

## Finances

ACCONZ still needs financial support. If you are unable to support us financially perhaps you will pray that God will provide for us financially.

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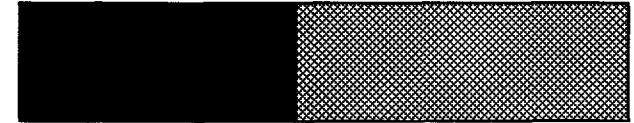
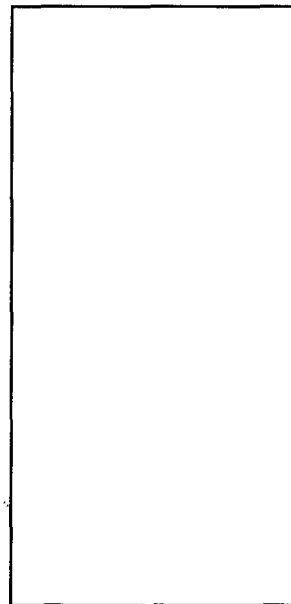
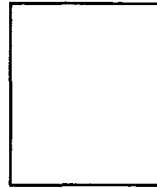
## Points For Prayer

1. Thank God for prayer support for ACCONZ.
2. Thank God with the Burges' for a new baby and a new home.
3. Pray with us for Miriam William's family and friends.
4. Pray for Brian and Marion as they move house.
5. Pray for those bearing the burden of sickness and age.
6. Thank God for those who have joined Takanini already this year.
7. Pray for those being changed by the "Wisdom Course".
8. Pray for the Thames Church Easter outreach.
9. Pray for Naomi who has begun attending at Thames.
10. Pray for Grant and Ernie on the Mission field.
11. Pray for Philip Alexander as he works on the Missions web page.
12. Pray that God will meet the financial needs of the ministry.

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## Conclusion

God answers pray. Pray that God will bless those who pray for ACCONZ that others be inspired to pray all the more that still others will come to know him through our joint ministry together.  
God bless you all!



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## Greetings

Greetings. Welcome to our first newsletter for 2003. Easter is at hand. We pray that the cross and all that the hope of the resurrection means will be real to you this Easter!

We regularly receive letters from people, young and old, who say they are praying for us, as part of their ministry with various AC Churches in the United States. It is an encouragement to us to know that there are people all around New Zealand and the world praying for us. It also inspires us to be more diligent in praying for you.

## Family Business

The Burge family had an interesting Christmas Day last year. We thought our children had chicken pox for Christmas. This is very dangerous for a new born baby. And our Baby was due!

As it happened, our bouncing baby boy, Thomas Seth Burge arrived after Christmas however, on January 2, and after we had found that the children's virus was not chicken pox (Thank God).

As well as having a new baby we have also moved house. We now have a few more rooms to fill.

Our new address is:

**ACCONZ**

**12 Bettina Place,  
Manurewa, Auckland**

Our phone numbers are the same:

**0-9-267 9370, or 0-25-608 2027.**

We can be contacted by email:

**david.burge@acconz.org.nz**

Feel free to contact us!

## News From The Churches

There are some good things happening in all our churches. There is much to thank God for.

### Takanini

Takanini has had a mixture of joys and sorrows.

On the 11th of December 2002, Miriam William's, a long time faithful member of our church family, "fell asleep" in Christ. She is sorely missed. Pray with us for Miriam's family and friends.

One dear couple, Brian and Marion, valued friends and members of our congregation for a number of years, whom we had the privilege of baptising, are moving down to Blenheim. They too will be missed. Pray that they will be blessed as they move and that they will find a new spiritual home.

Others in the congregation are feeling the weight of the years or the burden of sickness. Pray with us for them.

By God's grace, Takanini's average attendance on Sunday mornings is still continuing to rise, if only slowly. We have had new folk meeting with us already this year.

The Takanini Church continues to have a ministry of hospitality. Three of the families in the church currently have someone staying with them.

### Christian LIFE Church

On Tuesday nights at Christian LIFE Church we have been watching a series of videos by Dr. SM. Davis, as part of "The Wisdom Course". The principles we are learning about are deeply rooted in Scripture, they are easy to understand (though not always so easy for sinful, selfish folk to practice), and life changing when they are applied. Every week we hear testimonies of how lives are being changed. This is what it is all about!

## Thames Church

As part of an interdenominational Easter event our Thames Church has a sign outside it saying, "Who?". The answer is Jesus! Over Easter week the church will be open to the public. They are putting up a display about the crucifixion. No. They are not planning to crucify Doug! They plan to use some of Doug's photos taken on his visit to Israel and let people see for themselves the places mentioned in the Bible that are so much a part of the Easter story. Pray for this!

Terry never misses an opportunity to invite folk to church. He invited a lady named Naomi who has been to the church. Pray for her. Pray also for Mrs Audrey Laing who is unwell at present.

### ACCONZ Prayer Meeting

On the first Sunday evening of every month we have an ACCONZ Prayer Meeting at the home of Rob and Patricia Carr. Their address is:

**Villa 417 Pinesong Village,  
66 Avonleigh Road,  
GREEN BAY.**

Phone (09) 817-0494 for details.

### Mission News

Philip Alexander (who is "web master" for the ACCONZ web site) has been working on the AC Missions web page. Soon we hope to have more info available on behalf of Grant Aldridge in the Philippines and Ernie Schache in India. If you would like to receive regular mission updates let us know.

John 13:35

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**"By this will everyone know  
you are my disciples, if you  
have love for one another."**