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This month, we're focusing specifically on our children and youth ministries as part of our preferred and desired future. We're featuring special messages and specific prayer requests directly from the National Children and Youth Leadership Teams. Let's remember, that both Joel 2 and Acts 2, specifically mention our 'sons' and 'daughters' prophesying as well as 'young men seeing visions'. Therefore, Peter ended his Pentecost sermon, in Acts 2:39, with these words "*The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call*". Please read their every word and pray along, as we identify with the heart of our children and youth leaders, and step into our next century together.

Thank you very much and God bless you richly, as you pray with us.

Ps Joshua Boateng

MESSAGE FROM CHRIS COYSTON; NATIONAL CHILDREN'S LEADER

Our big focus is Ablaze 2016, however, what we have observed in preparing for Ablaze, is the level of emphasis on the children and how they are the future of the church. I have had the privilege of being a part of the ablaze committee for the past 3 years, and was fortunate to be one of the first people to see the video 'Our First Century - The Apostolic Church - 1916 – 2016. The final scenes of this video, which has been circulated throughout our fellowship, is footage of the kids on stage at Ablaze worshipping in their own way. Though not a conscious decision, when making the video, it seemed to sum up all of our feelings about how vital the children's work is and how focused we need to be as a church in helping the formative years of their life, with Jesus. We in the

children's team, have had the great privilege of seeing our children grow and are honoured to play a small part in helping and guiding those children and greatly look forward to continuing this in the future. Time and again, I'm hearing of our leaders being moved to pray over this as captured in the



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following prophecy given at Council:

"In this room you function as apostles and prophets and evangelists and pastors and teachers and in a few assemblies you might see these five functions but I bring you together at one time in the year when the fullness of these five ministries is manifest into the church if you will allow it. For what is your biggest evangelistic event of the year together as a church? It's the children's work at convention, that you might think of this as a time for building, a time for encouraging. But this is a time when the salvation of the soul takes place. This is a time when people are baptised in the Holy Spirit. When evangelists should be unleashed in my church so that you will not only see children saved but you will see a wider variety of age groups, people coming to know the saviour as Lord. In order to make space that you might see the functions of apostles and prophets and evangelists and pastors and teachers that you might see the building of the

one body, that you might see the one fold and one Shepherd".



When we started this work, I believe children's work was viewed as more of a service for parents than anything else, but over the past few years, attitudes have changed so much!!



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PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE KIDZ ABLAZE TEAM

- Please pray that as we start to build the team of leaders for this year, we will find enough people willing and able to help us to put on the best Kidz Ablaze ever.
- Please pray for full financial provision to enable us to accomplish all we want to do with the children.
- Please pray for **Gareth** and **Rachael Kelland**, the respective 3-5 year olds and 6-11 year old group leaders, as they plan the sessions.
- Please pray for those of us directly teaching the children, that God will help us communicate exactly what He wants us to teach the children and that they have open ears to hear.
- Please pray for the two fun afternoon events planned.
 - The ‘family picnic’ that it will be well attended and that as many of the general church family joins us to spend time together, whether they have children or not. (And please, pray for good weather!!!)
 - And the Allsorts event for those aged 6-18 that again we get enough willing people able to help us out for the afternoon, that we are able to just have a brilliant afternoon building relationships with the children and having fun.

MESSAGE FROM JOHNY BOXALL: NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER

Coming off the back of Ablaze 2015, and as we look towards the Centenary, we in the youth team have really felt God impress upon our hearts, this ‘vision’ of young people just giving their all. We really want to see them reach the point where they fully yield their lives to God. An image shared by my wife, **Beth Boxall**, is that “the young people will have a diving board experience, where they jump into what God has in store for them and they do not return”.



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PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE YOUTH LEADERS' DESK

- Please pray for the young people to have a Jericho experience. That they will see and experience God for themselves rather than solely on the stories of their parents and ancestors.
- Our focus for the youth is to see future leaders rise up and take their place, therefore please pray that that all our young people will contract a passion for God and to take up this challenge.
- We also want our young people to obey the command of serving God in areas that might not be formal leadership, but that are just as important (Romans 12 gifts). Please pray that they will grow in spiritual capacity within their church and community and function in their gifts.
- Most importantly, in light of the prophecy, referred to above, please pray for salvation for the lost among our young people.
- Finally, please pray specifically for Youth Ablaze 2016 and our impending leadership weekend, that they will encounter God in life transforming ways.