

Points For Prayer

Please pray that all these endeavours will bear fruit in terms of saved souls!

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 Supporter's 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.

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Greetings

Almost too much is happening at once! Praise God. We covet your prayers for all that we are doing. Read on.

Takanini Church of Christ

We have just started using the Scripture Union "Light Years" Curriculum to give us ideas for involving the children in our services more at Takanini. So far our first service was a great hit with the kids. Many adults were moved by what we did too! Our prayer is that as we develop in this area we will reach more people on Sunday mornings. Please pray for this.

Christian LIFE Church

Garry Schäche and some others have been digging at the back of the Takanini Church. They are not expecting to find treasure. Rather they have planted a veggie garden. It is not that Garry is short of work (or food)!

We have started a new outreach at Takanini through Christian LIFE Church. We have called it the Anazao Drop-in. Anazao means "to live again" (See Luke 15:32 out of which parable I preached at Takanini and again at Hamilton recently). Our program runs on Thursdays and, more or less, is:

9:00-10:00am prayer time (for those who wish to take part);

10:00-3:00 Drop-in (including Lunch

& devotion);

Trevor Duncan is a keen organic gardener only to happy too share his knowledge and skills with others who want to learn. Hence the garden. Over time we want to teach people practical life skills and find meaningful avenues of service as well as ultimately introducing people to new life in Jesus. Pray for us in this work.

Always seeking to be mission minded Christian LIFE Church is taking one Tuesday in six to be a South Auckland ACMissionZ Supporter's Meeting. If you want to be part of these meetings contact us for the date of the next meeting.

Thames Church of Christ

On Sunday 19 September we had a combined Evening Service in Thames.

We had a wonderful time of singing and Doug Campbell brought a message of encouragement centring around the theme of celebrating the fact that our names are written in heaven - Luke 10:20 - a biblical expression which means that we have the hope of eternal life through faith in Christ.

We, of course, had a great time of fellowship together afterward over supper and everyone who attended was greatly encouraged!

Hamilton Church of Christ

Maurice Christie is a man of action. He got together some friends from work who though they were Christians were not believers in Conditional Immortality. He and his wife, Rosemary invited us all to dinner and had me talk to these friends about Conditional Immortality.

I confess I was a bit nervous beforehand. Unsure as to how much Maurice might have strong-armed his friends into coming. As much as I enjoy theological enquiry I don't like to argue with folk. But the whole evening went off brilliantly. The presentation went off well and we had some really good discussion afterwards. I believe the message of Life Only in Christ is something the whole church needs to hear. Thank God for this opportunity and pray others like it.

David Speaks at Rotary

I was asked by a friend to speak to a group of Rotarians (I think that's what you call members of Rotary International) about poverty in South Auckland. Among other things I was able to share something of my experience as a pastor, of my perspective on poverty, and even of the hope we have as Christians. My presentation was well received and I may yet have invitations to do the same thing again. Please pray that people will understand not just the financial but the spiritual truths I am attempting to communicate.

ACCONZ AGM—Oct 30th

ACCONZ is having its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 30, 2004. We will meet at the Takanini Church of Christ, 160 Great South Road, beginning at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Come along. Help us give thanks to God for the year just gone and help us make our plans for the coming year.

Yours in His love,
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