

# Messages of hope

## The best is yet to come...

When we, or someone we love, receives a diagnosis of dementia we can be confused and devastated.

It's normal to even ask

“Where are you God in all of this?”.

The good news is, God reassures us throughout the bible of his love and faithfulness towards us. Especially when we see the lengths he has gone to to save us and remind us through Jesus Christ dying on the cross for us. Even when we forget, he never forgets us and is always here to help us through times like these.

John and Maureen encouraged each other on their dementia journey with the words, “The best is yet to come.” Echoed by God who comforts us with his promises in the bible.



You can watch

**“Dementia – This is our Story”**

on [www.youtube.com.au/messagesofhope](http://www.youtube.com.au/messagesofhope)  
to see how this promise has helped John and Maureen.



“He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.”

Revelation 21:4

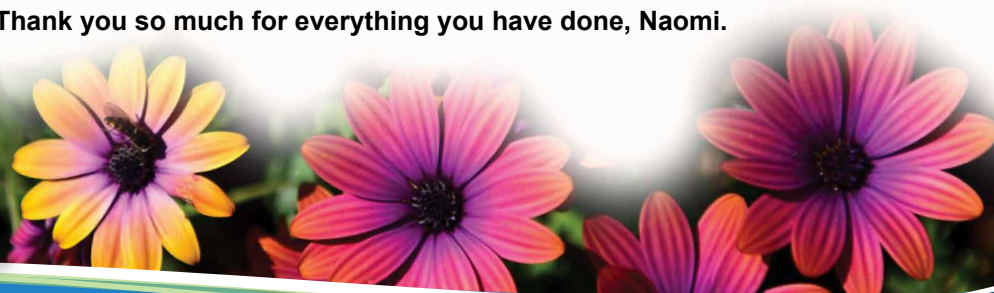


*Naomi will impact generations long after she's gone...*

Naomi was an amazing person who was incredibly passionate about spreading the good news of the gospel. A woman who spoke from the heart with love and the good news of Jesus. A dear friend who is very much missed by the greater church community, we are so honoured to have known her.

Naomi left a very generous donation in her will, and we cannot thank her enough for giving such a lasting gift to help generations in the future and to change the lives of so many by allowing Lutheran Media to continue spreading Messages of Hope.

**Thank you so much for everything you have done, Naomi.**



**Meet Jodi Brooke, Ministry Development Manager**



I'm Jodie, I build systems and resources that support our Messages of Hope audience. Our goal is to provide resources that help people learn how Jesus can bring hope, peace and practical support to their lives. Lately I have been helping our team build an understanding of who our audience is as well as developing relationships with potential partners in ministry and reviewing our current strategy, all to help support our listeners better.

**Meet Jo Chamberlain, Social Media and Production**

I'm Jo, I co-ordinate social media for Lutheran Media and Messages of Hope (Aus & NZ). I create and curate content to help inspire people to find hope in all situations. Online, I promote our suite of resources to support people going through difficult times and in production, I actively seek stories and collate content to engage people in Messages of Hope. Often, it's the unique stories of individuals who have been through incredible journeys of struggle, resilience and overcoming challenges.



"There were times I felt exactly the same... all of it was uncharted waters. I did the best I could and both [parents] passed away peacefully with me by their side. There is a very special place in heaven for us caregivers. At present, I am able to at least be a sounding board for a dear friend of mine that's going through a similar experience..."

**Christopher**

"I know what he's going through. My Ma who was diagnosed with Alzheimers in 2015 and for 7 years I took care of her and my dear husband did his best to help out. Ma went to her heavenly home 28 December 2022. I miss her so much. It's not the same without her here in our home."

**Amanda**

"My wife of 45 years, who is only 65 has Dementia that has rapidly progressed over the last year. Thank you for sharing your story. I am inspired by your story."

**John**

"You have inspired me to be great to my husband, love him, care for him. Amen."

**Mart**

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- Support someone with a Messages of Hope greeting card: **\$5 per pack**
- Worship with someone through live streaming or DVD: **\$5 each week**
- Inspire someone with a social media post: **\$28 each**
- Help someone with a 30 second radio message: **\$147 each**
- Reach out to Australians and New Zealanders on a radio station: **\$355 a station location**
- Connect people to Messages of Hope online with topical resources: **\$1,000**
- Make outreach videos to inspire people with Jesus' message of hope: **\$3,000**

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*Thanks for partnering with us to reach people with hope.*

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