

Prayer Requests

Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Palmerston North

1. Please pray that the Lord would continue to sustain the proclamation of His word in Palmerston North.
2. Pray that He would draw in those who hunger and thirst for the pure milk of the word.
3. Pray that He would prepare the hearts of those who will be receiving evangelistic material in April.
4. Pray that He would save souls and glorify His Name in the building of His church.

Manukau Central Bible Fellowship Church, Auckland

1. Thankfulness to God for the wonderful meetings in homes we enjoyed on Sundays over the holiday period. These were times of rich fellowship in the Scriptures and with each other.
2. Please pray for effective ongoing spiritual formation for our people in 2007 - that we may be a community who live the gospel and make Jesus known.

Marchwiel Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru

1. For our new Pastor and the congregation as we dedicate ourselves afresh to the work of the Kingdom
2. For the Phillips children as they adjust to all the changes
3. For suitable and worthwhile part time employment for Grant and for God's provision for the family's temporal needs
4. For the Association meeting and the commissioning service on 31 March
5. That God would so increase our love and gratitude for all that He has done for us in His undeserved grace. And that in the coming days from Marchwiel the gospel will abound to those who are in need in our city and bring glory to Him.

Tamaki Reformed Baptist Church, Auckland

1. God's work in the hearts of those who read the 'advertisement' in the local paper
2. The ministry to the Retirement Home: particularly for physical and spiritual resources
3. Pray for workers for the ministry of the word and evangelism

Trinity Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Give praise to God for those to whom we were able to present the gospel over the Christmas holiday period. Pray that he will give fruit to his glory.
2. Pray for wisdom as we plan and commence ministry activities for another year.

YOUTH CAMP

The 7th Grace & Truth Youth Camp will be held 9th-13th April on Kawau Island in the Hauraki Gulf. Booking forms will soon be available from Fred Schaumkel (email: camps@rbc.org.nz).

1. Please pray for Fred and the team as they prepare for and lead the camp
2. Pray for David Farr of Inglewood, Taranaki, who will again be the camp chaplain
3. Pray for the young people who participate; that the word preached and the Christian example presented in the lives of the leaders may impact their lives.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

'Bringing Believers Together'

The Newsletter of Reformed Baptists of New Zealand

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— GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH —

The Lord has sustained the ministry over the summer, and mostly our numbers held up even though most of the church members were away at some point. Ian and Kath were able to share of the work (and the wider FRBCNZ scene) formally and informally among a number of churches during their visit to the UK in December. Over recent months the church has been encouraged by wider contacts with new groups in Rotorua and Wellington who are eager for fellowship. The pastors of both these churches preached here in January and their ministry was a blessing. We give thanks that the Lord sends such encouragements.

Dafydd and Maria are about to embark on their overseas tour to India and Britain. In their place we welcome a number of our FRBCNZ brothers who will be ministering God's word to us over the next seven weeks. Upon the Hughes' return we plan an evangelistic outreach to the community around the School where we meet, distributing evangelistic invitations to our Easter services which will be held on Sunday 8th April.

— MARCHWIEL REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU —

On 14th January John Leever preached his last sermon as pastor of Marchwiel RBC. We do give our Father our grateful and hearty thanks for John's eight years of ministry here. We know his work for the Lord is not finished and we pray that many opportunities for preaching the Word will open up. John will continue to support Grant in his ministry as Elder.

But as one chapter closes another begins for on that same day Grant and Petru Phillips and family arrived in Timaru. Grant preached his first sermon on 21st January. We look forward to the

Lord's blessing on what we pray will be a long and fruitful ministry here at Marchiel.

Grant and Petru have found a rental property that they could move into the day their furniture arrived and once again we give thanks for the Lord's provision of a home right on time because good rentals are very scarce here in Timaru. Grant is still looking for a part time job and this is a matter for prayer.

As most will know, we are planning to have a commissioning service for Grant over the weekend of the 31st March when the RB Fellowship will meet here. We praise God for His great goodness to us as a congregation.

———— **TAMAKI REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND** ————

At Tamaki we continue to know much of God's blessing. This year we replaced our Christmas tract with a half-page advertisement (ie tract!) in the local paper. With its main theme that Jesus is Lord, it was delivered into 43,000 homes on the Friday before Christmas. (This also protects us from the new "junk mail" by-laws in Auckland!) We have had some feed-back and one visitor as a result. Please pray that God would continue to use what people have read.

Our congregation continues to grow both in numbers and in grace, and includes a number of unconverted people who attend regularly. We are part way through a series on Isaiah – interrupted for a month on the Christmas story – now running in parallel with studies in John 1.

Our services in the Retirement Home resume 4 February, although we have had continual contact with people in the home. We have been greatly encouraged by the growing faith of numbers of these people, even as they face illness and death. Please pray that we will continue to have the physical and spiritual resources to sustain this ministry.

The evangelistic opportunities remain large in our district. We continue to pray for God to supply workers who can go out into the homes and shops to "fish"!

———— **TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON** ————

We held our second Christmas Pageant in December. The ladies of the Coffee, Craft and Conversation group decorated the Hall with their craft work emphasising the theme "The True Meaning of Christmas." One of the local papers published a report and photo and numbers attending were very good. All who came were given refreshments and a tract. After Christmas our pastor served as chaplain to the Raglan Beach Mission. Studies on the gospel from the Book of Romans at the beginning of each day set the scene for a day of evangelism and community service. We provided free kayak rides, sunscreen and cool water. Children were offered face painting and craft activities within the shade of our marquee. Magic shows with a gospel theme attracted beach goers. Thousands of tracts were given out (many courtesy of Trevor Keam who joined us for a day's evangelism) and hundreds were spoken to about their spiritual condition. We used techniques pioneered by Ray Comfort which begin by focusing peoples attention on the fact that they have broken God's Laws, and then move on to proclaim Jesus as the Saviour.

On the 22 December a long time adherent of the church, Mrs. Elma Ringer, died of cancer. She and her husband Jack had served as missionaries for many decades in northern Pakistan. Her funeral was delayed so that her oldest son Steve and his wife Meryl could come from England. The church was overflowing as friends and family gathered to give thanks to God for the life of this godly woman.

During January the pastor has presented a series of messages from the Book of Ruth. Two Fellowship Teas in January have seen a presentation of slides of Ada Lou's recent trip to China and a presentation by one of the missionaries we support, Jeff Lane, concerning his work among overseas students with O.M.F.

