

JOURNEYS update

AUGUST '06

Hi to all our friends and supporters!

It's been a while since we let you know what we have been up to, but it certainly has not been quiet here at Great Journeys Resources.

The last month has seen us welcome our new CEO Richard Nauck to the team and also send out others all over the world to collect some incredible new stories.

Mainly Music

May and June saw Rob teaching and speaking at three Mainly Music events around New Zealand.

Mainly Music is a group that brings together young children and their caregivers to enjoy music, rhyme, rhythm, creative dance and more. They have a fantastic influence on the communities around them and some of their stories are told in our resource *Friends for Life*.

Mainly Music is taking some deliberate steps to plug into the lives of the families they work with by offering *Journeys* as a service for mums who'd like to know more.

Several Mainly Music groups around NZ have already had great success using *Journeys* to help give inquiring mums a closer look at Christianity. Some women have come to faith and are now a growing part of church life.

Part of the initiative with Mainly Music is using Jo and Steve Hood's personal journey through pain and trial as part of the invitational package.



Christian Resources Exhibition

July has also been a big month for Great Journeys in Australia, who have just hosted the Christian Resources Exhibition. The exhibition coincides with the Hillsong Conference and is an opportunity for people to come see, touch and experience the latest resources. Linda traveled to Sydney to be part of this exhibition and to talk through and promote Great Journeys Resources. The Australian market continues to grow.

Story Collectors

Journeys producers are currently heading overseas to collect a range of new material for future courses and to gather some exciting new stories that will form part of a *Journeys* course especially tailored to American seekers and other stories for a new youth initiative.



DZIAH

One of the most exciting stories on the horizon for a new youth styled *Journeys* is local South Auckland talent DZIAH.

If you enjoyed *Journeys'* Sully Paea, you'll love meeting his son Billy. Billy heads up the DZIAH Dance crew who are currently making a huge impact in the NZ street style hip-hop dance arena and mentoring children and young people.

Last year they came 8th place in the WORLD, and now in 2006 NZ's representing crew will again fly to the capitol of Hip-hop dance - Los Angeles to strive for gold at the prestigious Hip-Hop World Championships. Linda will be filming them on their adventure.

Bram Bruitenhuis

Another person Linda is meeting up with is ex-drug addict Bram Bruitenhuis. Bram was a specialist in apes and gorillas working in a prestigious Dutch zoo when he got radically saved. He is now a youth evangelist amongst the street kids in Brazil.

Also amongst the new American material is the story of Kathy Sanders.

Kathy Sanders

As Kathy stood and watched Oklahoma City's Alfred P. Murrah Building burn on April 19, 1995, her dreams died, along with her two grandsons. Her hatred for the bombers soon grew into a relentless fire to discover who was really responsible for the tragedy. Had everyone involved been caught?

Only those who have had similar experiences can understand the depth of despair that such a tragedy can evoke. After the bombing, Kathy's first challenge was to try to find a way to go on at all in the midst of such deep loss. Her strong faith in God made it possible—but certainly not without a monumental struggle against anger and bitterness.





Next week Rob and Anna will be heading over to the states to meet with Kathy and talk about her personal road to forgiveness.

In the mean time check out the latest pics just in from Rob who is on the road in Ghana.

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