

Sharing the Faith: Matauri 06



From the 1st - 3rd of December Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School held a leadership training wananga at a place called Wainui. This wananga was for the leaders who through the year we had identified as Manu Karakia candidates for 2007. The hui was also a celebration of evangelism which is held every Advent from 2004 till 2014. The leadership training wananga aimed to reinforce the kaupapa of evangelism to rangatahi.

As we arrived Friday we were called by the iwi kainga right on time. The place we stayed at was a beautiful little marae called Ngatiruamahue in Wainui, and the church in Wainui is called The Church of The Good Shepherd. We were hosted by Rev Violet Hikuwai and the whanau. The Kai was awesome, the weather was awesome, awesome - what more can I say.

On Saturday we had some discussion and then we got into buddy groups and the activity for the whole day was to reflect on certain scenarios including tangi, gang prospects and kura kaupapa students. The aim was to see how people would share their faith with their friends, whanau and peers. On Saturday night after sharing with each other our role plays and case studies we had some interesting korero as to what our whakaaro was on the kaupapa of evangelism.

And on Sunday morning we gathered at Matauri Bay for a wonderful early morning karakia to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the arrival of the Gospel. it was a beautiful end to a wonderful weekend in the mahi of nurturing a new generation of rangatahi leadership within Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau.



Above: gathering at Matauri Bay



Above: some participants with Pihopa Te Kitohi

Wonderful Wainui!



Above: Rev Tahua Murray administers the wine

On Advent Sunday the 10.00am Sunday service took place in front of Ngati Ruamahue under the possums' totara tree. Pihopa Te Kitohi led the service and gave a kauwhau describing Advent as a time of preparation. This certainly prepared the Reverend Tahua Murray who was ordained a Deacon and there were nine candidates for confirmation. Two of the candidates Tegan and Chenay are the fifth set of twins to be confirmed this year. They were prepared superbly by The

Reverend Kiwi Herewini. The Reverend Violet Hikuwai baptised a beautiful baby boy.

Everyone was perfectly prepped even Michael, Tapu and Hirini were robed and represented the rangatahi with the Whangaroa clergy, a glimpse for the congregation to see that the youth of today are proactive. Many are impressed! And then the kai of all kai. We had a beautifully prepared, restaurant marae style Hakari that ended the wonderful weekend of worship in the Whangaroa Pastorate of Wainui!

Meri Kirihimete

Christmas is for sharing and celebrating with whanau. The birth of Jesus gave the opportunity for strangers to offer gifts. May we have a similar opportunity to give Gods gift of love to all. May we always share with others and celebrate with hope, peace and love.

Arohanui, Meri Kirihimete
Lynnore & Tapu

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TTYC Camp

Date: 17-21 January

Venue: Hokianga

An awesome gathering of rangatahi aged 11+ from across Te Tai Tokerau. Workshops, bush walks, swimming, sports, worship – the whole deal!

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