

CHURCHES GIVE NAPPIES TO FAMILIES IN NEED

When a request for nappies from Yvonne Boyd, our Family Start Team Leader, appeared in my inbox, I contacted the Korean Presbyterian Church of Auckland and the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Henderson to ask if they could help. Yvonne told me:

“We often have mothers who have been victims of domestic violence and need to leave their home only in what they are wearing. Other families have no funds left for nappies after they have paid their bills and bought food.”

Thank you St Andrew's and the Korean Presbyterian Church for blessing our families.



Yvonne Boyd and one of the Family Start Workers Marama-Ataahua O Te Rangi with the donation of nappies from the Korean Presbyterian Church of Auckland.

OUR FOODBANK



The can-do approach of Mairangi/CastorBay Presbyterian Church recently helped out several North Shore families with stretched food budgets by asking people to trade food cans for a free coffee – thanks to help from Montrose café and Harcourts Milford.

By spreading the word at church, on Facebook and with local letterbox fliers, parish volunteers asked community members to bring along a can or two of food to Montrose in Mairangi Bay one Thursday morning.

Can for a Coffee initiator Pauline Gulliver says the drive netted a car boot full of food for families in need and the Church hopes to do it again in coming months.

A big thank you to everyone who donates items to our Foodbank. We really appreciate your ongoing support.



Community
CONNECTIONS
Autumn 2017

MOERewa PAINTS ITSELF PROUD

One man's vision to paint the houses of Moerewa has burgeoned into an all-hands-on-deck makeover of several homes in the small Northland town that is building pride and strengthening community ties.

When Paint Plus owner John Warman first mentioned his idea to Anne Overton in late 2015, Presbyterian Support Northern's Community Advocate saw the opportunity to get people working together on Tu te Aroha – Moerewa's makeover project.

John's Auckland paint company got the ball rolling by donating 1000 litres of paint.

Paint Plus have been impressed with the top quality job being done preparing and painting the houses in Moerewa, which is on State Highway One, west of Kawakawa. He Iwi Kotahi Tatou Trust are project managing the Tu te Aroho project.

Since Anne and PSN's Maori advisor Daniel Hauraki began spreading the word about John's idea early last year,

more and more people have linked hands through Moerewa's He Iwi Kotahi Tatou Trust to not only paint but also repair at least 13 houses.

Presbyterian Support Northern funded Tu te Aroha's launch and the paint consumables. A grant from Te Puni Kokiri has allowed the Trust to employ local tradespeople to renovate four families' houses so far – with help from local businesses and whanau volunteers.

Instrumental in connecting Presbyterian Support Northern and Paint Plus with He Iwi Kotahi Tatou Trust was John McGregor from Tikipunga Presbyterian Church in Whangarei, through his long association with the Moerewa Community Church and a prayer group who have met regularly to pray for the north.

Northtec's building apprentices and painting trainees are earning learning credits for their help with the houses. Students from Pou Herenga Tangata, the Trust's alternative education group, are photographing and filming Moerewa's awesome community initiative to paint itself proud.

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WHAT'S ON

Here are some upcoming events to inspire you to get involved in your community.

26 May

Pink Shirt Day

Think Pink And Give Bullying a Good Dressing Down

Did you know that Kiwi 15 year olds report the second highest rate of bullying out of 51 countries, according to a recent OECD survey?

Take a stand with us on Friday 26 May by wearing a pink shirt to help stamp out this unacceptable behaviour in our schools, workplaces and communities where everyone should feel safe, valued and respected.

PSN's Family Works is supporting the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day and you can check out our Facebook campaign at [facebook.com/familyworksnorthern](https://www.facebook.com/familyworksnorthern)



25 June - 1 July

'Praying for Children @ Risk'

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Did you know that more than 305,000 Kiwi children are living in poverty today and many are also at risk of family violence and neglect?

So they need our help and our prayers to make sure they have warm, safe homes to live in, enough food to eat and a caring, loving environment that gives them the best chance to learn and become healthy, contributing community members.

Once again, Kids Friendly and Presbyterian Support Northern are joining forces to encourage congregations to set aside a daily pray time for the children at risk in our country. We'd love you to join us.

Entries close Monday 31 July 2017

Doing SMALL things with **GREAT** love

Each year, we have many children enter our 'Love Reaches Out' competition. However, there are still **MANY** children who can't due to a lack of art supplies.

You can change that! Please donate today.

With your donation, you'll help deliver an entry pack to a child who wants to express their creativity.

If every church donated \$10 for one entry pack, we could ensure that no child misses out.

To donate, please get in touch with Anne Overton at anne.overton@psn.org.nz or transfer funds to Presbyterian Support Bank account: 06 0101 0075933-18



BEAU'S BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME



BEFORE



AFTER

"I'm Albert. Tunisia is my wife but at home in Moerewa we're Beau and Tundy to our friends and whanau.

I'm 68. I've lived here all of my life and Tundy and I have had all of our kids here. Our daughter lives next door and we love seeing a lot of our moko but we used to worry our broken house was not healthy.

Last year **He Iwi Kotahi Tatou Trust** got the community together and fixed up our house like we could not believe.

The broken windows used to make it cold and we couldn't afford our power bills because the hot water wasn't working.

You should see our house now. People just keep dropping in at random to take a look - it is so beautiful and we are so proud. Tundy gets tears in her eyes she is so proud to have a healthy home and she is no longer shy about inviting people in for a cup of tea.

I love being in the garden and I've always mowed the lawns of our property but now I feel really good about the whole house.

I reckon one of the best things about the Tu te Aroha project is that so many of our young people have got involved. They've done so much good, hard work and you just tell that it is making them proud too."

"The kingdom of God is like... a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

Mark 4: 30 -32



Anne Overton
Community Advocate

