



Open Hand



Come, with an open heart, expecting to meet with God.

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Welcome to Titoki Open Hand.

There have been changes this year, and although change may be seen as unwelcome it does open the way for transformation. I recently had a dream in which I was standing in the midst of the branches of a Titoki tree. Directly ahead of me was a green perfectly formed chrysalis. By my right hand was a healthy fat caterpillar. My waking thought was, yes Lord, we are in transformation.

We are regularly the recipients of hand-outs or rather hand-ons from people undergoing change. Twice recently these have been laying hens. You have to like the concept of having hens, the only pet that regularly produces food. The first hens were a group of six; three brown, two black, and a small grey bantam. The latter has yet to grace us with an egg, but with her cute waddle and fluffy feet she is visually attractive. The other five produced regularly until the short days and cooler temperatures arrived. If you think animals do not have colour prejudice you are wrong, this collection are exclusive on the grounds of colour. The browns are the most consistent layers and they also provide good entertainment value as they are social fowls.



More recently we have been given another four by a young lady who moved from Te Puke with her family. Roger and I went to catch these new "lay sisters" and bring them back with their coop and run. Now we are witnessing a whole new dynamic. These four new kids on the block are social outcasts, meaning there are now three clearly distinct groups. Does this call to mind anything? Are our hens exhibiting denominational tendencies? They have not previously been able to free range as our existing ones do. Today I observed them in the pen ignoring the open gate and staying together in one corner. Another simile springs to mind. Those whom the Lord sets free are free indeed. Do we covet and live rejoicing in our freedom or do we stay in the security of the known; unchanging, resistant to venture into the new?

Let us instead embrace our freedom in Christ, secure in the knowledge of our salvation, living in the freedom for which Christ set us free. We are not hens destined to cluck and scratch in the ground but our destiny is as eagles, to soar and rise to spiritual heights.

If you haven't yet had the pleasure of visiting Titoki then do so soon. Come to a Wednesday morning 10a.m. service, to stay, or just to visit and experience:

Transformation, freedom, encounter...

Cherry Scatchard



Titoki's Mission

Titoki exists to offer people opportunities to experience wholeness, enrichment and transformation of life through Jesus Christ.

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Chaplain's Chat:

The God kind of faith.

When you step into the faith realm you already have victory. This kind of faith is about knowing who you believe in, not the power of our faith but the power of the faith of the one we actually believe in:

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega the beginning and the end. He is the one that is the fullness of, and concludes, all time. When he concluded all time, he took you, all of your life, which was in Him (Col 1:17 *He himself existed before everything else did, and he holds all things together.*) He took it all, and bought it to a conclusion. You died with him and were buried with Him and rose again in Him! So now you have a new beginning, a brand new sparkling spontaneous life. A life no longer lived with your own philosophies, your own faith. Paul says there is only one faith and that is the one that Jesus authorised is and perfected. He doesn't need you to work it out on your own it comes as a gift of His faith to you. Paul says in Gal 2:20. *I no longer live, but the Messiah lives in me, and the life that I am now living in this body, I live by the faithfulness of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

From: "The fulfilment of every promise" by Andre Rabe.

Blessings as we journey the road to wholeness,

Cherry.

Prayers is not a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble; it is a steering wheel that directs us in the right path throughout life.

@ message from the Trustees

The past few months have seen a movement in the staffing of the centre to just four fulltime members after Berta Devereaux joined us a few weeks ago. Together with these fulltime volunteers, part time volunteers and one part time paid staff member Titoki is moving forward with confidence. We as Trustees are continually impressed and thankful to all members of staff whether full or part-time who offer their time and resources to contribute to this special place of healing, restoration and wholeness. Thankyou!

Throughout this newsletter you will read of the good and interesting things happening here. We are continually addressing the upkeep of our buildings and grounds so as to make Titoki a pleasant place to visit in terms of healing and environment and we are thankful to you our benefactors for your generous donations to this end.

Rosie Hall, one of our trustees has resigned to enable her to put more time into her church activities and we welcome Jan Bell to our team.

It is our intention to commission the new members of our staff in the next few weeks to which you are all invited – keep an eye on your Church notices for details.

We are pleased that Titoki is able to present seminars and retreats from time to time and we encourage you to participate if you are able or perhaps pass the word to on to others who might be interested.

Thank you for your contribution to Titoki

The Trustees



Joan McInnes (right), a volunteer passing through, helping make crab-apple jelly with Margie and Roberta

Titoki invites you to...

A guided retreat

Please save the date !

**Friday October 4 —
Sunday October 6**

More information in the next communication or phone us at Titoki,

Ph. 07-308-6503.

A Worship Weekend

MALCOLM GORDON
Into the Deep



For those who have a heart to worship; come and experience God in a deeper way at a weekend retreat led by Malcolm Gordon

Malcolm is a musician, songwriter and arts, music and worship resource person for the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

Friday Nov 21 to Sunday Nov 23

Notes from Roger -
Property Manager
We have purchased 65 native trees and plants for the continuing development of the property. Some of these will replace bushes that have died or blown over, the others will be planted in



the native plantation. Part of this development is to make a path through the fields and the native trees as a prayer walk. This will open up all the property for people to access.

A big task is to reduce the Feijoa trees to a more manageable height. The bushes are intruding into the orchard and smothering the fruit trees. Sean O' Leary from the Poly Tech is coming to Titoki in a few weeks with some

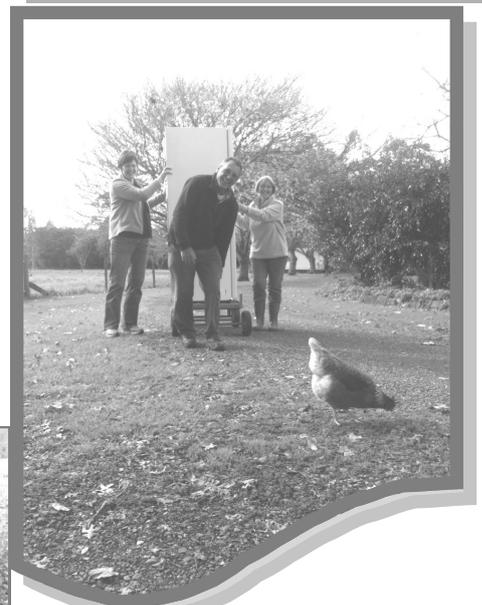
of his students to prune the trees. Last season we had a good harvest and many of our guests enjoyed picking and eating sun warmed fruit - for most of us this is a memory from the past.

We are aware that our ministry is also to care for the land for which we have responsibility. Science has given us wonderful insights into nature and better understanding of the creation God gave to nurture us. We enjoy the privilege of learning how to work with God in providing a healthy environment for our guests. Ultimately we will all enjoy the blessing of being with our Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit in the New Earth and



Cottage for Rent

Titoki has a self contained cottage with 2 bedrooms; a double and a single with bunks, for short term reasonable rent for those needing a base for furlough or time out. For more info phone Titoki 07 308 6503 or Margie at 022 087 8986. Mission debriefing is also available at Titoki.



Moving day for Cherry (right) with the help of Anne and Glenn Baker and one of our "lay sisters".

Testimony from Titoki Stay

Time out for Poko

Poko came as a guest to Titoki for a well-earned break from being the key volunteer in her home church.

With great enthusiasm she had headed up a lunch programme for over 100 people in a needy area in South Auckland. Poko also is a key figure in her whanau.

When she began having serious health concerns, her church decided to send her for a break away from any responsibilities of family or church. They paid for her to stay at Titoki for 2 weeks.

It took a few days for Poko to allow herself to unwind but after that she began revelling in the peace of the Titoki surroundings and the rhythm of community life.

“It’s nice to have a meal without having to share it with all the mokopuna” she laughed.

Titoki gave Poko the time and space to think through concerns and come to some decisions about her future commitments considering her health. She began knowing daily the Lord’s spoken word to her regarding things she faced when she was to return home.

As happens, her spiritual vitality and presence at Titoki blessed those living and visiting here. It was all the staff could do to prevent her “pitching in” as she was used to doing. We would find her doing some housework, singing at the same time.

She writes at the end of the first stay: “How precious it is to have a beautiful place to come and sit, to wait on God, to commune, to rest, to receive, to be healed, thank you, thank you, thank you...”

Please pray for Poko who is now awaiting major surgery for a tumour on her face. Poko hopes to come to Titoki for another 2 weeks after surgery to convalesce.

Margie

Poko’s story is representative of those who receive whatever healing the Lord has for them as they visit Titoki.

A guided retreat towards recovery from Loss and Grief

Friday 5 September at 6 p.m. -
Sunday 7th September 1 p.m.

This is for anyone wanting to understand and further process loss and grief

By learning, experiencing,
personal reflection,
group settings to share things common in grief,
and an opportunity for encounter with
the great Grief Bearer, Jesus.

Facilitators:

Irene Reid, 12 years as bereavement counsellor in Tauranga.

Margie Upson, 10 years counselling those dying of AIDS in Africa.

Cherry Scatchard, Titoki’s chaplain.

Phone Titoki 308 6503 to book.

R equests from Titoki

It’s calving season. Does anyone have a calf extra to requirement? Our guests ate the last beast and we need to replace that with a calf to fatten for the next year’s guests.



Tractor mounted slasher - if anyone has a small tractor mounted slasher, we need one for topping our fields and controlling the kikuyu grass.



If you can help please phone Roger 07 308 6503

Titoki has a new updated and exciting web site. Please visit us and comment or share on Facebook.

To visit the site, enter in your search engine something like “Christian Healing Centre NZ” and hopefully it will be high on the list. www.titoki.org.nz