

Greetings

Greetings. Welcome to our second newsletter for 2003. We are over half way through the year already. Time passes quickly. It is important that we “number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).

Over the years we have talked about **LIFE**. “Lives Invested For Eternity.” If we can grasp how short life really is we are more likely to make sacrifices now in order that our lives will count for eternity.

Movement On A Mission

It was heart breaking to hear over recent months that our fellow Advent Christian brothers and sisters in Malawi were starving to death.

We felt moved to do something to help. Together, ACCONZ, Takanini and Christian LIFE Church raised \$1980 to help. The money was channelled through Advent Christian Missions New Zealand. Folk from other churches have also contributed adding to the total.

Works such as this count for eternity!

Burge Family Business

Remember how the Burges moved house? They moved from a 3-bedroom to a 5-bedroom house with 2 more rooms below the main house. The extra rooms are filling up fast!

As well as Mum, Dad and six children, their boarder, Glenn Adamson, is still with them. He is very much part of the family now. He knows Thomas' routine and is always on hand for a cuddle when Thomas finishes his feed. Last, but by no means least, they have David's Nan staying with them now. She is no longer well enough to live on her own. She has settled in well and enjoying being surrounded by great grand children.

News From The Churches

As always there are good things happening in each of our churches.

Takanini

Takanini's average attendance Sunday mornings continues to rise, though only slowly. Our ministry is more effective than the numbers tell. Some faithful members have “fallen

asleep". Others have moved out of the area. But God continues to bring new people to us. Thank God for this.

The Takanini Church continues to have some unique ministry opportunities. We still have 3 families in the church that currently have someone staying with them long term. We see this as our ministry of hospitality.

We also have 4 families in the church who home school their children. This adds a unique flavour to our church. Pray for these ministries!

There is also a growing conviction of the need to pray in our Takanini Church (See "Prayer Meetings" below).

Many in the congregation are still feeling the weight of years and / or the burden of sickness. Pray for them.

Christian LIFE Church

On Tuesday nights at Christian LIFE Church we are still watching that series of videos by Dr. SM. Davis which are part of "The Wisdom Course".

Each message is independent of the others. You may join us at any time. We would welcome you. It will change you!

Pray also that as our lives are changed we will attract others to the light of Christ that shines in us.

Thames Church

Most of you will know that since our last newsletter, Jean Campbell, Doug's wife, "fell asleep". The funeral service was very well attended, a testimony to the impact that Doug and Jean have had on so many lives over so many years. Pray for Doug and his family.

David is still travelling down to Thames every second week. We meet in the home of Terry and Bridgett Burchell. We meet to share our lives, to study the Bible and to pray for our work.

If you know anyone who would like to be part of our group in Thames get in touch.

Prayer Meetings

Prayer plays a big part in all that we do!

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.

At the same time some of us at Takanini have felt moved by God to pray more over the work we are doing and have begun meeting for an hour on Saturdays for prayer.

Finances

ACCONZ is seeking ministry partners who will give in support of David Burge who at present is ACCONZ only paid worker. None of our churches are able to support a full time worker on their own yet. We need to work together! If you are unable to support us financially, pray God will provide.

The Takanini Church has regular

garage sales to raise funds for the ministry. Clear out your garage or spare room and help us at the same time. Our contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

Points For Prayer

- 1. Pray that all of us will make our lives count for eternity.**
- 2. Thank God that ACCONZ churches have a heart for missions.**
- 3. Pray for the Burges' and their extended "family".**
- 4. Thank God that the Takanini church continues to grow this year.**
- 5. Pray for the Takanini churches ministry of "hospitality" and "home schooling".**
- 6. Pray again for those bearing the burden of sickness and age.**
- 7. Pray for those being changed by the "Wisdom Course".**
- 8. Pray for Doug Campbell and his family.**

- 9. Pray that more new folk will attend the Thames LIFE Group.**
- 10. Thank God for Rob and Patricia Carr who lead the ACCONZ Prayer Meeting.**
- 11. Thank God for those at Takanini being called to pray.**
- 12. Thank God for the success of the regular garage sales at Takanini.**
- 13. Pray for Philip Alexander as he maintains the ACCONZ web site.**
- 14. Pray that God will meet the financial needs of the ministry.**

Conclusion

God is answering our prayers. The impact of our ministry is expanding. Pray that God will continue to bless us that we might be a blessing to others!