

Open Hand

Titoki Healing Centre Newsletter

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Titoki – a retreat for healing and restoration



Is God calling you?

Upcoming Events

Recovering from Loss and Grief Workshop	March 11
Iron Sharpens Iron Pastors Retreat	March 14-15
Personal Catered Retreats	March 13-17 April 17-21 May 15-19

For more info check our website

Dear Friends of Titoki ...

Welcome to the 2023 Summer edition of Open Hand. It has been a warm, wet summer and we praise God that we were able to replace the septic tanks in three of our houses before the rains. Orchard Cottage is now available on AirBnB for holiday rental.

Our monthly retreat weeks have brought the Lord's blessing to many of the guests - and volunteers. We are super grateful to Chris for coordinating the kitchen and producing delicious meals. Chris and his wife lived and served at Titoki for several years. It has been

wonderful to have them help out these past five months.

We are now praying for a new team member with a heart for hospitality (ideally live-in) to run the kitchen and cook great food.



Stained glass in the original Titoki chapel

'As long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'
Gen. 8:22

Tony Hyde: New Caretaker

We are very thankful to have Tony Hyde join the Titoki team as caretaker. Tony and his wife, Shirley, have previously lived and worked at Titoki, and Tony has been volunteering many hours of his time and expertise over the past months.



Tony & Shirley



Who comes to the Titoki Healing Centre?

- * Those who need a break from the busyness of life
- * Those in need of physical or emotional healing
- * Those who need a quiet place to process and spend time with God
- * Missionaries for debriefing
- * Group functions and retreats



We greatly appreciate any donations. Please email us if you would like a tax receipt.

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Thanks

- * **Mike Bell for doing the accounts (as a volunteer) for 7 years. Generous, cheerful and encouraging, he has been a real asset to Titoki. Thank you Mike!**

TITOKI REVISITED

After a forty-six year hiatus, Titoki Healing Centre had been brought to my attention twice very recently: a missionary friend currently back in New Zealand told me how she has stayed at Titoki in the past and has benefited from mission debriefing, and then the other day at our Tauranga-Whakatane spiritual directors' gathering, Bert Schoneveld touched on his involvement at Titoki.

Upon reflection of these conversations, I spent time sieving through distant hazy memories, trying to recall my visits to Titoki as a child, and it gradually came back to me that I had actually been present at the opening of Titoki in the mid-1970's!

A quick google search revealed that the opening ceremony of Titoki took place in mid-1975, which meant that I was nine years old at the time. I remember that a group of us came over from the Mount for the day. The details are sketchy in my memory, but I think it was a fine day and we sat outside. There were speeches from a few dignitaries. The Bishop of Waiapu, Paul Reeves, would have spoken, and perhaps Bishop Manu Bennett, and no doubt Don Ferguson as well, but the absolute highlight, from my juvenile perspective, came after all the formalities were finished – lots of delicious food to eat! I also remember coming to Titoki on subsequent



occasions, to an annual fete. There were long trestle tables set up on the grass outside the main building with all kinds of goods for sale: craft items, books, produce, plants, baking and most importantly – sweets!

The other day I asked Bert if I could come over to Titoki from my home in Tauranga and be shown around by him. The afternoon we arrived, the place was a hive of activity: volunteers were tidying gardens, mowing lawns, and vacuuming the chapel in preparation for the funeral of Wayne Thorburn. I did not know him, but I heard that he had been a valued part of the Titoki team. I'm sorry for my arrival during this very poignant time. However, I couldn't help thinking as I looked around, that Titoki is a beautiful setting for one's final farewell.

Titoki has changed a lot since those early days. There are more buildings, including the separate chapel. There are big vegetable gardens and many fruit trees. The courtyard is new to me, as is the Don Ferguson memorial fountain. The interior of the original building has been updated. The heating system sure looks impressive! I was

pleased to see that one key thing hasn't changed: Titoki is still surrounded by lush green pasture, helping to maintain the lovely, peaceful, healing atmosphere. Long may this continue!

Katrina Tulip.



Shalom House, Titoki

THE MASTER BUILDER

After our last managers left Titoki, I was wondering how I was going to keep the boat afloat and steer it in the right direction. Not sharing my grief with anyone and with a heavy heart I entered the

chapel one morning. The people were singing 'We will stand.' One of the worshippers looked at me and said, 'Lovinia, Titoki belongs to God. He knows the skilled people it needs, and he will bring

them. He is the master builder.' My heart leaped and started to beat again with hope and praise to God. Everyone has heard the master's voice and each one has added their portion - Lovinia (Staff member).



PASTOR'S UPDATE

'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor, he has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.' *Isaiah 61:1 NKJV.*

God has been doing amazing miracles here at Titoki. Salvations and healings, deliverances and restoring of relationships. People are being healed, restored and ready for ministry again. God is

relighting the fire and unlocking their spiritual gifts. If you are interested in receiving prayer ministry at Titoki you are welcome to make a booking through the office.



Prashanth Rapolu



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Guest Comments
January 2023 Retreat
Week

"I am lighter and calmer and have found a new peace."

"So grateful to you and Titoki, and all who I met this week."

"You may be inundated with guests and volunteers as I spread the word of exactly how beneficial the time spent at Titoki is."

"Wonderful servant attitude – it was wonderful to be on the receiving end!"

"Appreciated all the healthy food colours!"

"God brings healing here."

A 'Holy Cow' Moment

During one of our chapel services, a wonderful lady called Barbara said that if we ran a Christmas worship event, she and her husband would donate a cow for the BBQ! That's the 'Holy Cow' moment!

We called the event 'Keep the altars burning', meaning the worship altar of praise and worship and the BBQ altar of steak and sausages.

The day started with a Christmas chapel service and BBQ meal to thank everyone who is a part of the Titoki family - parishioners, volunteers, employees, and trustees. Fellowship, worship and prayer continued until 10pm!



This year we want to build closer relationships with local churches and various ministries to help bring unity to the body of Christ. With the blessing and referrals of local pastors we hope to build three teams to help the ministry at Titoki.

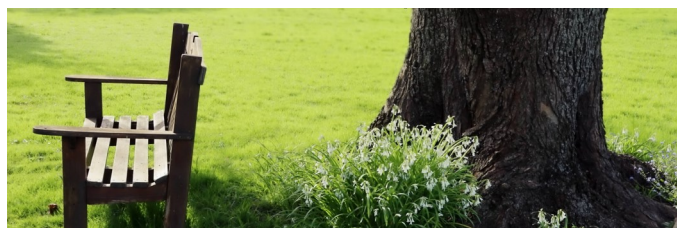
1. A team of intercessors to pray for insight, protection, provision, and breakthrough.
2. A team of worshipers to help with chapel services, worship

events and to build the presence of God during the week.

3. A prayer ministry team that is available to pray for people's needs during the week and during retreats.

It's exciting. God is good and he keeps making the picture bigger and more colourful. If you would like to join a team, please contact the staff at Titoki.

Blessings - Darryl



Personal Catered Retreats - Rest, Revive, Restore

Titoki is the perfect place to come to rest, de-stress and heal. Personal catered retreats are available every month. We offer a caring, listening ear, prayer ministry, and counselling. Come and enjoy the peaceful, park-like grounds, delicious meals and comfortable rooms at Titoki.

Please email or phone us for more information..
Availability:

- * March 13 – 17
- * April 17 – 21
- * May 15 - 19





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Counselling

Titoki has a qualified counsellor on staff who offers affordable counselling to the community and guests of Titoki. Counselling is the sharing of life issues that you or your loved ones are going through. Your counsellor will listen, help you to process your experiences and discover options for healing and resolution. Issues might include depression, anxiety, grief and loss, marriage and family issues, transition of life stages, or trauma. All counselling at Titoki draws on insight from the Holy Spirit and acknowledges Jesus to be the ultimate counsellor.

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A Volunteers Experience

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

Having received prayer and healing at Titoki many times over the year I was happy to have the opportunity to be able to give something back and volunteer some time to help in the kitchen. It was such a lovely experience – the staff and other volunteers are all so friendly and encouraging and made it an absolute pleasure.

I loved being able to interact with them and the guests over meals and meet such wonderful people who all bring something unique and beautiful, and add to the wonderful, welcoming family atmosphere that wraps itself around you. In giving, I received so much in being there in the atmospheric presence of God's love - Vicki

If you would like to volunteer at Titoki in any capacity and become part of a caring community, we'd love to hear from you.

Prayer Ministry

Do you feel stuck or distressed? We welcome everyone who feels they need in-depth prayer ministry. The staff at Titoki are trained in Cleansing Streams, Elijah House, and theophotic prayer ministries and offer sensitive, empathetic, spirit-led prayer. You are welcome to make a booking with us anytime. A small koha is appreciated.



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HEALING TESTIMONY: GOD HEALS CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME/ME

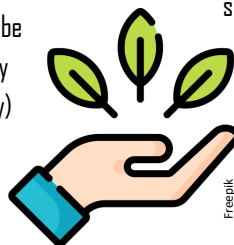
Five months ago, God miraculously healed me of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME. I went from my body crashing around three times a week, with at least one of those so severe that I was totally unable to move, to suddenly no crashes. Initially we thought God had specifically blessed us by protecting my health when we had planned a special week's holiday away. I was dreading it, expecting that I would be laid up for half the time. However, my battery (as I call my body's energy) never went flat once. We were stunned and thanking God, but fully expecting me to be totally bedridden for at least a week on our return. I wasn't!

Then a friend in Christchurch contacted me to say that the Lord had told her to pray specifically for me as he was healing me of the illness. Since

then, I've had no crashes. My body is slowly regaining its strength, with muscles replacing flabby tissue. I can now walk short distances and do light housework and cooking. The indoor power wheelchair has been retired!

We've had great fun watching people's faces when they see me, for the first time in years, standing, walking and looking like a normal person. It's even more of a witness than just being happy when confined to a chair.

Our dear Lord is so wonderful, and we are so grateful for his compassion and mercy. Why he heals us sometimes and not other times, only he knows but I'm so glad that we are all in his hands and that he always wants and knows the best for us - Shirley



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