



MEET THE LAWRENCE FAMILY

RIDGECREST On The Rise Newsletter

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Our family & commission

by Louise Lawrence

Let me start by saying how honored we are to be appointed the new Managers for Ridgecrest. There is a rich history of pioneers that has gone before us and worked hard to make the Ridgecrest dream a reality.

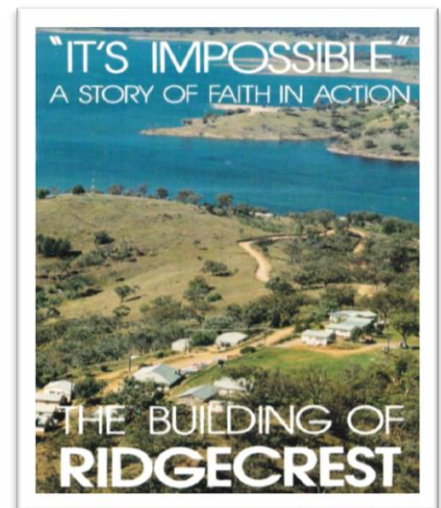
OUR FAMILY

Both John and I have worked in secular jobs for most of our lives. John's last employment in NZ was with Westland Milk Products as the Health & Safety Advisor and I worked as a Manager for a Facility Management Company. We were born and raised in South Africa and went to New Zealand in 2007 and became New Zealand citizens (hope you don't hold that against us 😊, either being South African or New Zealanders 😊)

We are the proud parents of 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Our oldest daughter Maryke is the mom of Mieke, age 9 and Robert, age 5 and lives in Brisbane. Rynardt our son still lives in New Zealand and are engaged to be married to Sinead. Our youngest daughter Megan just joined us here at Ridgecrest.

THE COMMISSION

After an encounter with the Lord at Blenheim in 2011, my whole life changed. He not only healed my heart and restored all but gave me a purpose, a destiny that cannot be denied. In a dream God gave me the word "commissioned" and the dream to start a Christian Camp in Nz. It was then that the love for Christian Camping started and through lots of encouragement by God himself and through his faithful people we started to pursue Christian Camping. We believed against all odds that what God has said, is in fact true and will come to pass but we needed to walk this out. We started serving in our local church – Greymouth Elim and found a wonderful Church family that helped us on this incredibly journey. Now we are here in Australia and in fact here at Ridgecrest to use our gifts in this new season. More about this when we visit your church to share our story and *partner with you* in "the call" here at Ridgecrest.



"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE" A story of Faith in Action

I would like to encourage you to read the story of Ridgecrest on our website www.ridgecrest.org.au. It is truly an inspirational story and dedicated to "all those whose labor of love helped accomplish the impossible – the building of Ridgecrest"



YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE HERE AT RIDGECREST

As a Partner or Owner of Ridgcrest, we want to encourage you to consider *giving to Ridgcrest now* as we are entering a new phase.

With the changes in *Work Health Safety*, increasing focus on *Quality Control* by Regional Councils and the increasing *higher expectations of our guest*, there is a call to our partners to help us financially. The staff here at Ridgcrest are committed to do whatever it takes to use the *upcoming quiet months, from end November to end January*, for maintenance and upgrade. We have some volunteers available but we need your financial support to accomplish the work at hand.

The above picture shows the installation of the back-fence panels at the playground on the Oval. Many more of these jobs for Work Health Safety requirements are at hand.

Your **best generous gift now**, will make a difference. **All of this to make Ridgcrest a safer and better place and to impact the next generation for Christ.**

Thank you for being the power behind this work!

With deepest gratitude

Louise & John Lawrence

PROJECT / MAINTENANCE

- ❖ Playground fence at Oval
- ❖ Painting
- ❖ Concrete work
- ❖ Handrails & Fencing
- ❖ Repairs Cottage 10
- ❖ Repair underground water sprayer pipes on Oval

.....just to name a few.....



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact either John or Louise with any questions or suggestions you might have.

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