

Takanini "Taking Off"?

Since the beginning of this year we have had **eight new people join us** for worship on Sunday mornings. (We could say nine if we included the Schächers' new baby - Bonnie Jewell!). Many of these new folk are keen to invite their friends to be part of the church.

We have had a number of new small groups start. We are not just growing numerically but people are growing in their faith as they understand and apply God's truth.

Please pray for us that this growth will continue.

Support ACCONZ?

If you would like to share in the ministry by giving to ACCONZ - please send any donations to our treasurer:

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27 Fairview Ave,
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(Automatic Payment forms available on request).

Newsletter Numbers

On the front of this newsletter you see written "**Vol 3.1 July 2000**". This is not as scientific as it sounds! **Volume 3 Issue 1**. The first volume number represents the year. 1998 was volume 1, 1999 volume 2 and so on. Our first newsletter was the only newsletter for 1998. You might have read "Volume 1, number 1" and then some time in 1999 received volume 2, number 1. No cause for alarm! So far our volumes have been pretty thin. We hope to be more regular with our newsletters as we get into a pattern.

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Welcome & Thanks

Welcome to another ACCONZ newsletter. We thank God for all of you who are a part of ACCONZ. You faithfully support our ministry together, whether prayerfully, practically or financially. ACCONZ could not exist without you.

Time At Thames

On Wednesday nights David Burge, Garry Schäche and Philip Alexander travel down to Thames. We have started a small group in the home of Terry and Bridget Burchell.

In co-operation with the Thames Church of Christ we will establish a **LIFE group** that we hope will reach out to young people and families in the area.

We began by looking at the video series, "**Living Proof**". This is an excellent teaching tool introducing people to '**lifestyle evangelism**'. It gives biblical and practical advice on how to strengthen relationships with non-Christian friends and begin the process of sowing the seed of the Word of God into their lives.

The Thames folk have already been putting these principles into practice. We have been advertising in the local paper. We have already had two responses to our first ad. Another family recently contacted the Thames church asking about having their baby dedicated.

We are planning a BBQ in Thames on Saturday, 5th of August where we hope to meet these people and begin the process of getting to know them.

Will you pray with us - that God will guide us as we seek to build on these connections we have made in Thames.

West Auckland Prayer Fellowship

On Sunday May 21, we had the first meeting of the ACCONZ West Auckland Prayer Fellowship. This group meets specifically to pray about the needs of ACCONZ and its affiliated churches. It is a great encouragement to us to know that we are being supported by such **faithful prayer warriors**.

The Fellowship meets about every second Sunday night beginning at 7:30pm, in the home of **Rob and Patricia Carr**:

2B East Glen Road, Glen Eden. Phone Rob or Patricia on **818-8929** for details.

God willing, this will be the first of many ACCONZ Prayer Fellowships to spring up around Auckland and around the country.

If you live too far from West Auckland, but you would like to host an ACCONZ prayer meeting in your home, let us know. **The more we pray the more we will see God answer our prayers!**

Randwick Park

Our Randwick Park church plant continues to reach new people, but the people we are meeting are very mobile and some have moved on.

In a previous letter we reported how as a result of one Randwick Park service one man began reading the Bible "for the first time in 45 years". **On Sunday 16th of July, that man gave his heart to the Lord.**

We have started a **Tuesday lunch-time LIFE group** which also meets in the Community House. We begin with lunch followed by a Bible study. This has been advertised in the community. So far we have reached one new person. **Please pray** it will be a successful outreach.

We still find ourselves with a special ministry to those disadvantaged by mental illness. We are seeing for ourselves how the Bible can bring healing to peoples lives when rightly applied.

How's Garry?

You will recall that we made a decision to employ Garry Schäche, for 2 days a week, beginning in January 2000.

Since that time Garry has been working two days a week for ACCONZ. Two days a week he works in the Christian Music industry. The fifth day he is working "freelance" and organises his own work.

ACCONZ and all our churches are benefiting from Garry's input.

He is:

- leading worship at Takanini and Randwick Park
- co-leading our Thames LIFE group
- leading our Papakura LIFE group and
- co-ordinating our media / publication efforts which we are trying to get off the ground.

Garry is working with David on putting together an information pack for our supporters. This should be available soon.

He is also putting together a database of supporters and **if you know of anyone who would like to receive regular updates on the ministry of ACCONZ please let us know.**

Any addresses or other information given to us will be used only for the purposes of keeping people informed about the work of ACCONZ and will not be shared with other Christian ministries without the individuals permission.

Garry puts in much more time than he is being paid for. For this we thank him. We thank his family also!

John 11:25

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the LIFE. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" NIV