

Points For Prayer

Please pray with us for the following:

1. Pray for Garry Schäche in his ministry with ACCONZ and Advent Christian Missions New Zealand (ACMissionNZ).
2. Pray that we will be bold when given opportunity to share our faith with others.
3. Pray for us as we travel to Hamilton and Thames and around about.
4. Pray for the Hamilton Church of Christ.
5. Pray for Rex and Jan, for the International Christian Fellowship, for the Children's programs and youth group.
6. Pray for Jaclyn that she will grow in her faith.
7. Thank God that Helen made her peace with the Lord before she died.
8. Pray for Nigel (Helen's partner) that he will find comfort and faith.
9. Pray for Ron and the Laing family as they grieve the loss of Audrey.
10. Pray God will provide for the financial needs of our ministry.

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faithfully serve the Lord

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Greetings

Big changes have taken place over the last few months. Garry Schäche is back working for ACCONZ. I (David Burge) am doing some work with the Church of Christ in Hamilton. The ministry of the International Christian Fellowship (also in Hamilton) is continuing to grow. There is much to thank God for in other areas of our ministry too.

Schäche Is Back

Garry Schäche left Parachute Music at the end of last year. He now works three days a week with ACCONZ. Among other things he coordinates Worship at Takanini, Christian LIFE Church, and at times at International Christian Fellowship in Hamilton. He has put together advertising, again for Takanini, Christian LIFE Church, International Christian Fellowship and our Thames Church as well. He and I have put together a PowerPoint® Presentation on the work of ACCONZ. Together we hope to do a lot more personal evangelism. Please pray for us in this regard.

Garry also works one day a week for Advent Christian Missions New Zealand and one day with the The CD Store.

If you feel called by God to support Garry in his ministry, either prayerfully or financially, please contact us.

Hamilton Church of Christ

God is good and he provides. God has provided by way of my being able to work one day a week in Hamilton with the Church of Christ there. My

day's program includes every second Wednesday evening (on the week I am not in Thames) taking a Bible Class known as the "Roving Fellowship". Every second Thursday I take another evening Bible Class. Each day (Wednesday or Thursday) I do some visiting then have dinner in someone's home. Please pray that this arrangement will bear fruit for all concerned. Pray that as we labour together more people will come to saving faith.

International Christian Fellowship

International Christian Fellowship meets in the home of Rex and Jan McMechan in Hamilton. We had a wonderful meeting there with Grant Aldridge (Our Advent Christian Missionary in the Philippines) on April 18.

God is doing a wonderful work through Rex and Jan. As well as a Church service beginning at 7:00pm on Sunday night, Rex and Jan run a children's program in their home on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am and again on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:15pm (for 5 to 12 year olds). They are about to begin a youth meeting on Friday nights (for those 10 years old and up).

It has been our privilege to help them where we can and we want to make known their work to enlist your prayer support.

People Coming To Faith!

We have been used of God in some surprising ways of late.

Through Our Takanini Church

Back in February we invited Answers In Genesis (see the link on our website) to take a service at our Takanini Church. The service was followed by a BBQ lunch. Philip Alexander invited some friend's he had made on the train

to work. One of those friends, Jaclyn, first went with Vicki and Philip to see the movie "The Passion of Christ". She came to our AiG service, then one Sunday evening (that Sunday or soon after) at an evening service in another church Jaclyn made a decision to follow Christ. She told Philip that these events led her to the point of commitment. Philip's comment to us was, "Isn't it awesome what the Lord can do!".

Through Our Thames Church

Many of you will know Doug Cambell's sister-in-law, Bev, died in February. Doug gave the eulogy at her funeral and had a chance to tell what was a very big crowd of Bev's deathbed commitment to Christ.

In our last newsletter we asked for prayer for Helen, who was suffering from Cancer. She had at one time been taught Sunday School by Doug's late wife, Jean. In the providence of God, Helen died, but not before she made her peace with the Lord again. Continue to pray that her partner Nigel will come to faith.

Condolences

Audrey Laing, a long time faithful member of the Church of Christ in Thames, has fallen asleep in Christ. Her funeral was held on Monday April 5. Our heartfelt prayers go out to Ron (her husband) and the family.

The Thames church had a special Easter Sunday evening service this year which was well attended by folk from Auckland and Thames. What a comfort over this time to know that because He lives we shall live also!

John 11:25,26 "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?" - Jesus.