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MANSE, MOVIES, MISSIONS & MINISTRY

Greetings to you from all of us. Welcome to another ACCONZ newsletter. You will notice that there is a growing number of people contributing to these newsletters. There is an increasing amount of work being done and an increasing amount of prayer that is needed. As always, please read this newsletter, please pray, please partner with us in serving the Lord in this way.

Manse Maintenance



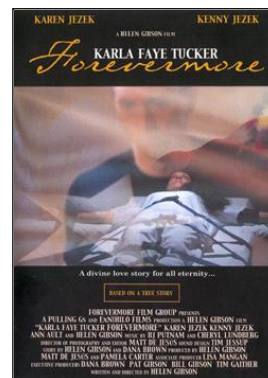
Once again we are thanking God for his much needed provision of finance of around \$20,000 for the second stage of the maintenance on the Takanini Church Manse. We have been able to replace the manse roof. Now by God's grace **we are about to replace the wooden windows with aluminium ones.** Thanks to those who have contributed. Please continue to pray for the success of this and Stage Three of the project when we need to raise around \$15,000 to reclad the building.

Movie Nights

Christian LIFE Church has been watching movies—usually on the first Tuesday of every month. Our aim is to enjoy a time of fellowship together, to be challenged by what we see, and to raise some money for Christian Screen. Happily we have seen some extra folk at church on these evenings also. Praise God!

We start a little earlier than usual, at 7:00 p.m. sharp, in the Church lounge at 160 Great South Road Takanini. We provide Coffee & Cake with a Gold Coin donation. This month's movie was "Forevermore" (2004). It is the incredible true story of the conversion to Christ of **Karla Faye Tucker** - convicted pickaxe murderer on Death Row.

Next month (August 5th) we are planning to watch "Amazing Grace" (2007). This well known movie is based on the story of **William Wilberforce's** tireless campaign to abolish slavery. Should you be interested in seeing these or many other good quality Christian movies they are also available from the Christian Screen library.



Mission to Prisons

A small group of us head down to Hamilton once per fortnight to lead a service at the **Melville International Christian Fellowship** which meets in **Jan McMechan's** home. When the Aucklanders are not there Jan has organised a wide range of inspiring speakers, often with a Missions flavour. Recently **Geoff McMillan** spoke. Geoff is well known for his involvement with **Open Air Campaigners** over many years and is now ministering in **Prison Fellowship Hamilton** with his wife **Jill**.

"Geoff has had a stroke", says Jan, "but it doesn't affect his wonderful witness or his ability to help the prisoners he helps as they are released into the community again. He and Jill are a wonderful couple."

Ministry Update

The Thames Church have restarted Sunday School at 9am on a fortnightly basis with Terry Burchell & Gavin McIntosh sharing the leadership responsibility.

Gavin and Alison have completed visitation in their own street and as a consequence have been appointed Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators for the street.

They have managed to invite almost all the congregation to a meal at their home so they can get to know people in an informal setting and hear about their hopes and dreams.

Gavin is involved with the local Parawai School with Friday sports supervision, and he also managed to get one class at the school involved in the Arbour Day planting at the local reserve. Gavin and Alison had both joined with the local Playcentre for a planting day at the reserve earlier in the year. Recently Gavin received some more attention in the local newspaper through an 'advertorial' for his business. They are blessing their community!

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Thames Prayer Points:

1. We're praying about how to develop these neighbourhood contacts.
2. Development of a young men's discipling fellowship/service group to build up our existing young men & to possibly add others to it.
3. A young mum whose child is coming to Sunday school.
4. A young man who needs supervised Community Service.
5. Implementation of the teaching on Leadership we've receiving at a recent Block Course

ACCONZ Prayer Focus

Please pray with us for each of the following:

1. Thank God for the provision of finance for the second stage of the Manse renovation project.
2. Thank God for the success of Christian LIFE Church's "Movie Nights". Pray that these will be a means of reaching out to new people.
3. Pray for the MICF which meets in Jan's home. Thank God for the speakers who are willing to share when the Aucklanders are not there. Pray that the group will grow as we develop a local mission alongside an interest in missions overseas.
4. Thank God for all that Gavin and Alison are investing into their local community—pray that the spiritual return will begin as they strengthen relationships in the community and within the church family



Gavin McIntosh caring for his native plants.

Gavin's Gardens establishes and maintains gardens

Want to develop your property from scratch or rejuvenate an existing garden, starting with garden design? Maybe you want your garden to be well maintained all year round? Do you want to develop or rejuvenate a gully with native and bird attracting plants? Lay a new lawn? Have a pergola or low deck built? Fruit and other trees pruned? Hedges cut? Call Gavin McIntosh at Gavin's Gardens on 07 8683900.

Gavin and his wife Alison moved to Thames at the beginning of the year. He has a trade certificate in horticulture and brings nearly 30 years of gardening/landscaping knowledge and experience with him. For the past eight years he has been gardening for the Hamilton City Council, the 10 years before that he was with the New Plymouth City Council. His first decade in the industry was with the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust

in New Plymouth where he developed a keen interest in native plants as the rhododendrons are planted amongst native bush. Gavin has established a nursery at their Thames property and is propagating native plants. He also has a keen interest in propagating endangered species.

Gavin will look at any gardening/landscaping contracts and give a free quote. For big jobs he will sub contract out to others to do any major earthworks with machinery for greater efficiency.

Based in Thames, where he also works as a part-time pastor for the Church of Christ on Parawai Road, but Gavin is also willing to take on contracts in and around Whangapoua where he has alternative accommodation available. Outside Thames and Whangapoua a small travel cost will be charged.

God's blessings upon you all.
David Burge.