

More Than Numbers

Our Randwick Park church plant still reaches out to a very mobile population. Many that were meeting with us have moved on. But thank God he is still blessing the ministry. Some who went away from us (and from the Lord) have returned to us, and more importantly to Him. We praise God for this. **Our ministry is to make disciples - not just fill pews!**

AGM3

We held our **3rd Annual General Meeting** on Saturday 25th November 2000. At that meeting the President (David Burge) outlined the progress we have made as a movement to date. Our Treasurer (Glenise Burge) gave a report on the finances (This is available to any interested parties on request).

The following officers were elected:

President – D Burge
Past President (declared) – R Carle
Vice President – G Schäche
Secretary – V Alexander
Treasurer – G Burge
Other committee members – J Schäche, J Burge, E Schache, J Mandeno

A number of decisions were made that help ACCONZ as an organisation to keep functioning.

This year Garry is working 4 days a week with "Parachute Music" and 1 day with ACCONZ. His ACCONZ income will decrease slightly, but his expenses incurred on our behalf will be met. We appreciate those who have taken a special interest in his support.

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Welcome & Thanks

Forgive us being so erratic in our communication with you. We appreciate each of you who faithfully support our co-ministry, whether prayerfully, practically or financially. We will try to show our appreciation by communicating more regularly this year.

As you read our news I think you will agree that we have been busy!

More Baptisms!

We thank God for the way he is blessing ACCONZ! We have added a number of previously un-churched folk to our congregations. On February 4th we had 40 people at Takanini and 6 "extras" at Randwick Park. Two weeks later on the February 18th we had 45 people at Takanini and 3 "extras" at Randwick Park. 48 people over both services! Many more people are being impacted by our ministry throughout the week.

Last year we had 4 people show their commitment to the Lord in Baptism. **On March 18th 2001** (God willing), **3 more people will follow our Lord through the waters of baptism.** We are having an impact for the Gospel!

This is just the beginning. There are many others whom God is drawing to himself through the ministry of ACCONZ. **You are a part of this!**

World Famous (...Sort Of)!

Advent Christians in the USA have what they call a "**Penny Crusade**" to raise money for and interest in missions. ▶

▶ "**Penny Crusade**" is about more than money. It is an opportunity to share testimonies about changed lives.

Remember Gary Pitman?

He gave his heart to the Lord last year. His life has been changed! His testimony was included in this years "Penny Crusade" material. Now he's... well, not exactly world famous, but his testimony is being used to show people all around the world how **God changes lives.**

Other Lives Changing!

Last year at Takanini we had a visiting speaker from "**Answers In Genesis**". Many people had their faith strengthened through this service. At least one man subscribed to their magazine and he is now calling himself a "creationist". Even though he is not yet a Christian, he speaks up for God as Creator among his evolutionist friends and on talk back radio! **Pray with us that God will draw him to come to church regularly and open his heart to make a commitment to Christ.**

Pizza & Cola

We are still getting together for Pizza and Cola on Fridays. This has been a great opportunity for Christians to meet with non-Christians. God is using many of our conversations to draw people to himself. **Please pray with us for those who seem close to the point of making a commitment!**

Time At Thames

Our Thames **LIFE Group continues.** We are growing closer to one another and closer to the Lord. As a group we are also becoming more committed to helping the group and our Thames church to grow. **Pray for Russell, one of our group, who is considering baptism.**

West Auckland Prayer Fellowship

Don't forget our West Auckland Prayer Fellowship which meets about **every second Sunday night beginning at 7:30 pm, in the home of Rob and Patricia Carr:**

2B Eastglen Road,
Glen Eden, Auckland.

Phone Rob or Patricia on (09) 818-8929 for details.

Rob and Patricia are also beginning a Bible study in their home this year. They have graciously extended an invitation for any ACCONZ / Advent Christian people who may be interested to join in with them and others.

LIFE 2001 Outreach

Our Takanini church has joined in an inter-denominational outreach in Papakura. From March 31st to April 8th a team of students from the **Capernwray Bible School** will be billeted with Takanini folk. During the week the students will be involved with the Takanini and Randwick Park churches. At the end of the week there will be a number of evangelistic meetings put on by a number of Papakura churches.

Pray with us that this will be a means of reaching people with the Good News. ▶

John 5:24

Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal LIFE and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to LIFE" NIV