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# People with Intellectual Disabilities can change YOU.



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## What Joy Ministries means to me

By Annette Perkins

The way my development in Joy Ministries has grown has been amazing. I have been going there for 4 1/2 years; and the number of ways God has used me has truly amazed me.

Originally, to begin with I was not planning to be a helper since I have a disability, but at the end of 2004 I *wanted* to have that role.

One way my disability affects me is that I can struggle to hold proper conversation because I find it hard to know when to let the other person talk. However, there are times at our meetings when this has proved to be a real strength!

Two out of the three National camps I have been to I have been along as a helper. I really enjoy meeting bi-annually with my 'Joy Ministries family'.



One of my main jobs I have when helping with my group is that I help lead the singing. I used to be rather nervous about it, but now I can do that confidently.

My confidence at Joy Ministries has grown so much with other things as well.

Annette Perkins,  
East Auckland Joy Ministries

"Being confident of this very thing that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."  
Philippians 1:6

## Joy Ministries Branches

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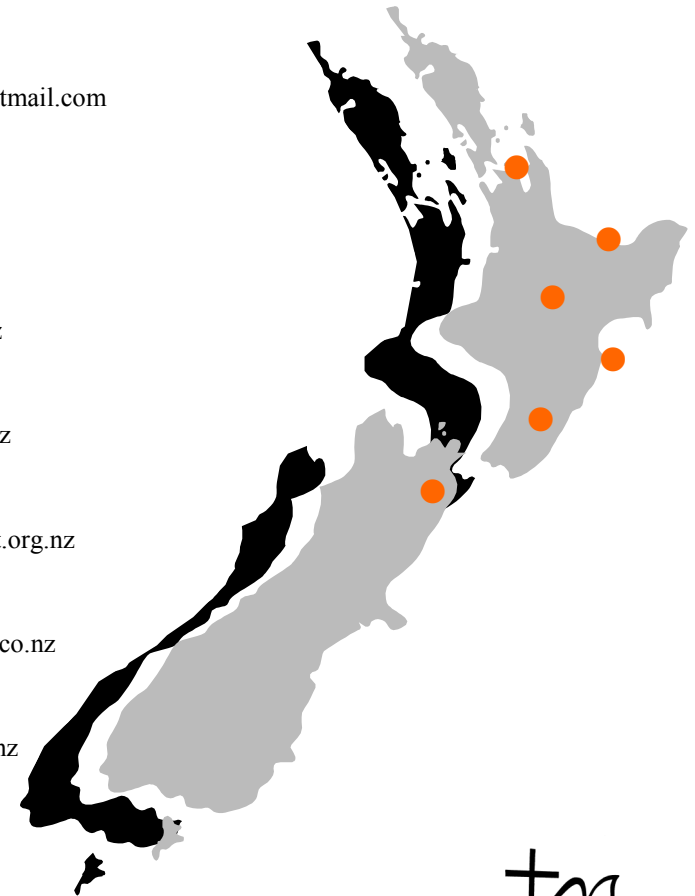
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## Joy Ministries

Is an Interdenominational Christian organisation that gives individuals with an Intellectual disability the opportunity to come together to worship and learn about God.

As many traditional services struggle to cater to special needs, Joy Ministries provides a safe and positive environment for people to come and learn about Jesus through prayer, worship and activities.

Joy Ministries branches can be found in Auckland Whakatane, Hastings, Masterton and Blenheim.

**If you would like to find out more information please contact Joy Ministries National Coordinator**

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**Joy Ministries** has been established under the covering of the **Christian Ministries with Disabled Trust.**

## What Joy Ministries means to me

By Wendy Bell



The Lord directed me to Joy Ministries right at the beginning, as He knew I needed healing on the inside.

All the people at Joy Ministries accepted me just as I was, which is what I needed so much.

I now drive to the central group each month & know the 50 odd km's it takes to get there is well worth it for the fellowship I receive.

Blessing to everyone.

Wendy Bell

## **What I need from you:**

- I expect you to respect and appreciate me
- I want to be encouraged to do the best I can
- I have hopes and dreams like you
- I can be afraid of things, and sometimes need help.
- I know what I want, but sometime I can't tell you.
- I need you to listen, I know when you're pretending.
- Please don't patronize me, I'm an adult not a child.
- Allow me make my own choices, even if they seem wrong to you. I need to learn from my own mistakes.
- Help me to reach my full potential in God
- I need to be encouraged to be independent
- There are lots of things I can do for myself, don't do everything for me
- I can make a difference in your life too.
- Don't be upset if I don't understand what you mean, some things are hard for me to understand.

## **What I need from you to reach my full potential in God.**

- I need a Bible, even if I can't read, I know God's in my house.
- I only understand one idea at a time, please don't overload me.
- Even if I find it hard to communicate God still knows I'm talking to him.
- Encourage me to pray.
- Show me ways that I can serve others.
- I love music, it helps me feel close to God
- Show me how to be a good friend by example.
- I learn better by doing rather than just listening
- Encourage me to share what's important to me
- Involve me as much as you can, it's fun!
- Teach me about Jesus, so I can tell others that He loves them too.