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**Greetings Friends of Chosen Valley Camp!**

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**He will not let  
your foot slip.**

**H e w h o  
watches over  
you will not  
slumber.**

**Indeed, he who  
watches over  
Israel will  
neither slumber  
nor sleep.**

**PS 121:3,4**

Welcome to the very first issue of Pound Note: featuring news and photos of people at Chosen Valley Christian Camp.

I'm Andrew Pound, the new manager here and this is my eighth week in the position. For the last 15 years I have been one of several pastors at Northwest Baptist Church in Massey, Auckland. So as you can see I am a Westie! I have to decide what to call myself now... Southern Man, perhaps? Ever since I was 10 years old I wanted to be a pastor. I thought school teaching would be a good springboard into that so taught primary for five years in Whangarei, Manurewa, Coromandel township and Tokoroa. I studied at Carey College, pastored at Oamaru Baptist Church for five years and Massey for 15. I have also spent five years as the office manager of a Language School now known as Edenz College.

My wife, Kay is a practice nurse and will continue her position at Te Atatu Medical Centre till January and then come to work with me at Chosen Valley full time. This coincides with the wedding of our last child to get married.



## About the Pound Note

Chosen Valley is part of the DNA of thousands of people all around the world. One family reunion booking I took the other day happened because a boy enjoyed a school camp so much that he wanted to bring his family here. I would love to be able to share the history, stories, current blessings and vision for the future with anyone for whom this camp has a warm place in your heart.

So far the emailing list includes staff, board, some previous staff, some local Ararimu people, some children's camp leaders, most people from my previous church: Northwest Baptist Church, all the people of the Drury Church, many from Franklin Baptist and a handful of others. I know there are vast gaps.

I would be very glad if you would check your address book for anyone you think might enjoy this network, press reply to this email and let me know their name and email address along with their connection to Chosen Valley eg previous chef, Children's Camp past leader, working bee helper etc.



If you attended Northwest Baptist Church last century you will remember Adelle Cottle, daughter of Martyn and Lana, as an 8 year old. Now she's a leader at our children's camp and trying her hand at archery.



## Spam

If you have received this Pound Note today and know it is not something you want to continue with, simply press Reply and type "Unsubscribe" in the Subject Line.



Children's Holiday Camp kids learn scripture with full dance moves!



Passover Meal on the last night of camp



Gina Coughlan our new Receptionist explains the meaning of Passover before the meal.



Check this out: Stained Glass Biscuits! A slightly different craft idea, eh!

**Lunch is provided for all comers!**

**If you're an electrician...**

We've got a light switch timer for you to connect in the ablution block

Repair a circuit in the main building

Lengthen a lead by 4cm on the zip in the chapel.

**How to find us...**

Take the Ramarama motorway exit.

Go about 7km east along Ararimu Rd.

Turn right into Turner Rd. We're 53.

**If you're a plumber ...**

We've got a vanity to plumb into the Sick Bay.

# Working Bee: Sat 16 Oct

**Fancy Lending a Hand this Saturday?!**

We have a great chance for you to make a difference alongside heaps of other people.

Turn up from 9 am.

We'll knock it on the head around 5 pm.

Catch up with some old friends

Make new friends.

Have a chance to see Chosen Valley if you've never been before.

If you're pretty sure you can come, reply to this email. Let's know if you have some specific trade skills you think might come in handy.

If you'd like a ride, reply to this email and I may be able to put in you touch with others from your area.



**If you're cheerful and enthusiastic**

We've got the exterior of the main camp building that we want an army of sanders and painters working on.

Throw some painty clothes in the car, sort out some long extension chords and sanders, brushes, rollers and anything you think will be handy. We'll also have lots of gear here.

There are some windows that need stuff scraped off.

There's a spot of gardening out the front.

**If you're handy with a hammer...**

We've got base boards on Cottage 3, 4 we'd like you to lay into.

**If you're a bit of a handyman...**

There's all sorts of bits and pieces to have a look at...

A small hole in the wall at the top of the stairs, a bit of plastering in a cottage.

Some bolts can go on chapel kitchen cupboards.

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# Lives

## How Chosen Valley was the radical turning point in Marcia Atkins' life.

I praise God for Chosen Valley!!!

My name is Marcia Atkins and May, 1985 was the first time I went to camp at Chosen Valley. I was 13 years old, from a non-Christian home in Whakatane. A friend of mine had asked me to come along with her to camp, as she didn't want to go by herself. This sounded like a lot of fun so I very gladly went along with her. The camp turned out better than ever expected when Jesus Christ called me to follow Him.

Uncle Henri was a leader at the time and he challenged me on whether I was a Christian. I thought I was, maybe, but I came to the conclusion that "I want to follow Jesus". He led me to my precious Saviour and my life slowly began to change. I was a very wobbly little lamb that came to Christ that day and I didn't grow very fast, but as I came back to camp each time I could, I grew a little stronger learning more about God and experiencing his love. I made many good relationships at camp with people too, and they became a precious part of my life. Auntie Nui was one of these people, she would write to me between camps to encourage me along. She would send me Bible lessons, cards, tapes and scriptures to help this little wobbly lamb to survive.

One time I was unsure about coming to camp but Auntie Nui encouraged me strongly and that year I met people who set my life on a whole new course with God. I became close friends with MaryAnn who was my cabin leader at the time and learned a lot about God's love for me. God used her friendship and the love that the rest of her family gave me, very powerfully to lead His little lamb to become stronger and stronger.

As the years have passed I have kept in contact with what is happening at Chosen Valley Camp and am praying that many more little lambs will come to know the saviour there and begin to follow Him.

I am now married to Stephen, we have seven children, and are living in Drury. Nice and close to the place where it all began!



Do you have a story of how Chosen Valley was the place where your life was transformed?

Happy for me to share it with around 500 friends of Chosen Valley via this Pound Note?

Great. Then reply to this email in no more than 400 words and attach a photo of yourself which could possibly be a camp action shot!



I share a spot of boerewors with about 30 Afrikaners from Hamilton at 11.15 pm staying the night after the first evening of Promise Keepers.



I take in some serious Shostakovich and Rachmaninoff at rehearsals of the Auckland Youth Orchestra Camp.



I wreak no small havoc at Ararimu School Calf Club Smash Palace.



A spot of local number plate humour.



You may like to know a bit about my family.

Our eldest, Julia was an Occupational Therapist in working with people with head injuries in Gisborne before starting her family. She married Scott who is Youth Pastor of House of Breakthrough Church in Gisborne. Baby Timiah will be two years old on Christmas Day! What an exciting Christmas that was for us.

Jonathan is in the Air Force. He did Avionics for eight years then trained as a pilot. He has just finished being on loan to Air Nelson based in Auckland so if you've flown Air NZ around minor cities like Napier you might have heard First Officer Jonathan Pound talking to you about the view of Mt Ruapehu. Shortly he returns to Air Force to Five Squadron Orions so if you capsize in the Pacific he might be able to find you on a Search and Rescue operation. This year he married Michele who is an Air Force Navigator now known as Air Warfare Officer. She has also been a chef and adventure activities supervisor in UK.

Joshua is in his first year training at Carey College to be a pastor and would like to begin by being a youth pastor. He has done a couple of years at university doing Psychology and Sociology. This year he married Erana who had been doing some youth leadership at Kumeu Baptist Church however Northwest Baptist Church in Massey is blessed to receive her by marriage. She has enjoyed a short term mission trip to Vanuatu, and this week arrived back from another such trip to Cambodia helping lead a group of 19 women.

Joanna will marry Blair in January. Both of them work with Baptist Home Care, an organisation that oversees the care of people in their own homes who are sick, disabled, old or who have special needs of some sort. Joanna has worked for four years with the same family of two young children whose mother is ill.

Having been a pastor myself, by January it will have been my great privilege to have married three of my children inside ten months!