

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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## — GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH —

We had an excellent School of Theology in July, at which Jim Renihan taught on the Doctrine of the Church with 12 men in attendance. While Jim will not be able to come next year we are continuing with plans to host our seventh School of Theology with a different speaker, trusting in God to provide in every way.

In the coming weeks we will be leafleting 1500 homes around the school where we meet, as we do three times each year. More often than not this has generated some measurable response with a visitor or two to a meeting, and we pray that the gospel message will be seed sown in hearts where it may germinate and be fruitful: only eternity will show the real value of such endeavours. With the departure of some of our members earlier in the year, confirmation that another family will move to Australia for work within the next two months, and the knowledge that a newly-married couple will head overseas to study in the New Year we face an uncertain future trusting that God will accomplish his purposes for his own glory.

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

Very different from our last report, over the last while we have been experiencing a time of enjoyable normality and routine. We are moving along nicely in the sermon series (Harmony of the Gospels), and have recently begun a series on apologetics (on Thursday evenings). We trust that this will be helpful in further equipping us for the task of sharing the faith in Wellington. Otherwise, we all continue to be encouraged in the work. We are seeing a steady flow of new people, and many of these have now settled down with us as committed new members.

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## SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND

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We have completed eight Wednesday nights of Christianity Explored and have been very encouraged both by the level of support from people in the congregation and by the unbelievers who have come.

We have now completed a revision of the Constitution, now clearer about the pastoral full-time ministry and also now allowing for an associate member for those not accepting believers baptism. We are also soon to move the venue for Night Church from the Hall to the local cricket club.

Coming up is the Church Camp and the Roving Classroom Oct. 26-28. Until November 2013, when Stephen resigns preaching will be on Romans.

*For contact details of these churches please visit [www.rbc.org.nz](http://www.rbc.org.nz)  
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## *Prayer Requests*

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

1. Give thanks for the blessings and encouragements of fellowship and service through the School of Theology. Pray too that this ministry which has been a blessing to many – both in NZ and also from Australia and Fiji – may continue.
2. Please be earnest in prayer that our evangelistic endeavours – through leaflets, personal evangelism, radio & internet ministry, rest home services, etc. – may be used of God in building the Church of Jesus Christ.
3. Please also pray for God's guidance and blessing for the congregation here. Pray too for God's provision of a suitable job for Dafydd which will enable him to give adequate time to the ministry while also providing for his family.

### **Gracenet Community Church, Wellington**

1. Please join us in thanking God for the steady growth we are experiencing.
2. Please pray that God will continue to sustain us and provide for our changing needs.
3. Please pray that God will bless our evangelistic efforts and conversations in Wellington

### **Shore Baptist Church, Auckland**

1. We would particularly appreciate people praying for us as the eldership and membership move to supporting a second man to full-time ministry.