



# NEW LIFE YOUTH NZ



## Hi New life Youth Pastors!

We are launching an e-newsletter. It's great to be together on the same page within our movement and this is one cool way to do it!

You can expect every issue to contain a few leadership insights, and I would love to profile a Youth Pastor from somewhere in NZ and check out what they are up to.

I have always loved to hear other peoples stories and its great to be inspired by what someone else is up too, plus we get to share in their wins and glean from their experiences.

So to kick the ball off I think I will start with me, as I am yet to meet up with you all and maybe you might interested to know a bit more about what I do and where we are at as a youth ministry...



**Name** - Glen Fraser

**Age** - Old enough to be your parent probably. Let's just say the year 1974 was a great year.

**Relationship Status** - Married To Debbie and have 4 kids to prove it.

**Favourite anything** - Snow boarding on fresh powder

**How long as a Youth Pastor** - 13 years (ish)

**So what's happening at YOUTH in Rangiora?**  
 This term we have focused on restructuring our Friday night programme to be able to cater for our 16 - 25 years age group.

We have also been involved with initiating the Bags of Hope project to the shattered eastern suburbs of Christchurch. This was all about fund raising and producing 10,000 bags, each containing an artwork, peanut slab, coffee sachets and a big block of Chocolate, so that has taken plenty of our time up this term too. The responses from those who received the bags was amazing, people were so grateful, some cried and wrote some really kind emails to us too.



## My "oohhh" (revelation) moment as a youth pastor!

- "That my call precedes my gifting".

Let me explain...

As a keen young youth pastor I used to go to conferences like "GetSmart" and be totally in awe with the guest speakers.

I would look at the way they could communicate and minister and compare myself to them, and I would conclude that all I had to offer was like a 20c mixture compared to their box of Cadbury favourites.

So I used to leave those conferences excited that my youth were impacted but kind of depressed because my gifting seemed really insignificant.


So my "oohhh" moment has evolved, as I would go back to God and complain (a little wine is good for the stomach) about my 20c mixture gifting. He would always assure me (sometimes on a weekly basis) that I was in the right place doing the right thing and that He was with me and believed in me.

The fact that "my call" as a youth pastor is in His heart makes the size of my gifting irrelevant in light of His grace, with Him being able to totally complete the good work that he has began in me :)

Glen Fraser



INTRODUCING



NEW YOUTH PASTORS

To Ashburton New Life  
 Brad, Anna and (baby)  
 Nica-May Rautawa.

These guys are now on our  
 New Life Youth Leaders  
 Facebook group -  
 say hi to them there!