but*

Devotion by Pastor Tim Lee

# We're in together!

## **Ephesians 2:11-22, 3: 1-13 NRSV**

**2: 19-20:** "so then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."

**3: 6b:** "the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, and members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." Gk: Syssoma=members together of one body.

I remember at school during PE physical education when two fellow students were asked to form teams by picking individuals from our class. Then we would play baseball, rounders or whatever. Everyone was thinking: "pick me!" Of course it was reassuring to be picked early rather than at the end when you felt less wanted. I excelled at sport, nonetheless experienced the same feelings of others prior to being picked. We grew up on a dairy farm and my parents often invited people home for lunch after church. They were very inclusive, inviting well-known families as well as people on the outer like single parents, people living in poverty or individuals who were socially challenged. It seemed that anyone was welcome to enjoy the meal table with us and participate in activities on the farm. All of us have an inherent desire to belong, to be part of something significant, and contribute in some way together with other people. The Maori people call this Turangawaewae- having a place of standing. God's desire is for us to be on His team "God wishes that all mankind be saved." 1 Timothy 2:4. Paul captures this well.

Before the apostle Paul was commissioned to reach the Gentile people with the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Gentiles (anyone other than Jews-that's us) were very much on the outer playing field of life and church (uncircumcised, separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in God's family, strangers to the promises of God, without hope and without God). Paul is at length to show that the Gentiles are included in God's family because of what Christ has done through His salvation work on the cross (now at peace with the Jews, made one with the Jews, free of hostility and division, not bound by the Law, created into a new person and able to access the Father through God's Spirit).

Many of us feel on the outer in life, either because of the way we look, the way we express ourselves or function in life. I trust that you will capture God's inclusive heart from the passage above, to know that He includes you in His thoughts, that He accepts you just the way you are, and that He extends His hand of salvation toward you through the gift of faith in Christ Jesus. We're in the heavenly team together!



Rev Timothy Lee  
and his wife Jenny

...the result of high intention!

# NATIONAL CAMP 2017

20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 | Totara Springs, Matamata

Philippians 3:12-14

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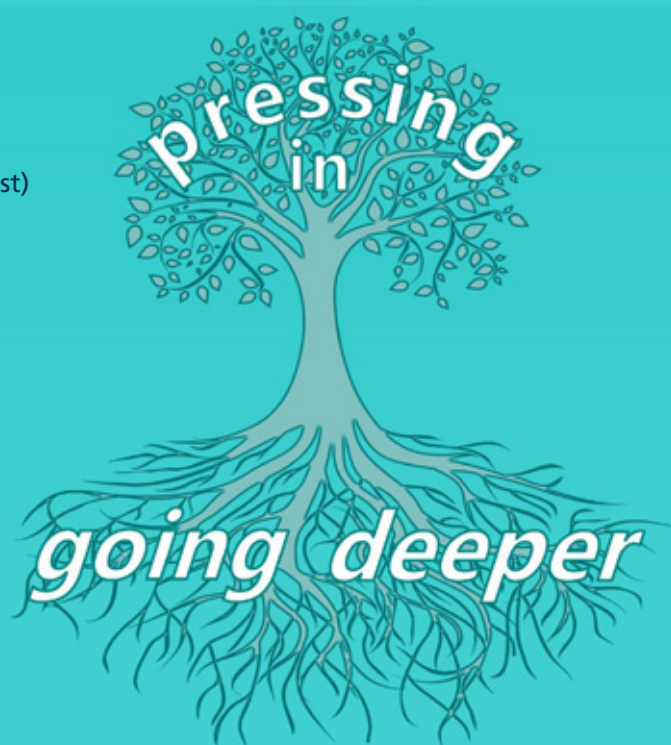
Register online or contact your local branch.

**PRICING:** \$190 Adult (\$175 early bird before 20<sup>th</sup> August)  
\$125 11-14 years old  
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## SPEAKER:

We are delighted to have **Becke Medina** joining us again this year as our main speaker, see her testimony on pages 4 and 5. Her inspirational teaching and hilarious stories had us encouraged and challenged at the same time. She is a powerful communicator who impacted many people at last years camp.

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## DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

Disability Awareness Sunday is a great opportunity to create conversation around disability in your church. There are many ways your can raise awareness and help educate people.

*Head along to our website for a variety of resources  
or call Kirsty Anderson 09 636 4763.*



*"It's not the years in your life, but*

# Life is a Journey

*by 2016 National Camp speaker Becke Medina.*

**M**y journey started in Ohio, during the fall of 1975. I'm sure my family got a great surprise when I was born. Back then there weren't really any tests or exams for my mom to take, to give any indicator that I would be born with a birth defect, so I was a complete surprise, and I've been surprising the world since then! I grew up in a loving, accepting family, who taught me to embrace who I am. I like to say God knew who I needed to be my parents, That's why He gave me my mom and dad. I was in and out of the hospital for the first few years of my life. My mom tells of when she took me home for the first time, which was more than a month after I was born. The doctor asked if she believed in prayer, and said that if I lived it would be because of prayer and God above.

My mom said after that she decided to dedicate me to God one night while I was lying in my crib at home. She said she knew I was His, and if He desired to have me she would understand, but if He chose for her to keep me she would love me and raise

me to know how much He loved me. The amazing thing is my mom was not really serving God at that time. She had grown up in the church, but had fallen away. God always knows what we need. He knew she needed me, as much as I needed her.

From there, my visits to the hospital and doctors became fewer and far between, and I began learning to love who God designed me to be. I must say my dad played a huge part in helping with that. He was not able to find a stable job when I was born, which often made doctors' expenses hard to pay. (In America, we have to pay for a lot of the expenses ourselves depending on what type of illness and insurance we have.) This often made things and basic living for our family difficult, but looking back I know it was all a part of God's plan. Because my dad was not working, he was able to spend time with me. He was able to teach me about so many things. It was the time spent with him that helped shape me into the woman I am today. He taught me how to embrace being me. He encouraged and challenged me to figure out how to do things for myself and by myself. If I could do something, he would never just do it for me, but encourage me to use my "noodle" (aka my mind). For example, I was never really tall enough to turn the lights switch on and off, but often wanted to do just that. So instead of turning the switch for me, he encouraged me to think of a way I could do it. So I would go and grab a hanger, stretched as high as I could and the lights would get switched. And that's just one way, because of his love and encouragement, it became easier for me to accept who God designed me to be.





## *The second part of her testimony*

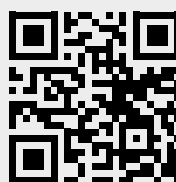
Although our parents play a huge role in shaping us, they are not responsible for determining where our journey leads us. That's up to us and God. I firmly believe our families can help prepare us for the journey, but they shouldn't be the ones who determine where it leads - that's for God to reveal to us. God has called each one of us to our own journey with Him, but we can miss out on so much when we allow other people and things to become our guide. We need to learn to trust God as our guide, and know how desperately we need Him. There have been so many times I tried to steer myself along this journey, but each time God so graciously reminded me He was in control. School was not always easy for me, but with God as my guide it became possible.

Too often it is easy for others to try and tell you who you are and who you are not. The world is eager to define us. It's eager to tell us what we can do and what we can't. It didn't take long for me to figure this out. Because of that, I easily compiled a list of what I am not. I am not a mistake. I am not broken. I am not cursed. I am not incapable.

I don't know where this journey will lead me or end up, but I do know that I am grateful He chose me for it. No matter how windy the roads may get or how deserted the path may seem, I know that I am LOVED, ACCEPTED and NOT FORGOTTEN. My hope is



that along the way, He uses me to whisper that to you. So wherever you may be in your journey, know you are not alone. There's a companion waiting to join you, so you, too, can enjoy the journey! ■



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## *Are you enrolled to vote?*

*YOUR vote is important.*

*It means you have a voice when it comes to electing those who make local and national decisions that affect people with disabilities and their families. There are a variety of supports to help you vote.*

*Look up [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz) or phone 0800 36 76 56.*





*Those who dive in the sea of*  
- Charles



*The empty tomb, with the stone rolled away and the clothes of Jesus left behind*

# *The Stations of the Cross at the Centre*



*Marianne led the discussion on "Betrayed and Arrested"*



*Rob and his attentive group talked about "The Resurrection"*



*"The Last Supper" led by Alexia*



*and it all produced lots of thought and discussion*



# Philippines CFFD RETREAT CAMP 2017

*Leslie de la Ganar writes;*

**To GOD be all the GLORY! God has amazed us at every PCFFD Camp!** Every camp is always special, extraordinary, enjoyable, refreshing and blessing, not only to campers but to the camp staff as well. Words cannot explain our wonderful experience from God. Every camp is a gift from God. Truly, God's blessing and favour were felt. Indeed, we were amazed at how God worked in us to minister to the people with disabilities and their families.

This 2017, the theme of our camp was "Love Heals". We were inspired with this theme because of our different personal experiences, such as bullying, disappointments, rejections, worries, pains and other painful heart issues. Hence, the Bible says in Luke 4:18 ...He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted... Indeed, God heals the broken hearted.

Most of our prayers about camp were answered by God – guidance of the Holy Spirit, salvation of many souls, good speakers, prayer support from brothers and sisters in Christ, provision for new camp staff – Bible students, pastors, cooperative camp staff who have a heart for those with disabilities, and for those people who supported our camp financially. However, in every camp there are always challenges, but we ought to trust and rely on God, because He knows what is the best for us!

*A wheelchair race*



Thank you so much for all the people who wholeheartedly donated to our PCFFD Retreat Camp. We really thank God for your lives. You were a channel of blessing for the advancement of God's kingdom. May God continue to bless you more and more!



Most of the campers shared their lives and confidently opened their hearts, their problems, hurts, worries, hopes and dreams. It was like a therapy to them. The group leaders/counsellors gave words of encouragement and prayed for them every session. Afterwards the campers felt good inside and healed emotionally and spiritually.

**Love from Leslie dela Ganar and the PCFFD Camp Team**



**Miro Mananguit**, a first timer at camp was born with no hands and feet. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour at the camp. He was such a jolly person, friendly and self confident. He moves fast, participated in every activity, and won the game called "Sip and Sip Challenge".

**Janet Meehan** has taken over (see her contacts on page 15) from Ruth Beale operating the Philippines account in NZ. Ruth has just come through a huge operation, and is recovering slowly. Pray for her.

It is a massive undertaking for Janet to handle all the paper work that this involves, and donors will hear from her as soon as she is able. Please be patient.



*I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything  
cannot do everything I will not refuse to do t*

## PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

**YOU MAY HAVE MISSED  
OUT ON THIS YEAR'S  
EMMANUEL FAMILY CAMP,  
BUT ARE YOU AWARE...**



**WHERE POSSIBLE WE HAVE  
HELPERS ASSIGNED TO..**



**INDIVIDUALLY BUDDY YOUR CHILD...**



**THROUGH MUCH OF THE DAY.**



*...hing, but still I can do something. And because I  
he something that I can do. - Hellen Keller*

## JUST LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES



**ARCHERY**



**ABSEILING UP THE WALL**



**WALKS**



**FLYING FOX**



**TRAMPOLINE**



**CRAFT**



**ACTING OUT A PLAY**



**A CAMP FIRE**

**SO!! DETERMINE TO BOOK EARLY FOR  
NEXT YEAR'S FAMILY CAMP**





*Explain your anger, instead of expressing arguments, instead of*

# More than Able

This article from The Salvation Army's War Cry magazine was written by Ingrid Barratt, and is included here with permission.

'A church that doesn't have disabled people in it, is a disabled church,' says Di Willis, director of Elevate Disability Trust. Di describes herself as 'very ordinary', but it's been an extraordinary life—among extraordinary people.

**C**live was a young man with severe cerebral palsy. One day he announced that he wanted to preach. Di Willis is honest that she thought, 'My goodness, no one will be able to understand him.' However, Elevate advocated for him to be given an opportunity to preach, with an interpreter translating for the congregation. 'You could hear a pin drop, it was so powerful,' recalls Di. From that day, an unlikely but gifted preacher was born.

This is a lesson for the church, points out Di. When we assume that people with disabilities cannot have the same spiritual giftings we have, we not only short-change them, but we debilitate the body of Christ.

This is also true of people with intellectual disabilities. 'They may be intellectually disabled, but they are not spiritually disabled,' reflects Di. 'Jesus said we have to be like small children to come to him. People with intellectual disabilities have that pure faith, and they wake the church up, plus, they can get away with things we would never get away with', laughs Di. She points to a church in Taupo that is proactive in including disabled people in its ministries. 'A group of intellectually disabled people have the task of taking the offering. They will come and stand beside you until you put something in the bag or tell them to go away. We could never get away with that!' It's a light-hearted perspective on a profound issue: that

God uses the weak things of the world to confound the wise.

## ***Sowing the seeds***

When I ask Di where she got her passion for people with disabilities, she simply answers, 'God.' Yet, as so often happens, God was planting the seeds from the very beginning.

'I was tested when I was about nine because I was failing school,' explains Di. 'They found I was slightly slow in my learning. So I was sent to a special school as a boarder. I had a year of crying the whole time, I was so homesick.' Yet, looking back, Di realises the school gave her a love of people with disabilities. It's not surprising, then, that when Di left school she became an occupational therapist. But it wasn't until she came to New Zealand from the United Kingdom 'on an adventure' that her life changed forever.

'I was very social and got drunk a lot, and it was a turbulent time,' remembers Di. 'I had a real void within, and deep down, I really wanted to know God. A friend invited me to go to the Billy Graham crusade. Well, my friend didn't end up coming, but I went along, and I had an amazing conversion. I was completely changed.'

At the time, she was working at Middlemore Hospital where she was inspired by Bev, a tetraplegic woman who was a Christian. 'God showed me there should be a ministry for people with disabilities, both Christian and non-Christian,' says Di.

The idea kept playing in the back of her mind as she got married and began a family. One day, Di decided to pick up the phone and call Bev, who had recently left hospital after two years and was struggling to adjust, as well as look after her three children. Di said, 'I want to bring people with disabilities to your place.' Her friend replied that just that morning, she had



*it, and you will find solutions instead of brokenness, wholeness.*

prayed to God, 'Lord, only bring the people to my place that you want to be there.' And so, a ministry was born.

### ***Revelation and revival***

Another friend, Margie, who has cerebral palsy, also helped begin the ministry. Margie went to America to be healed by a famous healing evangelist, but came back devastated that she had not been healed. 'We were there helping her pick up the pieces,' says Di. But out of that experience, Margie went to Bible College where God appeared to her in an awe-inspiring vision: 'She saw Jesus on a white horse, just like in Revelation, and He gave her an enormous vision of the work He wanted to do with disabled people.'

'We were overawed and didn't have a clue what to do. We had to really trust God—and whenever the Lord showed us things, we did it. We got criticised to the nth degree for not having this or that, but we just did it. The Lord was so faithful to us, and it just grew and grew and loads of people became Christians. It was a revival really.'

One of their dreams was to hold a Christian camp for people with disabilities, and they nervously booked a venue for 26 people. Forty years later, Elevate's national camps attract between 300-400 people, with branches throughout the country. Among its many ministries, Elevate oversees 'Christian Fellowship for Disabled' for people with mainly physical disabilities, 'Joy Ministries' for people with intellectual disabilities, 'Torch Outreach' for blind or visually impaired, and 'Emmanuel Support' for families of children with disabilities, as well as an Auckland-based drop-in centre brimming with people daily.

### ***Part of the body***

'I sometimes say that if the Church was really doing its job, we wouldn't need this ministry at all,' says Di—although she has also seen first-hand that Elevate allows people to be completely accepted, without having to explain themselves or fight to fit in. Still, the aim of Elevate is to see people with disabilities not merely surviving in churches, but thriving. Di admits



there is still discrimination—although she hesitates to use the word—against people with disabilities.

Although many churches have good intentions, there are subtle barriers: 'I have a bee in my bonnet about churches where there is a stage and no ramp up to it. It's assuming that people who use a wheelchair, crutches or a walker don't have anything to offer up the front,' says Di. 'It's great if you have a back entrance for those with disabilities; it's even better if they can come in the front like everyone else.' Di shocked the vicar of a traditional church when she suggested they cut a pew in half, so that a person in a wheelchair could sit in the middle of the church, next to friends and family—instead of right down the back or right up the front.

Yet, there are also many churches that have shown enormous imagination. 'There was a boy in a wheelchair who wanted to go to youth group, but their youth room was upstairs. So they changed the location, and started meeting downstairs, and he knew he belonged,' remembers Di. Part of her job is to advocate for people so they can go to the church they choose, and be full participants in



# *The mass of people can be divided into two and those who take things with*

its ministries. Intellectually-disabled people are great door greeters. Other people with physical disabilities may be prayers, encouragers, preachers and teachers. Churches have to do some work to include people with disabilities—such as a roster for those needing transport or getting some advice around setting boundaries for people with intellectual disabilities. ‘I love it when a minister rings me and says, “I have someone in my church with a disability and I need some help.” I think, ‘Good on you!’

Elevate can help with practical tips for encouraging and involving people with disabilities. Ultimately, though, ‘it’s your attitude and heart that’s really important,’ says Di. The bottom line is that people with disabilities have a lot to offer the Church through their own unique giftings. ‘You don’t have to have a ministry to the disabled, you just need to include people with disabilities in your ministries,’ sums up Di.

## ***More than ordinary***

Last year, Di was given an Unsung Hero ‘Missional Living’ Award by the New Zealand Christian Network, for her tireless work over 40 years. ‘It was such a great thing for the ministry. I’m just a very ordinary person, so God gets the glory,’ she says. I can’t help but argue that Di is not entirely ordinary. If Elevate shows us anything, it’s that in God’s Kingdom, everyone is extraordinary. And God, who is able, can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

### ***Need help?***

Elevate can help you find practical ways to include people with disabilities in your church

### ***Get involved***

You can volunteer with Elevate through prayer support, lending a hand at one of their camps, being a friend, donating and more.  
Go to [www.elevatecdt.org.nz](http://www.elevatecdt.org.nz)

## *“HELP! I’M DROWNING”*

*by Ken Brown (who is blind)*



*Julia and I were going round the rocks at Piha beach when suddenly we got into trouble – we both almost drowned.*

Julia was rescued, and so was I, because of the alertness of Karen, an off-duty life guard, who was relaxing on that secluded part of the beach. She saw my plight and immediately swam out to save me. PTL!

What if because of my male ego and pride I had refused to be rescued by this young female “whipper-snapper”? It would have made headlines - BLIND MAN DROWNS AFTER REFUSING HELP!” John 3 16-21 tells us God sent His SON to die for us so we could have eternal life. This is the Gospel – this is the decision each has to make – have you?

Karen had the authority of a life guard. Christians have Christ’s authority to proclaim the Gospel and disciple others – are you doing this?



*classes: those who take things for granted,  
gratitude. - Dr W.E. Sangster*

# EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

**Jen Bricker writes,**

"Trust that every experience —good bad or ugly—shapes the person you are for the better. Every mistake or misfortune is an opportunity to grow and learn. It's a matter of seeing the bigger picture, the purpose you are working toward, and how each thing you go through is part of the journey. I was born without legs. I could choose to have a woe is me attitude, and I don't think anyone would hold that against me. But I don't ...ever. Instead, I see my body as a huge advantage because it provides me with the opportunity to have an extremely unique perspective on life. It also allows God to work through me to inspire and motivate others.

Sure my life is more difficult in some aspects. I'd be lying if I said otherwise. But it would be too easy to go down that negative road. Instead, I prefer to focus on all the positives that having no legs has brought to my life: the opportunities, the people, the chance for my voice to be heard. And when I do think of all those things, the good overwhelmingly overshadows the bad. Bottom line: if I hadn't been born without legs, I wouldn't have the life I have now."

When Jen was born the shock of a baby without legs was too much for her parents and they hastily decided she'd be better off with someone else. But isn't God amazing the way He works so wonderfully through all circumstances, and He brought a miracle into the life of a couple who had two boys and were longing for a daughter which was no longer possible following her hysterectomy. They leapt at the idea of taking Jen into their family. When they were introduced Jen's face lit up in a huge grin. At that moment her new mother knew it was meant to be. It felt like she'd found the missing piece, and the smile on Jen's face said, "You're finally here".



They were incredibly wise in the way they brought up Jen through the multitude of difficulties they had to overcome, and these are described by Jen in a book she, years later, has just had published called, "Everything is Possible". The two paragraphs above were taken from this book. In it she also writes, "It took me years to learn how to focus on what's been given instead of what's gone. But now I realise that the victory is in the journey—even if I stumble along the way. Thankfully, I had parents who understood that, who let me try and fail and try again. When my belief wasn't strong, theirs was stronger. My parents had trust in both God and me. They resisted the urge to jump in and rescue me. Instead, they let me figure things out for myself. They let me find my own courage and wisdom. They let me fall on my butt. All were equally important."

**Jen's book tells of the great faith she has in God, and has been published by "Baker Books".**



*A good person is like a candle. The d  
It does not make noises about its radiance, and  
Let nothing overwhelm your steady flame. Ke*

## Raising a Child with Disabilities with Faith



by Toni Mitchell

**B**eing a parent comes with many responsibilities. We have to provide a safe place for our children to live, clothes, education, keep them well and fed, and fill their lives with experiences and love. As Christians, we also have a responsibility to teach our children about God and our faith.

Raising a child with a disability comes with many more responsibilities and demands. As parents we have to make sure they get all the therapy, extra support, medicines, hospital visits and access to all the extra help that they need. But we still have a priority to raise our children to know and love God and to develop a faith of their own.

How do we do this? How do we teach a child who is so developmentally slow that they are years behind their peers to develop a faith of their own? Just like we do any other child.

We take them to Church. We sit in the congregation, and let our children be a part of the worship. We let them hear the message, sing the songs, whether they are in tune or know the words or not. We take them to Sunday School. We take them to Church activities and events. And we surround them with a family of Christians who live and love Christ, and who welcome and accept your child into the fold.

At home we pray as a family, read Bible Stories, and talk about God and Jesus and our faith. Most importantly, we model for our children how to live a life immersed in Christ and our faith. It doesn't sound much different to any other child really. But it is. Because we may never get a response. We may never get past the point of our children sitting in their chair and just being there. But that is ok. They are there, they know there is a God, and they are living the faith as they live with you,

Sometimes it is hard as a parent of a child with a disability. When they are so sick, and suffering so much, and every time you turn around you are confronted with more bad news, more work, more surgeries, more problems....and there is not enough time in the day, money in the bank or help in the world to help you get everything done for them, and your heart breaks over and over as you just want them to spend five minutes without pain, to be able to do more than lie in bed and suffer, and just have a semblance of a life like other children have...and as your heart breaks and your eyes cry...you get down on your knees and scream WHY??'

And as we question God at to why this could happen and how can it be right and fair....we find it hard to teach our children to have faith, as we question our own. It comes down to - we HAVE to have faith. If we don't we will completely fall apart. Faith is what holds us together and gives us the strength to continue to do what we do, day in and day out, over and over again, when there is no hope in sight. And living this faith, that God is with us and holding our hands through the darkest of times, that He is with our child and holding them in His arms as they cry and suffer, and that He is crying with us, that we are never, ever alone... this faith is what we cling to, and what we share with our children,

They don't have to be able to quote from the Bible, or know all the words to the hymns, or be able to explain everything to you. All they have to know is Jesus loves them, no matter what, and will always be with them. The faith of a child is how you enter Heaven. And we can teach them that, with our own unconditional love and by sharing our own faith. They will know.

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*arker the night, the brighter it shines.  
does not lose its glow by sharing it with others.  
keep on burning and be an inspiration to others*

Catherine Healey in an article in 2011 in *The Western Leader* wrote:

## Diana's Big Family, It's So Awesome!

Diana York has 18 children she thinks of as her own sons and daughters, although she's never met them. Over the past three years Diana, who has cerebral palsy, has raised \$19,000 to provide food, shelter and education for them. They range in age from infants to teenagers, and live in Eldoret, Kenya. She raises money for them through Hope Homes International, a charity which takes care of abandoned children. She raises money by selling donated items from the tray of her wheelchair to friends at church and in the rest home where she lives on Te Atatu Peninsular.

Over the years she's sold everything from cakes and lollies to clothing, jewellery and soft toys. "A lady from my church donates the toys. People bring me all sorts of things to sell, and other people buy them. I couldn't do this on my own. This is a team effort," she says.

Pastor Geoff Wiklund from the Eden Assembly of God inspired Ms York to help. "He told me stories about the

children. He has just come back from visiting them, and brought me an album with pictures and letters from them." Church friends Edwin and Margaret said the project had given Diana a great sense of fulfilment.

"I wouldn't stop now. I can't, it is part of my life. The children have changed my life and I have changed theirs. This is a wonderful calling. I wouldn't have done it if I hadn't gone to Eden church. And I doubt I would have done this if I was able-bodied. It's so awesome that it has taken off like this. I would like to say thank you to everyone involved. It's not enough, but saying thank you is all I can do."

But in the six years since 2011 the project has continued to grow. Now she has 34 children!, and has raised over \$25,000.



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