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**Greetings Friends of Chosen Valley Camp!**

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**God gathers the waters of the sea into jars. He puts the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord. Let all the people of the world revere him.**

**Psalm 34.7, 8**

## **Farewell Sam Emery**

Sam, Uncle Sam, Koro ...is well known to anyone whose been to Kids Camps over 15 years. He has been an absolute backbone and support to several directors. He has a huge capacity for practical work of all sorts. He was an encouragement to emerging leaders aged 13 - 15 by supervising them in the dish bay and other work around the camp.

Sam has been on the Chosen Valley Board for many years providing advice and direction.

During a manager vacancy he stepped in with Brian Smith as acting manager. He was the first person I made contact with when applying for the Manager's job.

His wife, Alma has also had huge input over the years at camps, encouraging and guiding.

Sam's work with Scripture Union increasingly takes him overseas . To do this and other work justice he is now withdrawing from Chosen Valley. As I write, tomorrow he is flying to the Solomons. We will all miss his input so much.

***Chosen Valley invites you to join them on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30 pm as we farewell Sam and Alma and thank them for their awesome contribution to camp over the years.***

***Supper will follow.***

***RSVP: Simply press reply to this email by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April***



## *Solo Mum's Weekend*

**Chosen Valley Camp** extends a warm invitation to **solo mums and their children** who would like to enjoy a **special rejuvenating weekend** together.

A well deserved **pamper for mum** while **children** are supervised and entertained with **fun activities**.

A weekend **free of charge** that will include all meals, accommodation, activities, special gift packs, prizes, as well as guest speakers to help you overcome the challenges of being a solo parent. Yes, a weekend specially planned for you – because – **you're worth it-**

*Be encouraged.... Be refreshed.... Be equipped..... Be admired... Be loved....And most of all feel like the precious gem you are.....*

**When:** Friday, 20 May 2011 (Arrival – 5pm) until Sunday, 22 May 2011 (Leaving – 3pm).

Please **register** before 20 April 2011 to avoid disappointment and book a space for you and your children (or come by yourself)

**Contact:** Gina 09 294 8296 – Chosen Valley Christian Camp, 53 Turner Road, Ararimu,

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### **Farewell Amy Davidson**

It's a sad thing indeed to have two huge farewells in one Pound Note.

Amy is our much loved Director of SIX! Kids' Camps in a row covering 18 months. This is a huge accomplishment for someone so young to pull together such big operations. There are activities, staffing, planning, finance and myriads of detail to be on top of. We held a farewell for her at the end of January Camp.

Our loss is Keswick's gain in Rotorua where Amy has secured a full time position pioneering adventure activities and Kid's Camps. Having majored on conference style groups, Keswick has never yet held a Kids Camp. Since Rotorua has miles of fun things in the city, visiting groups have used those and the camp itself has no activities. Until now! So just watch Amy go!! Christian Camping NZ is one great family so we release her gladly to our sister camp in Rotorua. God bless you and big thanks for all you have meant to us.

## ***Cracy Bikes Are Here!!!***

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

Having been here nearly eight months there's been a lot of water under the bridge and some great highlights. My previous church, now known as Westgate Baptist came for a weekend camp. Some of the most adventurous moves I've ever seen on the flying fox were performed by them!

I had been wondering what I would call myself and have settled on 'Chief' with acknowledgement to Ian Grant of Parents Inc who is known by his grandchildren as Chiefy. So I introduce myself this way to all groups.

I attended the performance at Greenlane Christian Fellowship by Watoto children who are ex child soldiers from Uganda. We had them stay at Chosen Valley during their tour. A school group was here at the same time so it was fun to hear a young Chinese girl at the performance greet me with 'Hello Chief!' It was hugely moving not only to see their public presentation but to sit with them at camp and hear personal stories.

Earthworks have begun for a new and more challenging BMX track.

We have a brand new pump-house to house our pump and pressure tank.

We have a new bedroom added to a staff house.

Traditionally winter months have been quiet for us. However we are very excited to have booked a seven-week rehab group from the beginning of winter. Seven weeks with one group will be quite an opportunity to build relationships rather than our usual camp length of just a few days.

We have the services of some very experienced builders with a range of skills and trades. They have been a great blessing already.





***Big thanks and congratulations to Paul Mills shown below for his creativity and imagination in “recycling” our aging BMX fleet into these wacky new jalopies to test kids’ pedal acumen.***





## Super Work Day

We had a great turn out on 16 October last year of people in the local community, Drury Church people, board members, staff and other friends.

They did wonders .repairing windows, roofs, base boards, cleaning windows, gardening, fixing cupboards and urns and painting the back of the main camp.



What do you think of this amazing water wheel! Brian Smith, who originally donated the land for Chosen Valley stands with the wheel he had made in 1990 to be a water feature by the confidence course! I have arranged someone with creative and engineering prowess to finally get this set up on the spot where Brian stands in the photo below. Watch this space. I wonder if It might generate a bit of power for floodlights to do the course at night!? Nah, just joking

## Wonderful Water Wheel

