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## Merry Christmas

A big thank you to all of the leaders, helpers, and supporters out there in IFG Land for all of your hard work this year. You have certainly all made a positive impact in the lives of the girls who come along to IFG.

The IFG Ministry Team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, and trusts you will have some time off to relax and recharge, and enjoy time with friends and family.



### Prayer Points

Please pray for healing for those girls and leaders who are sick

Please pray for the IFG Ministry Team

Please pray for each IFG unit throughout the country as they plan for 2016

Pray for new leaders for next year. Two units are facing closure due to lack of leaders

Give thanks for leaders and pray for refreshment and new vision to serve the girls in their units

*If you have specific prayer requests you are welcome to email these to our Prayer Coordinator Christine Wakefield on [prayer@iconz4girlz.org.nz](mailto:prayer@iconz4girlz.org.nz)*

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## National Leadership Training

6 - 8 May 2016

Totara Springs Christian Centre, Matamata

This training weekend is for all adult leaders aged 18 and over, and for junior leaders 14 to 17 years with the oversight of an adult leader.

This year the focus will be on the various development stages as girls progress through the i-girlz programme and how best to meet the needs of each age group.

Enjoy the company of leaders from other parts of New Zealand as you learn new skills, swap ideas and support each other in the IFG ministry.

Please mark this in your 2016 diary now. Cost will be \$200 - \$250 per person and the Team is applying for funding to subsidise this. Your help in seeking funding to cover your registration fee would be appreciated. There is some funding available to help South Island leaders with travel to the training weekend.

## Looking Ahead to 2016

- If leaders are stepping down from active duty this year, and want to consider being part of the Management Team, there are two vacancies next year. The roles are can be suited around members' individual talents and giftings.

- Seeit will take over the production and distribution of printed material. You will be able to order programme manuals and promotional material in the same way that you order your uniforms and badges. Seeit will advise the unit corporate account holder by email when the material will be available to be ordered online.

- The Newspaper editors would love to have articles and photos from IFG units about the cool stuff you've been up to. Newspaper is published twice a year, and the deadline for the first issue is 1 March. Send your contributions to [newsrap@girlsbrigade.org.nz](mailto:newsrap@girlsbrigade.org.nz)

## Thank You!

Special thanks to leaders who are completing their 'tour of duty' this year. Thank you for all the time and dedication you have given to IFG.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**I have extra badges after the end of term, can I swap them?**

The place for badge swapping is the IFG Leaders Facebook page - let other Unit leaders know what you're after, and what you have to swap. Please liaise with each other to facilitate the swapping of badges.

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## Facebook

Facebook is the place for sharing all of your good ideas, and sharing what your Unit is doing. Other leaders are asking to hear!

'IFG Leaders NZ' is a closed Facebook group where this discussion can take place. You will have to ask the admins to approve you, but we are more than happy to do this and have you on board!

### Bible Competition - from the GBNZ Admin Director

It was hoped that with this National News/Newsletter I would be advising the arrival of the new GBNZ Bible. However due to a printing error the delivery has been delayed. We are, however hopeful that the delay will not be too long and in anticipation of a delivery in the New Year we have set a tentative launch date of February the 27th in Auckland to which everyone is invited. Further details on the venue and activities will be released on confirmation of the delivery and launch date.

Elizabeth Dickens  
Administrative Director

"...Mama nodded. 'And the real Christmas night happened only once, but that Christmas night resulted in Christmas all over the whole world.'

'That's because the glory of heaven spreads so easily,' said Joachim. 'I think it must be infectious.'"

*The Christmas Mystery*, Jostein Gaarder

"Growing girls for good!"