

Prayer Requests

Emmanuel Church, Auckland

1. Pray for our AGM on 8 Oct that men will be willing to serve as church officers.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Pray for the latest 'FAB Club' holiday program (10-13 October) at the Rolleston Community Centre. Pray for our preparation and the Lord's work in the hearts of the children who attend.
2. Pray for our combined church camp with the Marchwiell Reformed Baptist Church (21-24 October). Ask the Lord to bless the ministry of Pastor Steve Hofmaier, long term missionary and church planter in the Philippines, as he preaches to us on the mission of the church.
3. Please pray for those considering baptism and church membership at this time. That the Lord might continue to build and strengthen the church here, and make us fruitful in the proclamation of His gospel (Romans 1:16).

Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Palmerston North

1. Please pray for wisdom and grace for Dafydd and Ian as they lead the church, bearing the responsibility for teaching and pastoral care of the flock.
2. Please also pray for spiritual and numerical growth, so that the church might become firmly established and able to support a church-plant elsewhere in NZ.

Gracenet Community Church, Wellington

1. Giving thanks for our continued ministry in Wellington. We really do see this as a powerful undertaking by God on our behalf.
2. For Mike and Candice as above.
3. For those potential new members looking in interest.
4. That the ministry of the church would be engaging into our communities and relevant to our time.

Marchwiell Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Please pray for the ongoing fruitfulness of the word the kids received at the youth camp, and that this will be the first of many camps on the South Island.
2. Please continue to pray for our ongoing partnership with Vijay in Fiji, for resources and opportunities for service.
3. And pray for our combined camp with GBC that the speaker will be given power by the Holy Spirit as he speaks to us on Missions; for deep and spiritual fellowship, as well as for good health (Some one who will not be named brought a bug to the camp and a few others got it :)

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Please pray that God will lead us to prepared hearts as we do door-to-door outreach in Maeroa.
2. Ask God to open hearts to the gospel as Greg Kitt teaches the CAP Money Programme.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, AUCKLAND

Pastor David recently took annual leave & spoke at church retreats in Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) and Singapore. He also took Sabbatical leave and spent time in the Netherlands, Austria and London. Emmanuel Church gives thanks to the Lord for the men who so willingly ministered in the Church during Pastor David's absence.

One member is returning from Nigeria after serving with MSF for 6 months. One family is involved in Bible translation work in Asia. We have planned baptisms for 2 October. We are now seeking tenders for hall extension.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

The last few months have been busy ones in the life of Grace Baptist Church. We enjoyed and benefited from the visit of Micah Renihan, who completed a six week 'summer internship' with the church; and we pray that the Lord will continue to prepare Micah for His service as he enters the final year of his studies at the Institute of Reformed Baptist Studies at Westminster Seminary in California.

In our services and Bible studies we have finished a series on Genesis 1-11, and have just embarked on preaching through the Book of Hebrews. Please pray that we will have a clearer view of the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ, and be helped to have a strong and enduring confidence in Him.

We continue to ask that the Lord may be pleased to use the preaching of His Gospel and the testimony of His people to draw adults and children to saving faith in Him (Matthew 5:14-16). Pray for our ongoing opportunities in rest homes, youth outreach in Rolleston, and in our own homes, workplaces and communities to bear fruit for His glory.

GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH

Our fifth School of Theology was held in July and we were privileged to have eighteen men present to learn from Dr James Renihan on the topic, "Puritanism in Context". The ladies of the church did an excellent job of catering for the participants and hosting them for the four days of the school. The course was a day shorter than in previous years so that those who wanted

to attend the Stand for the Gospel conference in Auckland could travel there on the Friday. The Lord willing, we are planning for Dr Renihan to return next year for a further week of studies: 9-13 July 2012.

Our regular meetings continue as usual, ministering to children, youth, the elderly and the church as a whole in various contexts, by different means and utilising the diverse gifts of the members. We are thankful to God for his great faithfulness and his mercies which are new every morning (Lam. 3:22-23).

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

We have been encouraged and give thanks to God for his sufficiency and provision in all aspects of the life of our church. From not knowing if we would still be able to continue as Gracenet a number of months ago we have witnessed God's power and received from his provision. The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be preached from Gracenet – May the Lord use Gracenet to the praise of his Glory. We are also thankful for the generosity of our brothers and sisters from the fellowship who blessed us beyond our comprehension again just affirming the above.

Our church is expectant with Mike and Candice due very shortly. Please pray for a safe delivery for mom and baby. We are at the same time very blessed to have a number of men from within our own gathering who will be bringing the word to us during this time. Again praise God for his provision.

When this newsletter is distributed the third 'roaming classroom' for 2011 will have been held in Palmerston North in combination with Gracenet. The feedback from these weekends from the men in our church has been very positive and we pray God would raise up many ministers, capable of rightly dividing the word of God.

Lastly there is a new group of believers going to the new members meetings – may God add to us those whom he has ordained.

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

We give thanks to God for the youth camp that we had recently with Grace Baptist Church. The camp was aimed at 12-18 year olds and we had just over thirty kids attend, with Nathan Sinclair as our camp speaker. The kids were blessed by his ministry and still remember some of his KFC illustrations :)

We have had the privilege of having Vijay Chandra visit us from Fiji recently, spending nearly 2 weeks with us. It was his first visit to the South Island and our Church, and it was great for the folk in the church to meet him; hear him preach; and about the work in Fiji first hand.

We are coming up to our annual combined family camp with GBC over labour weekend in October.

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

Trinity is in good heart and enjoying a period of peace. Jobrian and Helena Trididad, who came to New Zealand from the Philippines three years ago and have now been living in Hamilton for twelve months, were welcomed into membership recently. It has also been a delight to have Jonathan and Maria McClennan worshipping with us over recent months following their move from the South Island to Hamilton. Both families, the Trinidads and the McClennans, have purchased a house in Hamilton in the past few weeks.

In August we held a Working Bee on a Saturday morning to reroof the garage at the home of Geoff and Lois Chapman. It was a good time of fellowship for a group of men led by Noel Gregory.

Five couples from Trinity joined with folk from four other Reformed Baptist Churches for the first F.R.B.C.N.Z North Island Family Camp in Rotorua from 12-14 August. The weather was glorious, the accommodation and food first class and the preaching both searching and uplifting. Pastor Brian Harper from Noble Park Evangelical Baptist Church in Melbourne also challenged us with a presentation of the work of Ratanak International among orphans and exploited children in Cambodia.

Greg Kitt has just begun another CAP Money programme, which teaches people a simple and effective means of budgeting. It also introduces people to the Christian faith.

With the imminent move to Daylight Saving time we are looking to resuming our door-to-door outreach in the Maeroa area near our church buildings.