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Grow. Go. Sow

End of an Era for the Jellymans.

By Lynda Jellyman

By the end of 2017 Keith and I will have been at Eastwest just short of 21 years, having come to Gordonton in February 1997. We've seen a lot of change and growth in that time.

When we arrived there was one staff house and one partially completed student accommodation block on site. Keith, with then-principal Pat Myers as well as lots of students, helped build most of what is here now – 4 accommodation

blocks, 5 houses, the classrooms, dining room, kitchen and auditorium. Keith's latest project has been a 10 square meter straw bale building in the contemplative garden, which should be finished by the end of the year. Trees around one meter tall when we planted them are now 15-20 meters high! The camellias of the contemplative garden have grown from 30 cm to a solid hedge up to head height. Garden beds have been planned and planted. An orchard of 56 trees was planted 3 years ago.

We've also seen our student numbers grow – from our first intake of four students to groups of up to 50 going through. By the end of the year Eastwest will have had more than 400 students study and live here. And we've seen the students grow – in confidence and competence in English, in their relationships with others from different cultures, in their knowledge of God and His word and His heart for the nations. Keith has taken groups of students to Waikeria and Springhill prisons for the last 10 years. He's loved it and enjoyed seeing the often initially wary students grow in confidence and their ability to minister to the prisoners.

We've seen our own children grow. Simon was three and Kate 9 months old when we came to Gordonton; they're now 24 and 21. Lastly, we ourselves have grown and been enriched by our experience here. We thank God for all the staff and students who have been part of our lives and thankful that we have been able to play our part in His story at Eastwest College. We're not sure what 2018 will hold but we know the One who holds the future.

Photos:

Above: part of the contemplative garden that Lynda designed and has nurtured

Below left: the Jellymans when they first started work at Eastwest.

Below right: The Jellymans in 2017



We say a sad Good-Bye to Judy Yoon

Judy Writes:

I have worked at Eastwest since 2014 and am now heading to Korea to spend time with my Mum, who is really sick and has a limited time left. I'm also finishing at Eastwest because I couldn't get my visa renewed.

So, obviously God has closed the door here at Eastwest and I know that he has another open door for me for the next step.

I am so thankful God has given me the opportunity to serve in this beautiful country, besides working with a wonderful team! I have learned a lot and enjoyed a lot. Every day was a good day for me.

As I go back to Korea, pray that I am able to say goodbye well to my wonderful mum and that she could go without worry or fear but in peace. Pray also that I would have a peace in my heart for my plans for the future as I see God



Changes to Courses

In 2008 the NZ government agency, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority [NZQA] decided to review all NZ non-university tertiary qualifications, which had exploded in number to over 6,000! The first set of qualifications up for review were those of the Religious Studies sector. There were over 80 qualifications in 22 Bible Colleges in NZ. This was considered to be too many.

So all the colleges got together at a Christian Theological and Ministry Education Society [CTMES] meeting and agreed to work together to produce a new set of shared qualifications. The outcome has been five new national Christian qualifications at three different academic levels. In February 2018 Eastwest College will start teaching a new programme based on one of these new qualifications – our new **Diploma in Intercultural Studies (Level 5)** and in February 2019, will begin to teach the subsequent - **Diploma in Intercultural Studies (Level 6)**. Levels 5 and 6 being equivalent to the first and second years of undergraduate study. These will replace our current academic programmes. The students in the classroom will notice few changes in class content, but the administration and course arrangements will be very different.

Celebration of Culture and Food

The first year Evangelism class put on a fabulous cultural celebration this term. An evening of appreciating and enjoying each others cultures through food, song and dance that people could invite their friends from around the world to participate in. What a great way of involving the community and the increasingly diverse people we are getting to know in Hamilton!



Update on some of our Graduates:



The **Jeske family** from Germany have just in August finished their Agency Training and are currently raising support in order to move to South East Asia in January of next year. Initially Alex will study an MA in Linguistics in Thailand. Please pray for the family as they need quite a substantial amount of support to get this plan into action. They are delighted to have a new addition to the family since leaving Eastwest, little Lisa Sofie, a sister for Naomi and Elea, Elea was an Eastwest baby!

***Stella** writes: Birmingham is one of the most diverse and multi-cultural cities in the UK. In my role as a primary teacher, I enjoy being part of the children's growth and development as they thrive and learn in their community. The community we serve in has many challenges with high crime rates and poverty. However, my team work together to nurture a sense of self belief, mutual respect and belonging for these precious children. Our motto is "God's Love in Action".*





Heebeam and Hyejung from Korea are in Fiji working with WEC Pasifika and are joining the Children's Ministry for Chinese team. They have a vision to do Chinese Ministry not only in Fiji but also in the Pacific Islands.

In addition, Heebeam is going to be involved in Mission Mobilisation. He will be working with local churches and teaching several papers to SPMTC (South Pacific Missionary Training College) students.

Currently they are undergoing orientation of Pasifika. Pray that they would smoothly adapt to local life and that they would quickly get a work visa.

Pray with Us

Please pray with us for **new students** for the new academic year starting in February 2018.

Join with us in giving thanks for **Keith & Lynda Jellyman** and for all the work they have done at Eastwest for the past 21 years. Pray for Keith & Lynda as they make adjustments to the new chapter in their lives, and for Simon and Kate as they both start new jobs.

Pray for Judy Yoon as she returns to Korea and spends time with her mother. Please pray with us for a replacement for Judy.

Be in prayer for all our students graduating in December 2017 as they move on and seek ways of using the training they have received at Eastwest College - sharing God's story across cultures.

We continue to be so thankful to God for his blessing and provision.



Do you feel inspired to look further into doing cross cultural training at Eastwest?

Do you know someone who would like to work across cultures and would benefit from training?

We would love to hear from you. Have a look at our website, send an email or come and visit.

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