

# Prayer Requests

## **Bays Baptist Church, Auckland**

1. Please pray for us as we consider our church vision and what we can be doing to serve God as a church in the future.
2. Please pray for those who received flyers, come to the evangelistic event or come to the Christmas service.
3. Please pray for Robyn as she starts work with TSCF, particularly that she would find the necessary funding.

## **Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Palmerston North**

1. Give thanks for the Lord's protection and provision during the Hughes' sabbatical.
2. Pray for outreach over the Christmas period as we leaflet homes and endeavour to share the gospel.
3. Pray for the regular ministry of the word in the church; that it would be real, relevant and reliable.

## **Gracenet Community Church, Wellington**

1. True fellowship amongst believers.
2. That the Lord would add to our number new members to strengthen the church and extend it's influence.

## **Marchwiell Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru**

1. Please pray for the bible class as it is targeted at those who are new to help them intelligently choose to commit themselves at Marchwiell.
2. Please pray for the new families as they are from various theological backgrounds and have not been exposed to the doctrines of grace.
3. Please pray for the 'Jericho Trust' Christmas lunch, there are many little things that need to fall into place, also that we will have good turnout and that we as Christians can give a good witness. Pray for the success of the Gospel as there will be opportunity to give a short Gospel message.

## **Shore Baptist Church, Auckland**

1. Would you pray for our summer meetings and for the Beach mission in particular,
2. Please also pray for our plans for 2011 as we work harder at being more proactively involved in evangelical witness.

## **Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton**

1. Please pray that God will give as fruit as we bring the gospel to homes in the area surrounding our buildings.
2. Pray that the Filipinos who are attending Trinity will continue to encourage one another and to bring along their countrymen to sit under the Word of God.
3. Ask the Lord to watch over our people as many travel during the Summer holiday season.

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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## **BAYS BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND**

The last couple of months the leadership team have been putting together a vision statement for the church, thinking about who is in the church, the gifts God's given us and how we can be using them to serve God. We've been asked to think about how we can each be serving in the church and what the church could be doing better. In other news, we're encouraged to have Robyn Drake back from London and taking up full time work with the Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship.

We have a few events on in December. Our Noah's Ark float in the Panmure Christmas Parade won best float and best new entrant, and enabled us to hand out 400 flyers inviting people to our Christmas service. We had an evangelistic event for women on Tuesday night, doing Christmas baking and decorating with a short talk on the meaning of Christmas. We have our Christmas service on the 19th of December then in January we're doing a series on the minor prophets.

## **— GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH —**

At the beginning of November the Hughes family returned from an eight week sabbatical during which they spent time in Canada, the UK and the USA. In all they had opportunity to visit fourteen churches: Dafydd preached ten times and spoke about the FRBCNZ on twelve occasions. We are very thankful that a number of men from our sister churches in NZ were able to preach at GRBC during Dafydd's absence. We are also grateful to those of you who were particularly in prayer for the church here and the Hughes family during that time.

We have been encouraged in the last few weeks with a baptism and the presence of the Tulley family who have emigrated from the UK. The addition of three new adult members will certainly help in

spreading the load of responsibilities that have regularly fallen to just a few over the past years. Though the summer brings change with regulars away and the possibility of visitors being present, since we carry on with both our Sunday services and the mid-week meeting the routine doesn't change much.

### ———— GRACENET COMMUNITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON ————

As 2010 draws to an end, as a common testimony, we have been thankful for the Lord's leading and guiding us through this very busy, at times difficult, yet growth provoking year. Looking at the itinerary for 2011 at our last membership meeting for the year, we were all cognisant of the Lord's working within our midst. Many opportunities are becoming available for further training of men within our local church, and opportunities for support of missionaries, while working in closer relation with some of the other churches within the fellowship. Also, we have been very encouraged by the addition of new members to our local gathering. A number of our smaller group meetings i.e. Men's fellowship and Mother's group are now well consolidated (with the addition of a Ladies breakfast meeting). We have all been greatly blessed by our continuing series preaching through the harmony of the gospels.

### ———— MARCHWIEL REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU ————

We have recently started an adult bible class going through the 1689. We have had several new families join us recently. Several folk in our church will be involved in a community Christmas lunch to feed about 300 people on Christmas day.

### ———— SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND ————

We've recently had our annual Congregational Meeting and our end-of-the-year BBQ. Both great events. One of the young men in the church was baptised at the latter. Stephen was preaching at the fellowship in New Plymouth early in the month and Philip Hanson of the Rotorua church has been preaching here. All Sunday classes and mid-week care groups have concluded for the year.

There is little to say about the following weeks. We will be meeting each Sunday morning and on Christmas Day. One of the members

presently living overseas will be preaching on Boxing Day. Quite a number of the church will be involved in a Beach mission over the New Year period.

### ———— TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON ————

The church is experiencing a time of peace and upbuilding. It is wonderful to see the children of the church gathering at the front of the congregation every week for the children's talk which introduces the Sunday School lesson for the day and keeps parents and others informed as to what is being taught in Sunday School. We have four weekly Bible Studies and a Systematic Theology study, as well as the weekly Prayer Meeting. The Coffee, Craft and Conversation group meets weekly during school term times and is regularly attended by a number of non-churched ladies. The evangelism group has begun going out door-knocking in the Maeroa area on Tuesday evenings now that the daylight hours have lengthened. Many of the people we speak to are not interested, but we usually have one or two good conversations every time we go out.

David Marshall is preaching through the Book of Revelation in the morning services and the Book of Joshua at night. Bill Lewis preaches one a month in the mornings and is working his way through the Parables of Jesus. Nevill Hablous also preaches for us every few months.

Gordon and Tina Walker were welcomed into membership in November, and are already active in the life of the church. Jobrian and Helena Trinidad have returned to Hamilton after needing to live in Auckland for a time to obtain work. They too are active in the life of our fellowship.