



2012 Morris Moments



If it
wasn't for the
LAST MINUTE,
nothing would ever
get done!

December 2012 Newsletter

This is Noel's favourite motto, and probably the only way of getting this newsletter finished in time to wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As we all get older it seems that time goes twice as fast! Maybe that is why we manage to get so many things done during the year. Here are some highlights of people and events from our rather strenuous 2012.

On a warm afternoon in February a group from Christian Fellowship for Disabled held a meeting in our shady back yard. Their purpose was to restart the group in the Waikato region.

The Waikato Post Polio Support group held their February ice-cream afternoon tea under the cool trees too.



CFFD meeting in our garden



March

Then and now:
Faith Bible College students from 1972

Most of March was taken up with planning the 40th reunion of our class of 1972 graduates from Faith Bible College. 20 ex-students, spouses, family and teachers were contacted and a very happy gathering met at the Welcome Bay campus to tell stories and relate experience on 40 years of life since we last saw each other.

Immediately after that reunion we travelled to the East Coast towns of Napier, Havelock North and Gisborne for Edith to encourage the polio groups in that region who hadn't had a visit for a number of years. Interest was revived, and support gatherings have been held since then.



Gisborne Post Polio Support Group

April was Wilson Home month. The "Attitude" TV 1 programme with a focus on the Wilson Home was shown in the middle of the month with segments of interviews with Edith, about her early life as a patient in this home. A weekend of events to celebrate the 75 years of the Wilson Home saw Edith involved in speaking briefly at their dinner and longer at the Chapel Service. Several of Edith's old black and white photos featured in the book to commemorate the history of the Wilson Home.



Subsequently Noel made a video documentary of the weekend celebrations at the Wilson Home for possible screening on TV.



Nita and Edith were together in the Wilson Home in the late 1940's



June

Video with Evan at the FGBMFI Convention

Every year we have a Polio stand at the Health & Disability Expo in Hamilton. Edith experienced some of the “side benefits” to keep her adrenaline flowing!



September

With Jega at Polio NZ Conference



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Brother- and Sisters-in-law.
Edith with Heather, Hugh & Rose

Over Queen's Birthday weekend Noel and Evan videotaped the FGBMFI Convention in Auckland.

Then while preparing the DVDs to send out, Noel managed to slice 3 millimetres off the end of his thumb. (Ouch!) The doctor sewed the slice back on, and now 6 months later, it is almost as good as new.

Later in June Noel and Evan videoed Family First's "Forum on the Family" meetings in Auckland.



June



September

Health & Disability Expo

Jega, a physiotherapist from Perth, came to NZ to lecture about the late effects of polio. Starting mid September she travelled from Auckland to Dunedin and culminated her road show by being the main speaker at the Polio NZ conference in Wellington at the end of the month. At this conference Edith was re-elected president of Polio NZ along with a full board of 10 members.

We celebrated our birthdays in December with a garden afternoon tea for Noel's 70th. Another pleasant afternoon under the trees, attended by 25 friends and family, ushered Noel into his next decade.

Family News

Isaiah became engaged to **Kelsi** Osborne, a Hamilton girl earlier this year. They and Isaiah's band continue to live in Melbourne, and in October Kevin, Lynda and Jonas visited them for Isaiah, Kelsi and Kevin's birthdays.



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Jonas has finished his second year at Vision College doing his music qualifications, stacking shelves at New World and holding gigs with his band.

Kevin had his gallbladder removed in November and within a few weeks flew to USA to visit his family there.

Lynda continues her work at Train Me, and as a volunteer running the song words projection at Eastside Church.

As we look into the year 2013 we see “more of the same”, but life is full of surprises and we rely on the goodness of the Lord to guide and protect us as we go forward.



Three generations –Noel, Lynda & Jonas