

From the Ministry Team

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Holy God, Creator of time and space,

A new year begins, full of opportunity and hope.

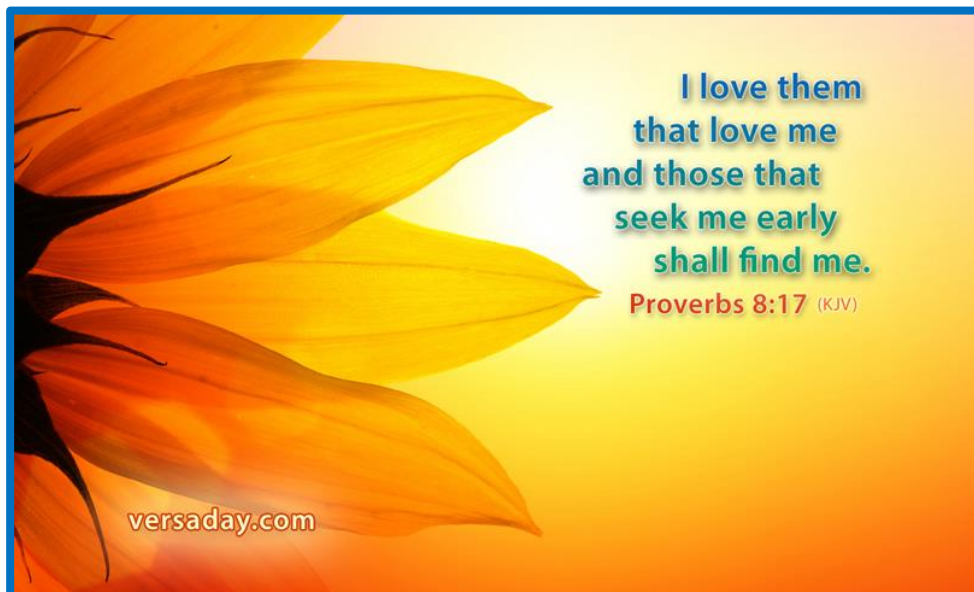
Following the example of your Son

May we be witnesses to the light of your love.

Through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Amen



I have been thinking how best we can support our Units in 2018. I have identified two ways but need your input for both!

1. February will be i-girlz month of prayer. 2018 needs a strong foundation and each day praying for one of our Units, the Ministry Team, the Girls' Brigade Board and new Ministry opportunities fits perfectly into the 28 days of February. If you have any particular prayer requests for your Unit please send them to info@iconz4girlz.org.nz to include on your prayer day. (Before 31 Jan please). There are well over 100 registered IFG leaders and supporters who could be praying for you.

2. We have residual funding from SPARC, Lottery Youth and PAC Methodist Fund which is to be used for training. Feedback from leaders is that they would prefer a one day training day near home rather than a National Weekend training event.

We need to know what you would like to have included in this training and your preferred location. Reply ASAP please to info@iconz4girlz.org.nz so we can start organising.

Thank you.

Have you seen the resources we posted or delivered to your Unit in December?

These were:

- **A reprinted Games Book**
- **A booklet of all our badges with a short description**
- **Programmes for the Optional Badges all in one book**

The badge booklet has been added to our leaders' resources section on our website www.iconz4girlz.org.nz Select - Merchandise / IFG Badges / Badge Booklet

There are a couple of ways to print it so the pages are not upside down. Select 'Print using dialog....' at the foot of left hand column then you have the option to print both sides using 'Preferences'. Otherwise download first.

The 2018 version of the girls' Consent Form is on the website also.

This year marks the 125th anniversary since the first Girls' Brigade Company was founded at the Sandymount Presbyterian Church in Dublin, Ireland. It is also 90 years since the first Girls' Life Brigade Company (later Girls' Brigade) began here in New Zealand at the Caversham Baptist Church in Dunedin. For your interest a brief history is available on the IFG website - Newsletter June 2013.

To mark 'Celebration 125' the NZ Girls' Brigade Programmes Team have produced a resource that has interesting information about Girls' Brigades working in other countries and this includes lots and lots of craft ideas. Take a look -

www.girlsbrigade.nz/programmes

The password is unity2017

GBNZ will be giving a free badge to all girls who participate in this 'Celebrate 125' programme.

Have a great year!



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Contacts

If you have any other questions/concerns/requests here is where you go:

Ministry Team

- For general inquiries/ feedback

Christine Brunt (convenor) info@iconz4girlz.org.nz

- For inquiries about events/camps etc. Sending your RAMs forms

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