



# CBM Happenings

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| **God can do anything—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!** Eph 3:20 |  
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God’s dreams for our lives are exponentially bigger than any dream we can imagine. Why? Because it’s eternally significant. God’s dream for your life is bigger than your dream.

Over the past 60 years, CBM has stepped out by faith and God’s vision has caused us to have huge dreams which in the natural seemed impossible.

As only God can do, He miraculously stepped in and did far more than we ever dreamed!

I often think about the thousands of lives that have come to Jesus over the decades, the lives that have been transformed and disciplined, and the purchase of our beautiful Camp at Raglan in 1968.

And, to His glory, the purchase of our Int’l Headquarters in 1990.

Little did we dream that ministry trips across Asia and Africa would mean the headquarters would become essential as a training centre; a place where teachers could be transformed as they were trained and sent back to their own nations to impact the world.

It has been 50 years since our work in the Philippines began. In that time, the Lord has miraculously provided a place called Hebron. This is where we now have our **Children’s Home**, and **Hebron Disability Services** where ministry to the

disabled community takes place, a **Children’s Camp, a Training and Resource Centre** for seminars to equip churches in children’s ministry, and a **Retreat Centre** that we can share with churches.

**Don’t be afraid to dream BIG!** Pursue the vision in your heart- God can do **MORE** than you can hope for or imagine! You have no idea what God wants to do in and through you.

As we dream big, this honours the Lord, as it shows faith and trust. We are dreaming big, because we know God wants to continue to use CBM!

Mike  
CBM Director





## WAYMAKER AND MIRACLE WORKER

Jean Morley was astounded to receive news in late June that CBM would receive a legacy of over \$350,000 in the next few months. This news came at the same time as a property next to our headquarters, consisting of 3 units capable of accommodating up to six people, became available on the market. We have 9 students from India and Africa for our 2025 international course (with 2 on the waiting list). We were left speechless at the timing and started to imagine the possibilities of how CBM could use this property.

We are pleased to share that we have successfully secured the majority of the funds needed and have purchased the property! However, we continue to seek the Lord's provision for the remaining \$300,000 to ensure we can own the property free from debt. Our vision is to utilize this space for our 16-week training courses, as well as for various shorter courses requested by individuals throughout New Zealand. Your prayers and ongoing support as we advance in faith are appreciated.



Amazing things happen when we act on something that speaks to our hearts. Together, we are capable of transforming the world. Contributions made in your will to Children's Bible Ministries would establish a long-lasting legacy supporting the ministry to children and training those who work with children.



## INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHOOL (ICMS) 2024

It was an exciting experience for us to hold our **International Children's Ministry School** again after a three-year break. The three students fully participated in our children's camp for two weeks in January, just days after arriving in NZ. They were also able to join the camp again at the end of the course in April, by this time having become well-adjusted to our New Zealand culture. Some of the highlights from their 16 weeks in NZ included teaching their own Religious Education classes, learning to minister to people with disabilities, and enhancing their understanding of how to minister to the whole child through prayer and counseling.



All three students were from North East India. (*top left at their ICMS Graduation*) Muansanpuia (MS) from the state of Mizoram, Neingulanuo (Ala) from Nagaland, and Fiftina from Meghalaya. We are so encouraged to hear that they are already sharing their knowledge with their fellow Sunday school teachers through local training seminars. We recognize the importance of empowering local individuals to connect with their own communities. Our **2025 international course is fully booked**, and we are grateful for the interest from many countries.

## INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS

In October 2023, Lyn conducted training courses with Rodney Devdas (CBM India) in Delhi and Kohima, India. The course in Delhi was arranged with the help of a former CBM student living in the USA, who is active in Delhi. In Kohima, a week-long residential course was conducted primarily among the Angami tribe.

The participants showed great eagerness for learning, starting classes at 7:30 a.m. and continuing into the evening. Some participants plan to further train with us in our 16-week course in 2025.



## NEW ZEALAND TRAINING



Special to God training attendees making sensory slime

Our Saturday training sessions continue to be well attended, and we are thrilled to receive positive feedback of the teachings: *"Extremely helpful with a wealth of knowledge!"* and *"Packed with valuable advice and insight on storytelling development."*

Several sessions were recorded for distribution, including this year's Ministry to Young Children seminar, which will be shared with a church in Nelson and in Russia. Ian managed the camera and tech, while Lyn, Naomi, and Mellissa delivered the teachings in a live setting.

*Thank You!*

Special thanks to Denis Delaney for editing the video footage to create high-quality resources.



Ian and Lyn recently facilitated a **Zoom training** for TREM Church in Nigeria using prerecorded lectures and live interaction between sessions. This is now the third training we have done for TREM

International church. There were **600 participants** present at the TREM Church in Lagos (Nigeria) who took part via large screens in the church. In addition to this, up to **700 people** watched a live stream in other locations in Nigeria and at venues in the UK, USA and Canada. It's so good to be able to reach large numbers even with the time difference, which meant Lyn and Ian were up until 4.00am on Sunday!



## CAMPS



is a one-day camp catering to kids with disabilities. Our theme

this year was, **"Jungle Journey – Adventures with Jesus"**. The children AND adults had a blast! In keeping the format to one day, we were thankful for the chance to utilize the excellent facilities at "Elevate" in Auckland. We had the pleasure of welcoming a wonderful group of Year 9 students from Kingsway School as 'buddies' for the campers. Their involvement was rewarding, and the connections made on that day were remarkable. Our activities included a gospel story featuring a young jungle boy and an interactive jungle skit that encouraged the children to appreciate how uniquely God has created each of them, along with games and crafts.



above: Kids Connect



January and April camps were full and overflowing with children, ready for an experience to remember. 60+ children made a decision to follow Jesus and our team were kept busy with follow-up counselling and giving the children assurance of their salvation. They were given a handout to help them remember their decision and those who did not have a Bible of their own were given one thanks to kind sponsors. Also, this was the **10th year that Johnny Ku has brought Korean children to camp in the January holidays.**

## SURVIVAL CAMP 24|7

We had the BEST time. We were fortunate to have a fantastic group of leaders, which included three recently married couples, all of who had previously attended camp as campers. The young people were physically challenged by early morning runs before breakfast, an early morning Zumba session, beach sports, and a giant circuit challenge including runs through the bush.



The boys had a night sleeping under the stars and eeling in our creek, and the girls had a movie night in the gym. There were also night beach games and the "Fugitive" - a camp-wide game of Man Hunt. The teaching and

workshops were based round the theme: "**STAND: Even if you stand alone**".

All sessions and small group times also had a focus on the Armour of God. Many of the young people gave their all in worship and spent time in God's presence. Here is some of the feedback from parents:

*"Thanks so much to the team and volunteers that make Camp Raglan."*

*"I am so glad my boys got to have a week full of adventures and come away happier and well-rounded."*



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A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO BURGER BURGER FOR SPONSORING THE PRIZES FOR OUR SURVIVAL CAMPS. THANK YOU!  
PLEASE SUPPORT THESE AMAZING PEOPLE BY VISITING THEIR STORES.

## STAFF HAPPENINGS

We are pleased to welcome 3 volunteers to Camp Raglan- **Jakob Fuergut, Nico Fritz, and Luana Vollmer**. They are in the ACVE (Aotearoa Cultural & Exchange) program. Jakob will be with us for 6 months, and Nico and Luana will be staying for 12 months. They have come from Germany to immerse themselves in New Zealand's culture and to work with us at the camp.



After 44 years of dedicated service at CBM **Judy Collingwood** retired in May. Even though she has officially retired, Judy graciously volunteers in the office two days a week, allowing us to still enjoy her presence regularly. Her selfless contributions over the years will surely be rewarded in heaven.



**Mellissa Gallichan** joined us at the beginning of the year as camp registrar. She has been a part of our camp since she was 11 years old and has always had a heart for children's ministry. She holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education along with a Youth Worker certificate. Furthermore, she has experience working with children with additional needs both at our camp and within the broader community. **Welcome to the team!**



We are delighted to welcome back **Aliza Duley**. Aliza worked with CBM 2003-06. She is now Camp Raglan's resident cook. Aliza brings a wealth of experience from her years at McDonald's, where she began at the entry level and progressed to a management role. Aliza possesses strong skills in system management and food preparation.

**Please mark your calendar for a special event on Sunday, 5th January 2025.** We will be celebrating 100 years of ministry to children through Bryant Home and subsequently Camp Raglan.



You are invited to join us during our summer camp at 2.30 pm in the camp gymnasium. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Kindly let us know if you will be attending for catering purposes.

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## INTERNATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING

Rodney Devdas (CBM Mumbai, India) is actively engaging with "Gen Alpha", the generation born between 2010 and 2025, the who are being raised in the era of artificial intelligence by digital natives. By incorporating technology, supporting parents, and offering spiritual guidance, Rodney aims to introduce Generation Alpha to the timeless teachings of Jesus and equip them to navigate the unique challenges of their time. To achieve this goal, Rodney and his team are developing high-quality worship songs, educational materials, and other digital resources for parents, pastors, and the annual vacation bible school. Throughout the summer, they have been organizing VBS/Camps for youth and children, resulting in some youth expressing interest in taking the next step of baptism. During one VBS session attended by 195 children from 20 churches, they witnessed significant success, with many individuals finding faith in the Lord.



**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS CURRICULUM!**



We hope you've been encouraged by all the Happenings in CBM. Thank you for your encouragement as we continue to serve. Your prayers and financial support enable us to do what the Lord has called us to do!





**CBM HAS BOUGHT THE THREE UNITS NEXT TO OUR AUCKLAND OFFICE AS AN EXTENSION OF OUR MINISTRY HERE IN NEW ZEALAND.**

**WE HAVE A GOAL TO OWN THIS PROPERTY DEBT-FREE.  
WE ARE TRUSTING THE LORD FOR THE REMAINING \$300,000.**

**WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL?  
YES! I'D LIKE TO GIVE: \$100, \$500, \$1000, OTHER \$**

**PLEASE MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO  
CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRIES INC **03 0175 0013647 00**  
PLEASE INCLUDE- PARTICULARS:YOUR SURNAME REF: UNITS**

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[ACCOUNTS@CBM.ORG.NZ](mailto:ACCOUNTS@CBM.ORG.NZ) FOR A TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT**

**In the upcoming term, we will be organizing some working weekends to prepare the units for the arrival of the overseas students in December. Would you be available to lend us a hand?**

**Are you a plumber, electrician, painter, gardener, or builder? We would love to have your talents on board! If you're interested in volunteering your time and expertise, please reach out to Mike Buckley at [mike@cbm.org.nz](mailto:mike@cbm.org.nz).**

*Thank you*

