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Dear Friends

Welcome to our first newsletter from Peace Promise!

10 Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering (2 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)

Peace Promise – in the beginning...

We have had some wonderful experiences in our short time of existence and I'd like to take this time to share a couple of them with you.

In April we had our first training session with the 1 day training "Personal Peacemaking" and here is what one person wrote to Peace Promise following that training with a reconciliation they were then part of very soon after:

*"It was a blessings for me to come [to the training] and everything that happens comes from above. I wish that my wife had been free so that we could journey together on this training, personally and spiritually... for our church community... We had the best reconciliation that we had ever been to. Some chose to go individually and ask for forgiveness...the whole congregation didn't want to go home. You can see eyes are overwhelmed with happiness and joy... living with a healthy relationship. Everyone shared their experiences. The atmosphere totally changed from coming **in** to going **out**... Thank you Lord for the light of your Spirit... that I could attend this training. It does help me so that I can know you better through my relationships to my family and others around me everyday... Amen."*

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Peace Promise was asked by PeaceWise in Australia to share the Key Note Speaking with them at the NZ Christian Schools National Conference that was held in Wellington in May. There were over 100 delegates in attendance and many of the NZ Christian schools were represented there. Every person in attendance was asked to create an action plan to build a culture of peace in their community. May God richly bless all who were touched by the Holy Spirit during those 2 days and who are turning their action plans into a reality, even as I write.



God chose YOU...

For every person who is reading this newsletter, you have heard God's call to you to be a peacemaker, to glorify Him, serve others and become more Christ-like in the face of adversity, hostility, grief and every negative situation that we can be placed in. Be encouraged by these words from Paul in Romans 5:5 *"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."* God's love never fails!

Training we have planned:

Core: 1 Day Personal Peacemaking (Trainer: Rosemarie Brown)	Saturday 23 rd August 2014 1pm – 9.15pm	Auckland
Foundation: 2 day Conflict Coaching (Trainers: Elenne Ford & Rosemarie Brown)	TBC (2-3 February 2015) 8.30am – 5pm	Auckland

Note that the Conflict Coaching needs a minimum number before we are able to commit to this training. If you are interested in attending, please let us know via the website or email. The trainers are Elenne Ford (Founding board member of PeaceWise) who has many years of experience in Christian peacemaking as a conflict coach, mediator and a trainer, and Rosemarie Brown from Peace Promise.

For the upcoming training early bird discounts are still available, so if you or anyone you know is interested in attending this training, please act now! Early bird prices are available until 5pm the 15th of August 2014 for the August training. Registration can be made via our website www.peacepromise.org.nz or you can email us office@peacepromise.org.nz to let us know you would like to attend.

We realise that offering training in Auckland makes it difficult for some people to be able to attend. So, Peace Promise will come to you for the 1 day Personal Peacemaking training! If



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you are wanting peacemaking training in your location, then please contact us and we can give you some options to consider to make this possible.

For those who would also like the Conflict Coaching training, Peace Promise is currently required to use a trainer from PeaceWise to lead the training, so the flexibility of where and when we are able to offer this 2 day training is a lot more constrained. We trust that God has a plan, and we will continue to support you as best we are able to at Peace Promise.

The 2 day mediation training, which is the training you do after Conflict Coaching, Peace Promise is not likely to be offering this training until later in 2015 or in 2016.

To complete the training to be able to then become a qualified peacemaker (through supervised/mentored experience), you would need to do a 3 day advanced training in either or some of mediation, reconciling marital conflict or church conflict. Note all but church conflict are offered in Australia (with Reconciling Marital Conflict usually only offered every even year) and church conflict currently only offered in the US by Peacemaker Ministries.

Auckland Hub meeting:

Wednesday 17th September, 7-8.30pm at Ngaire Ave Bible Church
(3 Ngaire Ave, Newmarket)

We would encourage you to attend our next hub meeting in Auckland so that you continue to practice those personal peacemaking skills you learned at your training in April! For those who are attending in August – it will be great to have a small refresher. Hubs are designed to keep everyone fresh in their peacemaking skills and to share experiences and learn from each other. It's about encouraging each other as well, not to mention networking with fellow peacemakers.

We need you!

Peace Promise needs people to continue to help our ministry grow throughout NZ and so we can continue to serve peacemakers who are serving others in their communities. We need help in the following areas:

1. To be part of our prayer ministry. If you would like to be part of this prayer ministry, you are likely to receive an email outlining prayer requests to cover people who have asked Peace Promise to assist them with conflict too large for them to deal with alone, or within their church, as well as those peacemakers who are called to assist.



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2. To be peacemakers, who believe a peacemaking ministry is what God is calling you to do. The training programme is 8 days in length and the training is only offered a couple of times during the year, some here in NZ and most in Australia. We would like to grow our pool of available qualified peacemakers, so we can share opportunities to assist others, particularly as we are a small population outside of Auckland, but very geographically spread. It is our goal that we are able to assist all people in NZ where God has placed a desire in hearts to build cultures of peace.
3. To be part of our financial support. We are a not for profit and it is our hope that we are able to provide conflict resolution services to those who need it. Peace Promise has ongoing administration costs to exist and be able to serve the NZ community through providing Christian dispute resolution services through providing Christian Mediators and Conflict Coaches and through training. For general donations You can help these people by making tax deductible donations to Peace Promise, this can be done via our website www.peacepromise.org.nz, via Give a Little at <http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org/PeacePromise> or by making regular donations via electronic transfer.

For specific purpose financial support there are two areas we would love for you to support us:

1. Conflict has a financial cost, as well as emotional and physical costs. For many of us, those financial burdens for paying for help, on top of the conflict are not able to be met. The services we provide for those people who need help with conflict, but are unable to afford it and do not want to go through Court (1 Corinthians 6:6) are to offer a discount for the services they need, through generous gifts made by our financial supporters.
2. Peace Promise also offers national training at least once a year so attendees are equipped as God intended them to be, or able to resolve their disputes as God intended them to. For some, costs of training are again a financial burden they cannot add to their lot and we hope that through generous donations Peace Promise is able to offer these people discounts so they are able to attend.

If you feel that God is asking you to give to Peace Promise for a specific purpose rather than a general donation, please contact us to advise us of the area you would like your gift to be used. That way we can keep you updated on how you are helping (in a way that no persons can be identified).

Is God asking you to help the ministry of Peace Promise in any of these areas? Please get in touch with us, via the website (www.peacepromise.org.nz) or email (office@peacepromise.org.nz) or phone us on 0272 773 223 or 0800 765 837. We would love to hear from you.



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I encourage you all to share with us at Peace Promise your experience as peacemakers so that others may be continually encouraged by true stories, from people in real situations.

Here at Peace Promise we thank you for your support of us. Please do keep in touch with us. Your stories encourage us and remind us that prayers are answered all the time.

Your servant in Christ

Rosemarie Brown

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