

For Freedom

Prevent Human Trafficking

Dear friends

How can it be June already? Here in New Zealand it is officially the start of winter, and our first “King’s Birthday” long weekend. After an extremely crazy start to the year, I am back into a slower (and more manageable) pace of ministry work and enjoying being able to get back into writing new trainings and not feel as pressured. I was saying to a colleague this week that the start of my year was so busy with 2 long-haul trips and conferences, it feels like my year is only beginning now!

Here’s a quick recap of the past couple of months....



Global Assembly

Thank you so much for your prayers over my travel to - and time at - SIM’s Global Assembly in March. It was an incredible time of connection within our large organisation. It was so good to be face to face with each other and not over zoom.

It was a very busy few days, firstly with the other “MPPs” in SIM. This is what my role is officially known as within SIM - a Ministry Point Person, or specialist, who serves the wider organisation. There are 16 of us in a variety of different ministry areas, and we had a great couple of days together as a team, our first time ever in person! Some great collaborations developed, including a bunch of us now exploring how we can work together on protecting the vulnerable in our communities.

At Global Assembly I co-led a seminar on “Leading and Ministering in Times of Chaos” - we received great feedback from those who attended. I also led a couple of

workshops and had many, many, conversations and meetings over meals and between sessions with directors and colleagues wanting to discuss ways *For Freedom* could help them. It was an incredible time, and we had some really key outcomes, but to be honest, it was absolutely full on and I was a bit shattered when I got home :-)

Time off with the fam

I also want to thank you for praying for the time off I took in April. 3 fantastic weeks of complete break, a lot of great family time, hiking, sleeping, and a special few days away with Tessa exploring Banks Peninsula, reading, knitting and netflix bingeing. It was just what I needed and my tanks got well and truly filled up. Oh, and I finally painted my kitchen!



NZ Dragon Boat Nationals

This is my team (in the black, top of picture) after winning the 500m minor final at the NZ Nationals! We had a blast paddling at Lake Karapiro over Easter, in some of the toughest conditions we've ever experienced. No medals but we were all pretty chuffed with how well we did. Season has now finished so I have a few months off before we start up again in August.

World Freedom Network

An exciting development that has grown out of my Ukraine involvement last year, was being asked to join the leadership team of the newly formed World Freedom Network. This is part of the World Evangelical Alliance and seeks to mobilise the global church and Christian community in the fight against trafficking and slavery. This will be part of my *For Freedom* role, as I oversee our global partnerships and networks. I am so excited to be part of getting this underway and can't wait to share more with you over coming months!

You can find out more about WFN by [clicking here](#).



Prayer requests

- Please pray for Karine and I as we settle into new leadership responsibilities. We have recently allocated key areas of responsibility to enable us to function better as co-leaders with our growing team and ministry.
- I am preaching at my church (The Well) on Sunday June 11th. Please pray for hearts to be opened and that I may know the leading of the spirit as I speak.
- Please pray as I attend the Asia Region Anti-trafficking Conference in Bali, July 15th-22nd. This will be a key time of networking and learning, and I will also have 2 days with some of my WFN colleagues there as well. Please pray for the Lord's blessing and protection for myself, Kieran and Tessa.
- Please pray as I step into this new role with WFN, that I may know the Lord's leading, favour and blessing as I connect with others and begin to develop strategy for the coming months and years.

Thank you for your ongoing and faithful prayers and support. You are a much-valued part of my team and I absolutely couldn't do this without you.

Much love, Sarah

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