

Kia Ora! In my language it means "Greetings"

My name is Paula Rangiorere Noble. Born in a small country town in N.Z called Thames Annex on 4/11/55.

Now currently living in Brisbane, and have been for almost 15 years.

My Parents were devoted to one another till death. They were blessed to raise 7 children in a small coal mining town called Huntly. My father worked as a coal miner for 40 plus years, and my mother devoted herself as a "Sophisticated, domesticated, entrepreneur to her family"

As for myself, I am a wife to my brave, dearest and loving husband Joe Noble. We are blessed to have 5 grown children, who have given us 17 beautiful Grandchildren. It doesn't end there, we are doubly blessed with 3 precious Great grandchildren.

I attended Huntly College for two years. The first year of College I was selected as a Netball Representative. I captained our team and gave weekly reports in our local "Huntly Press" newspaper.

Furthermore, I was awarded "Sportswoman of the year" that same year.

My Parents encouraged me to use the Athletics skills I had and put me into the "Huntly Athletic Club" from the age of 10 till I was 14. During my season there I was fortunate to take home the cup and shield in 4 consecutive years I attended. These prizes were almost as big as myself. I recall my mother being very adamant in wanting a photo of me with these prizes. They were so heavy!

Having come from a large family, I left Huntly College, that upset my Parents immensely.

I journeyed away from Huntly to find employment at Middlemore hospital in Auckland. Catering for Doctors and Nurses. Unfortunately I returned home after a short working period as I missed my Parents and siblings. I found employment immediately at Bendon Berlei in Huntly sewing woman's lingerie.

I've endeavored a variety of employment experiences throughout my time in N.Z, however, 1 event that touches my heart and that was to serve in Prison Ministry for 15 years. My husband was ordained a Prison Chaplain in 2005.

Our son Moa came to Brisbane in 2005 to do a Discipleship training course with Island Breeze in a remote area in Carbrooke. A group of Youth who are associated with "Youth with a Mission"

I guess you could say we saw the need to follow our sons dream, so to pursue that dream he needed financial support.

With a lot of prayer, faith and hope, my husband Joe was fortunate to get a work transfer from his work to the same company here which made transitioning much easier.

I, however remained in N.Z to finalise my 7 years working as a Teachers Aide. I also needed to graduate from doing Level 4 in Social Services with "Te Wananga O Aotearoa" $\frac{1}{2}$

Before arriving here we were asked to house sit one of the D.T.S leaders home while they were away for 2 months. Everything appeared ordered by the Lord, and that our new surroundings were definitely a God given time.

We moved closer to Joe's work in Darra. My first week in our new home I went door knocking to look for work. I was totally blessed to get a phone call from a nearby Childcare centre to work immediately. God knew I was pining for our Grandchildren in N.Z and he totally filled my heart with many precious babies.

Whilst employed there I gained Cert 3, and Diploma in Early childcare. I became a Lead educator in the Toddlers room. I remained there for 10.3 years, then welcomed a change in a new career.

I obtained a dual certificate in Aged care, and Disability, where I am employed as a Disability Support Worker to this day.

My passion has been to serve Christ in the best possible way, and that's how I've become involved in "Sisters in Progress" We are a small group of women who have the same passion. As we take small steps of faith in our walk with Christ - He will carry us through!

To end my story....

This is a piece of Scripture that reminds me of how our Loving Father receives and journeys us through, and it's found in 1 Cor. 3:6 " I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, and God has been making it grow"

God Bless every Precious heart that reads my story.