

## Points For Prayer

1. Pray for the Sunday Morning Services at Takanini that our changes will reap spiritual fruit;
2. Pray for the Anazao Drop in that it will be an effective outreach to lead people to new life in Christ.
3. Pray for the South Auckland AC-MissionZ prayer Meeting held six-weekly at Christian LIFE Church.
4. Thank God for the wonderful time of fellowship at the Thames Church of Christ evening service.
5. Pray for Maurice and his friends who heard David share the message of Life Only in Christ (Conditional Immortality).
6. Continue to pray for David's work with the Mardon Road Church of Christ in Hamilton.
7. Continue to pray for Rex and Jan, for the various children's works and the Melville International Christian Fellowship.
8. Continue to pray for David, Garry and others as they travel to Hamilton and Thames regularly.
9. Thank God for the opportunity David had to speak at a Rotary Meeting about poverty.
10. Pray for the ACCONZ AGM to be held on October 30 beginning 10:00am at Takanini. It is a privilege to be able to take our petitions to God in prayer.

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## Greetings

Much has happened over the last few months. There is much to share to bring you all up to date. There is no room to tell of all that is being done so I want to focus on the newest aspect of our work, what we are doing in Hamilton. But first the news...

## Not A Newsflash Now...

Many of you will be aware the Ernie Schache, one of two Advent Christian Missions New Zealand missionaries (the other being Grant Aldridge in the Philippines) has had his return to India delayed because of problems with his Visa. Please pray about this situation and for wisdom for Ernie and Area Director Clio Thomas, and World Mission Director Harold Patterson in the USA as they work to obtain a visa for Ernie to return to India. On the bright side, Ernie's remaining in New Zealand for a while longer means he gets to spend more time with his latest grandchild. A new baby boy, Harlan James Schäche, was born to Joce and Garry on July 19. Garry gets a lot of joy out of meditating on Psalm 127 these days!

There is nothing different about the water at Takanini but Philip and Vicki Alexander are also expecting.

Another little one is due to arrive next year. Pray for the Alexanders especially now while Vicki is sick. Many of you will also know Phillip's Mum, Aileen Alexander, fell asleep in May of this year. Phillip's Dad, Roger, did a mighty job of the funeral service. He put out a strong Gospel challenge to which at least one person responded. Please continue to pray for Roger and the Alexander family. I believe much fruit will yet come of the testimony of Aileen's life.

## Hamilton Church of Christ

I am travelling down to the Mardon Road Church of Christ once a week (alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays) and once in every eight weeks to preach at the morning service. I have been encouraged in visiting people during the day. I have enjoyed the hospitality of Hamilton folk over dinner. This has been a highlight for me (not just the food, but the chance to talk to people!). It is a good way to catch up with those who work during the day. Judging from the feedback I am getting - face-to-face, and by email - the evening Bible studies have been worthwhile. For this I thank God. Some at Mardon Road have had a bit to do with Anthony Buzzard (Originally from England, now in America) over the years. As a Bible teacher and an author he has written much on Conditional Immortality. It was delightful to hear him talk about this and other subjects while he was in New Zealand recently. He came with Greg Deuble (from Australia) who shares

his convictions. This contact with Anthony can only be good for our work in New Zealand. Perhaps Greg can help us expand into Australia! You've got to love email! Maurice Christie has been sharing his faith with a friend from work (in Hamilton). He emailed me one day asking for some Scriptures to share. I was able send some verses and relevant comments, right back. Pray for Maurice and he seeks to share with this friend.

## Melville Fellowship

MICF meets in the home of Rex and Jan McMechan also in Hamilton. As well as a Church service (7:00pm Sunday night) Rex and Jan run a children's program in their home on Sunday mornings (9:30-11:30am) and again on Wednesday afternoons (3:30-5:15pm) (for 5 to 12 year olds). They also run a youth meeting on Friday nights (for 10 years old and up). All the groups are growing. I had opportunity to go with Rex and Jan to speak on Community Access Radio (1206am) in Hamilton recently. Rex and Jan spoke about their children's works and about the Sunday night church service. I introduced myself and my work with ACCONZ and Mardon Road and spent the rest of the time speaking about what we believe about God, the Gospel, and the need to invest our lives in something that will last for eternity. The interviewer was a Christian (an ex-Girls Brigader of Jan's) and she gave us all free reign to say what was on our hearts. Pray God will use this interview to bring people to Christ! ■