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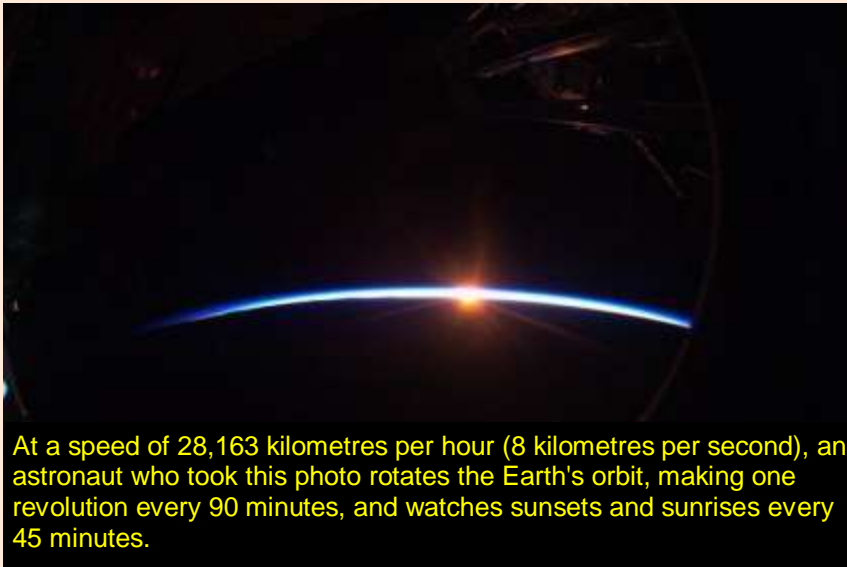
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Greetings Friends of Chosen Valley Camp!

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At a speed of 28,163 kilometres per hour (8 kilometres per second), an astronaut who took this photo rotates the Earth's orbit, making one revolution every 90 minutes, and watches sunsets and sunrises every 45 minutes.

The Lord, the Mighty One,
is God, and he has
spoken; he has
summoned all humanity
from where the sun rises
to where it sets.

Psa 50.1



Kids Camp with the theme of Worldwide is all set to roll in 24 days. We are 78% full as I write, and we have room for 6 boys and 13 girls.

Jordan and Ainslea McDonald are directing the camp. In our planning meeting last night she flipped through previous leaders' applications and exclaimed, "Here's mine!" It's a joy to see people progress: Camper - Emerging Leader - Leader - Staff - Director. Phew.



We're doing great strokes, folks!!!



Trevor, ace Builder removes Cabins 11-15 windows for sill repairs



Chef Lalith wields more than knives



Brian Smith shoots straight with spray gun

Working Bee
This Saturday
25 June, 2011
9 am to 1 pm
Painting Cabins
1-10
Full Renovation
of Cottage One!!!
And all sorts!
Something for everyone

Come
and
join in!



Chef Raj rolls gentle cabin tones instead of pastry



Snowman Simon Coughlan cops some undercoat drift



Organised chaos outside Cabins 1 - 10 spraying undercoat. As soon as the top coat is on, it's new carpet in all 15 cabins!

Transformed Lives



How Chosen Valley was formative for the Adrian and MaryAnn Klein Ovink



I first knew Chosen Valley as Tapawingo Camp and attended there with my older brother at their first camp in the 70s. There was not a great deal of activities there back then but what we now know is that Brian and Nancy Smith's vision would affect a lot of people. In the years that followed I was able to come to camp and rededicated my Life to the Lord at the time that Hans Notter was involved there. There is no doubt that the Lord used the staff there to help set me on the course that I am on today. As a young believer I learned the foundational truth that the Lord would never leave me, from Hans. A few weeks ago I taught this very lesson to a number of new believers here in Tarsus, Turkey.

Some of the experiences from camp are foundational in our ability to share the gospel here in a foreign land.

Amazingly my wife MaryAnn also had a great deal of involvement at Chosen Valley as a child, both as a camper and leader. At that time we had not yet met. My memories of my time as a junior leader are somewhat hazy. It was not till many years later that I returned and became very involved with the camp. First as a senior leader and then on Saturdays as a helper on grounds and maintenance.

In 1993 I came on full time as a staff member and George Allen who was the manager at the time gave me a lot of freedom to develop some of the activities. I had a lot of fun coming up with ideas on how to make the confidence course challenging for people of different levels of ability. I also remember the look on George's face when I first proposed the trolley track idea to him!

Putting things like that together back then was not easy because we had such big budget restrictions. George would go in and ask for a 90% discount on supplies needed! Scrounging became an art form!

I proposed to MaryAnn in the Chapel at camp and together we teamed up to be involved in the children's evangelism camps for six years. This is where my heart has always been. It was great to be involved with sports, grounds, property development etc., but for me the core of my effort was always children camps because that's where 'eternal' things were happening.

For me the focus was split between the kids and the leaders themselves. I must say that it was a huge privilege to be involved with some of these teenagers who time after time gave up their holidays to look after the kids in their

cabins. A good many have gone on to make an impact in the Kingdom. Some of the people who were senior leaders at the camp at the time that I was programme director have sponsored and are still sponsoring us on the mission field. Alternatively some of the other leaders made very poor decisions both during their time at camp and later in their private lives. Some who had great potential are now far from God. Some are sitting on the wall in regards to their faith...if you are one of these people I would like to prompt you return to Jesus...don't leave it till tomorrow!

The lessons I learned at camp are valuable in my walk with the Lord. I watched Uncle

Jerry work, pray and weep over the lost and I miss him a great deal. Cecil Smith took me aside and gave advice to me as a young man that helped me to understand what was needed to work closely with others in ministry. One day I had to give George some bad news regarding some costly equipment. I said, "George, we have a problem..."

He replied by saying, "No we don't have problems, only opportunities".

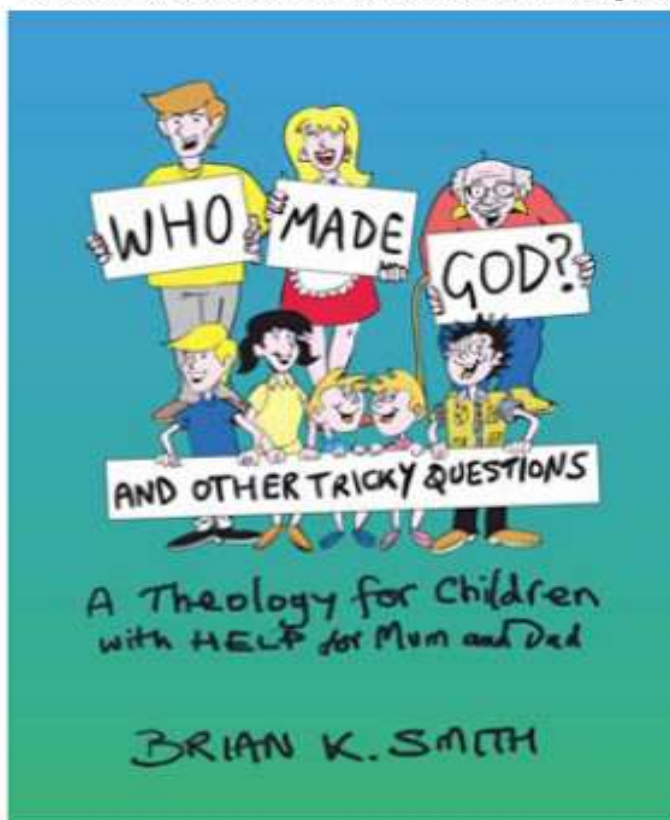
In short Chosen Valley and all the people we were involved with are a foundational part in preparing us for further ministry. Thank You !!!

Adrian Klein Ovink

Just published: A theology for kids

Brian K. Smith has written a theology for children which is designed to be read aloud as a story with your kids (ages 6+). Activities are included with things to talk about and do as a family. Twelve chapters include discussions round the incarnation, the atonement, the kingdom of God, church, the Holy Spirit, the Trinity and eschatology.

Sounds heavy? But it works for children, with lively characters and easy to understand explanations and supporting illustrations. However, as the book contains notes for parents that explore



some of these theological concepts in a little more detail, this is a book that it is worth reading yourself if you feel your theology could do with some easy to understand input. Copies available from **Karen Haines** (\$35 – email her at haines2@xtra.co.nz) OR at amazon.com (Buy online and get delivered as Christmas presents overseas)

Brian Smith Number 2

Thought I better say that this Brian Smith is not the founder of Chosen Valley but was a missionary who translated scripture and was Principal of Carey Baptist College.

Chosen Valley is host to schools, church groups, family reunions, and varied groups including burns victims, autistic children, alcohol rehabilitation, YMCA, After School Care groups, Cubs, gifted children, missionary groups, sports groups, choirs, orchestras, solo mothers, and kids holiday camps.

Brothers in Arms is one such group doing a power of good in our community.

BROTHERS IN ARMS



If you would like to hear more about becoming a mentor with Brothers in Arms, or would like to know how to support them you can explore their website www.brothersinarms.org.nz or contact Wade via email at wade@brothersinarms.org.nz or on 021 223 3602.

Chosen Valley: Site for Real Difference this Spring.

**By Wade McMillan
General Manager**

Recently Chosen Valley hosted a unique and life-changing camp for Auckland-based youth mentoring charity Brothers in Arms, a research-based programme that matches at-risk youth with a trained personal mentor.

Emerging from concerns with an increasingly unstable youth subculture and general hopelessness in the lives of many young New Zealanders, Brothers in Arms exists to bring hope and life-changing relationships to marginalised young people through quality, long-term relationships with volunteers from their communities.

Mentors, through regular and quality time with their 'match,' combine genuine care and positive life-changing experiences to enrich and challenge the young person's view of life.

Mentoring partnerships are a one-year commitment with many voluntarily extending beyond this period.

Quality mentors are the key to the success of the organisation, with a huge Auckland-wide network of volunteers.

They now have the skills and training to make a powerful connection with high-risk kids – with no cost to the young person or their whanau.

The youths involved age from 9 to 15 years, referred to Brothers in Arms by registered agencies including CYF, community health agencies, NZ Police and the Ministry of Education.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

Their comprehensive approach has yielded dramatic and life-changing results for many young New Zealanders. One mother of a 15 year-old girl who had gone through the programme noted, “she was experimenting with alcohol and drugs and really unhappy and angry...After being mentored, she has completely changed into a beautifully awesome, motivated, strong, happy and secure young woman.”

An integral part of relationship building and one of the many ways that Brothers in Arms equips and encourages young people is through their annual camp at Chosen Valley. The weekend away provides the kids with a unique atmosphere for fun, community and team-building as well as enriching the relationships with their mentors and other youth.

Fun and action was certainly on the agenda this year, with water challenges, the confidence course, talent shows and a rope maze – just to name a few!

Brother in Arms operates on grants and donations, primarily used to facilitate the forming and support of the ‘matches’ that are made between the young person and the volunteer.

