

## Points For Prayer

*Please pray with us for the following:*

1. Pray for Benny (or 'Penni') and the new Samoan language service that he is leading.
2. Thank God that Garry Schache arrived back safely from India (and for the success of the Work Team).
3. Thank God for the ministry of Edgar and Teresa Palacio at the AC-MissionZ / Christian LIFE Church meeting.
4. Thank God that the Spirit moved a Christian under conviction to confess and put things right with God. Pray for this person.
5. Pray for Rex and Jan, the Melville International Christian Fellowship, and the children's programmes they are involved with.
6. Pray that the radio interview that David did with Rex and Jan will strike a chord with someone.
7. Pray for the Family Camp in Hamilton at which David is the speaker.
8. Pray for the spiritual growth of the many children who are part of our ministry.

*Pray because God does answer prayer and prayer is the power behind our ministry.*

Thanks and God Bless,  
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## Greetings

The year is well and truly underway and as always there is much happening for which we can give thanks to God. Please read this newsletter. More importantly, please pray with us.

## In and Around Takanini

Both our Takanini Church (at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings) and our Christian LIFE Church (at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening) are for all comers in English. You will know that John Villisoni pastors our Niuean service which begins at 12:30 on a Sunday afternoon. What you may not know is that late last year we had a Samoan gentleman, Benny (or Penni) Leota join himself to our church and he has begun a Samoan language service which also meets on a Sunday afternoon (in a different part of the building).

This is a whole new area of ministry which has opened up for us. Pray with us that the this new work will prosper and that the Lord will be glorified in it.

## Garry Back From India

At the South Auckland ACMissionNZ supporters gathering we heard back from Garry Schache and Don and Glenda Twist about the international Work Team recently returned from the "Great Wall of Guindy" project. The Team was blessed by God. The job was well done, they had a wonderful time ministering in the churches, and they had extra funds available to provide relief to Advent Christians in India effected by the Boxing Day Tsunami.

As an unexpected bonus we were privileged to have at this meeting, Edgar Palacio and his wife, Teresa. Edgar is an elder and church board member of Maranatha Bible Church of Cagayan de Oro City, in the Philippines. He is also a member of the Executive Council, as director of Prayer and Intercession, of the Bishop (that is, the Conference) of the Philippine Advent Christian Churches Inc (BPACCI). He was in Auckland thanks to the company that he works for and was happy to take the time to bring God's Word to us.

After the service Edgar and Teresa took time to pray with some folk. I want to keep the details confidential so I will only say that one saint who was feeling the need to repent of a specific sin confessed and put things right with the Lord that night.

## In And Around Hamilton

A few weeks back I had the privilege of speaking again at the Mardon Road Church of Christ in Hamilton. I spoke on Elijah and the need to choose whom we serve (I didn't do any Bob Dylan impressions, in case you're wondering). After lunch I had opportunity to do another interview with Rex and Jan on Community Radio. We spoke about the Melville International Christian Fellowship (which meets in Rex and Jan's home) and the children's programmes Rex and Jan run from their home. Please pray with us that people will respond to what they heard.

This last weekend in February I am again speaking at the Hamilton Church of Christ Family Camp. My topic is: "How To Have Victory Over Sin By Faith". The title reflects my conviction that the Bible says we can have a real, present victory over the sins

that beset us, by faith. That is, though we will never be "perfect" or "sinless" in this life, we can break the chains of bad habits and live a life of victory by faith! Pray that these messages will be practical and useful to all who hear them.

## A Point To Ponder

In our Takanini Church, our Christian LIFE Church and at MICF (our house church in Hamilton), we have children with us throughout the service. I am often asked why we don't send our children out to Sunday School or "Kids Church" like everybody else. As a matter of fact children have always been included in meetings designed for preaching, Scripture reading prayer and worship, whether in the time of Moses (Deut. 31:12-13); of Joshua (Josh. 8:35), of Nehemiah (Neh. 8:1-3, Ez. 10:1), of Jesus (Mat. 18:1-5, 19:13-15) or of Paul (Eph. 6:1-4, and Col. 3:20 assume there are children present while the letter is being read!). Children have, in fact, sat in Church services for most of 2000 years of church history!

You don't have to do as we do, but ask yourself:

- Which way follows Biblical precedent?
- Which way encourages families to worship as families?
- Which way acclimatises children to church services, rather than have them try to "fit in" as older teens ("Mum its boring!")
- Which way best promotes intergenerational harmony in the church ...

It's worth thinking about, eh?

