

Points For Prayer

Please pray with us for the following:

1. Thank God for the safe arrival of Timothy Joel Burge
2. Thank God that David was able to play a part in Joel Green's visit to New Zealand
3. Pray for Carl Josephson and his family as he battles cancer
4. Pray for Reniel Comajeg as he makes final arrangements to come to New Zealand
5. Pray that Reniel's ministry among us will bear fruit
6. Thank God for Anita, Lewis and Chris as they support Rex and Jan in their ministry through Melville International Christian Fellowship
7. Pray for the MICF Christmas service on December 11
8. Pray for wisdom as David prepares a suitable message
9. Pray for the Thames Church Special Christmas Service on December 18
10. Pray for wisdom for Rob Carr as he prepares a suitable message

Thanks again, and God Bless,
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Greetings

Greetings faithful prayer supporters. Some exciting things have happened since our last newsletter. Some exciting things are being planned.

Baby Burge & Joel Green

The Conditional Immortality Association of which I am part recently brought Dr. Joel and Pam Green to New Zealand. Joel Green is a leading academic, an author, and a pastor. I read his book "What About the Soul? Neuroscience and Christian Anthropology" while Tarnya was in labour! Joel's perspective on neuroscience has important implications for a biblical understanding of human nature, especially from a Conditionalist perspective, which is why the CI Association asked him to come to speak to us and do some lectures on our behalf. It has been a very great privilege for me to be able to travel around with Joel to the many public meetings he is doing, as well as doing some sightseeing with them. My theologically minded friends were green with envy!

Carl Josephson, with the help of his wife Sharon, did all the work to organise the trip but because of Carl's cancer he was hardly able to be involved. Carl has seen some improvement in his health recently. We continue to pray for a miracle.

And yes, I did put down my book to see Baby arrive. On Wednesday 14, at 10:00am our seventh child, Timothy Joel Burge was born (9 lb 3 oz). The

name is appropriate in the circumstances. Some time back we chose the name Timothy. We struggled to think of a second name. I was having dinner at Brian and Janet Cooney's home. Janet asked, *"So when's this Joel coming?"* (Referring to Joel Green). Brian heard and, thinking we were talking of baby, asked, *"Is that the new baby?"* "No," I said, *"but that gives me an idea."* Timothy means, **"Honouring God"**. Joel means, **"Yahweh is the Lord"**. I was reluctant to go down to Wellington and Christchurch with Joel Green because I didn't want to miss the birth of our baby. Tarnya felt I should go; it would be good for our ministry; it would be honouring God. So, with Tarnya's blessing, I said I would go. The Lord was in control and Timothy Joel arrived before I had to travel! Thank him for this!

OBC Partnership

We have long had a connection, through Advent Christian Missions New Zealand, with the Oro Bible College in the Philippines. The Commission on Higher Education in the Philippines encourages the Colleges to seek out overseas internships for their senior students. Garry and I had talked and prayed about getting a student from Oro over to work with us. Grant Aldridge (ACMissionZ) missionary to the Philippines) took up the idea and has done a heap to make it work from that end. We are pulling things together here too!

God willing, Reniel Comajeg will arrive in New Zealand Sunday November 6 at 4:40pm. He will leave Thursday March 16 at 9:00am. Reniel as well as being a top student, is one of Grant's "boys", and was a valued member of the last work team to India ("The Great Wall of Giundy" Project). ACCONZ has committed to be responsible for all his expenses including

international airfares, and all his expenses (accommodation, food and the like) while here. Our Takanini Church has agreed to be the host church (Though Reniel will work with Garry and I among all our churches). We believe that this is a worthwhile investment. Reniel will gain much from working with us but we believe we will gain even more from his ministry among us. Pray that when Reniel gets here he will quickly adjust to the new surroundings he finds himself in. Pray that his ministry will bear fruit in his own life and among our churches.

Organising such a venture is not without its challenges. Please pray that all necessary paperwork, visa's and travel arrangements will come together at the right time.

Dates to Remember:

On Sunday evening, December 11, at 7:00pm the Melville International Christian Fellowship, which meets in the home of Rex and Jan McMechan, in Hamilton will be having a special Christmas Service. With the help of others like Anita, Lewis and Chris, Rex and Jan have been able to reach out to many children in their community and now are building bridges to the parents also. Our prayer is that many of these parents will come to the Christmas function and hear and respond to the Gospel. Pray for me as I give the message that night. (Rex and Jan 07-843 5935)

On Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:00pm the Thames Church of Christ is holding a special Christmas Service also. This event has been well attended by the Thames Community in the past. All of you are welcome also! Pray for Rob Carr as he prepares a message for that evening. (Terry Burchell 07-868 9031, Doug Campbell 07-868 7302)