

# From the Ministry Team

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National Volunteer Week June 2017

This week Charmayne and I were in Wellington and one of the things we did was attend the Volunteering NZ afternoon tea at Parliament Buildings to accept on your behalf the thanks of the Prime Minister, Hon Bill English, and the Minister for the Community and Volunteering Sector, Hon Alfred Ngaro, for the positive contributions made by volunteers to the community. Thank you i-girlz leaders!

Mr Ngaro is an ex Boys' Brigader and was attending Boys' Brigade at St Giles in Te Atatu South at the same time that I was a Girls' Brigade Officer there so we knew lots of people in common. Alfred was introduced to the church by his friend who is now the chaplain to the ICONZ and iconz4girlz groups at Mangatangi.



L to R Charmayne, Alfred, Chris

## Bible Society NZ



We also visited the NZ Bible Society HQ in Wellington so we could thank them in person for our beautiful bibles. They were delighted to receive the positive feedback and we have given them some ideas for missional projects involving the girls and the Bible Society working together.

## Girls' Brigade NZ AGM

New Girls' Brigade NZ National Personnel were appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in Wellington last weekend.

Charmayne and I attended this AGM. Because we were representing our Girls' Brigade Areas (Auckland Central and Marlborough/Nelson) we were allowed to vote and have speaking rights.

The new National Commissioner is Charlotte Saunders who lives in Taupo. The National Chaplain is Craig Scott from Te Atatu, West Auckland. (Craig's wife is the Senior Leader of the Te Atatu IFG Unit). Lynn Edser from Wellington was elected to the Board. There are still two vacancies on the Board.

*New National Commissioner, Charlotte Saunders, (left) with Elizabeth Dickens from the Girls' Brigade Support centre*



Sara Madsen, IFG Leader from Omokoroa, presented two discussion topics and was very impressive directing the conversation and handling the questions. Well done, Sara!

## NZ Mountain Safety Council

Yesterday I received in the mail a pack from Mountain Safety who has produced a series of one to four minute long videos that will be released over the coming weeks to be used to teach young people how to plan their trips in the outdoors. Sara Madsen (Omokoroa IFG) reported that she has already used the one on how to pack for a day tramp plus she got her girls to complete their own RAMs forms. Got them thinking.

You can access the videos by subscribing to the MS YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/OutdoorSafety>



There are also downloadable guides at [www.mountainsafety.org.nz](http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz)

## A closing word of appreciation and encouragement to all our wonderful leaders this Volunteer Week

### Philippians 1 (CEV)

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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