

# Judy's Jottings

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Dear Family and Friends

I know I have said this before, but where did January go? We started school again on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. The kids came back rested and so school has been going well. This past week was our first full week back at school though because we had three Monday's in a row that were holidays. I found it hard this week having to work five days. I could get used to working only a four day week.

In Bible class some of the classes have been learning the story of Joshua. After we had finished the section of the story about Jericho we acted it out by using blocks to represent the walls. We put these on a table and then we marched around one time each day for 6 days and then seven times on the seventh day and then we yelled and pushed the walls down leaving Rahab's house safe. I gave the kids party whistles to be the ram's horns and to the delight of all staff present they opened up when you blew them, but made very little noise (of course the deaf kids didn't realize that). I think the kids enjoyed doing this. I forgot to take pictures though, so don't have any to show you. Whoops!

Early January the last remaining relative of my parents' generation died. She was my mother's sister and was in her 95<sup>th</sup> year. I remember her as a very generous person who put her family before herself. She never married, but looked after both her parents who died from cancer, helped my dad nurse my mum who died of cancer and also went to England to support a sick brother there. With her passing I realized that I am part of the older generation of the family now.

As you know I received a letter from immigration requesting more information so they can decide about my visa. Betsy and I are currently working on getting together the required papers. Some of the information they accepted last time they are not accepting this time. From their letter I am led to believe that once I get the paper work in they will be able to make the decision quickly, so it should not be long until I know one way or the other.



We have had visitors from Canada here recently working on various jobs around the school, while enjoying a break from the Canadian winter. We have had several meals out together. One we took about a 40 minute drive to a restaurant to eat fish. It was lovely to sit right on

the water front and relax, enjoy the food, the company and watch the sun going down.



Another highlight of this month was to be able to skype with most of my family as they were together celebrating Bradley's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and also Neill's birthday. (Neill is my daughter Kara's partner) They were together in Auckland for the celebration and only my oldest grandson Clayton was not there. Technology is wonderful for keeping in touch.

Thanks again for all your support and prayers.

Love and blessings

Judy

**Praise God For:**

- Progress at last on my visa
- A good start to school
- Enthusiastic kids
- Safety for us all as we travel, work and play
- Staff unity as we work together well as a team

**Pray for:**

- The paper work to come together for my visa
- That I can provide the proof they require
- Creative and motivating ideas to teach the kids, especially in my role as Bible teacher
- Regular attendance at school
- Health and safety for all connected with the school
- a work team preparing to come mid February
- Monday night staff meetings and Thursday night Bible study times