

Prayer Requests

Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North

1. Give thanks for the Lord's continued blessing upon the work at Crosspoint: the gradual growth and diverse opportunities for serving Christ continue to encourage us.
2. Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon the School of Theology: may it be a time of profitable teaching and encouraging fellowship for the men who attend.
3. Please pray for those who will be preaching the Word during the Hugheses absence in the latter part of July and August.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Pray for Nick & Maria (September) and Reuben & Rebecca (January) as they approach marriage. May both couples establish Christian homes that are lights for the gospel in the world.
2. Please pray with us that the Lord may use our lives and words to point people to Christ as Saviour and Lord. May we have boldness, compassion, wisdom and grace in our witness for Christ. (Matthew 9:36-38)
3. Keep praying for Rolleston Baptist Church as they seek to reach out to the community of Rolleston. Give thanks for the Lord for establishing this church since its first service in September last year.

Gracenet Community Church, Wellington

1. Please pray for the ministry training program, and the next roving class in Wellington
2. Please pray for our church in the initiation of internship and residency programs (especially areas of giving and financial support etc).
3. Please join us in praying for the conference in Wellington in November. Also, please think about supporting us by coming along to that! :)

Marchwiel Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Those adjusting to their new lives since leaving Gloriavale
2. Folk from Gloriavale that find themselves estranged from their families, that they would know the Lords intervention and that He would bring about restoration
3. Those that are considering or who have applied for membership
4. Wisdom in the setting aside of Deacons

Shore Baptist Church, Auckland

1. Praise the Lord that He continues to bring an increase in our number with those who are hungry for the preaching of His word.
2. Please pray with us that He will continue to raise up men qualified to be Elders.
3. We are in need of new week-night care groups to meet the growing need and are asking Him to call people to establish these.
4. We are in need of His grace as we complete our preparations and begin the evangelistic work at Glenfield Night Market.
5. Our West Church Plant group would love your prayers as they reach out in their community: for an extraordinary increase in their numbers, that God would raise up a man to lead them, and that they would find a venue for Sunday services.

South City Church, Auckland

1. Please pray that we will have wisdom and help from God in our evangelistic efforts.
2. We value your prayers for those who are now coming to the church.
3. Pray too, for our upcoming conference in September.

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Pray that Alex and Flor Bontigao will be able to obtain work that will enable them and their daughters to stay permanently in this country.
2. Please pray for God's guidance as we seek a new pastor.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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CROSSPOINT CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH

In March we had a baptism and welcomed four people into membership. In April our outreach into the community at Easter time didn't result in any visitors to our services, but our gospel 'advert' in the local paper resulted in an encouraging telephone conversation, so we are hopeful that others read the gospel message and we know that the Spirit of God will accomplish his purposes through it. In May Dafydd accompanied Stephen Turner to assist in the Pune Theological Studies Camp: as a church we are now committed to continuing involvement in this ministry.

We are looking forward to hosting our ninth annual School of Theology from 13 to 17 July 2015. This will be Dr James Renihan's seventh visit and this year he will be teaching on the Doctrines of Grace. Following the School of Theology the Hugheses hope to visit Dafydd's family in the UK for the first time in almost five years. Ian Fuller will carry the load at Crosspoint during this time, but we are thankful for men from other FRBCNZ churches who will assist with preaching.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

The Lord has graciously provided us with a new elder, Lloyd McGarvey - pray that Lloyd and Rob will work together well as faithful undershepherds of the church. We also have a number of people who have approached us about church membership recently. We pray that the Lord would continue to build His church here, and strengthen us in His service.

We are currently studying principles of interpreting the Bible in our midweek Bible study.

We hope that this will be a real help to all of us for a lifetime of seeking to "rightly handle the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

In the last weekend in June the Stand for the Gospel Conference (South Island) will be held in Christchurch for the first time. Pray for Carl Trueman as he is the main speaker, and pray that this will be an encouraging time.

GRACENET COMMUNITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON

Mike has just returned from his annual trip to India (Coonor Theological Studies). We are happy to hear a good report in this regard. With Nick Clevely and Dafydd Hughes heading over for the first time, it was really wonderful to

see a collaborative Reformed Baptist effort in continuing the work that has been started there. In the weeks to come we are looking forward to hosting the next roving classroom, as part of the ongoing ministry training program. This year we will focus on Biblical Greek, and concentrate that knowledge in the nitty gritty of practical exegesis. In regard to ministry preparation and training, there is quite a bit happening: we are hoping to kick off both an internship and residency in the near future. We would really appreciate prayer for this. Our great hope is that we would truly move closer to the goal of ordaining men for church planting and gospel ministry. Finally, we would request ongoing prayer for the conference that we are hosting on the 13th and 14th November (for more info see: www.joethornwellingtonconference.info). It is a massive amount of work, but we are really trusting that it would serve to resource reformed churches in New Zealand, encourage men to think about church planting and ministry, and draw those of the wider body of Christ into sound theology.

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

As a church it has been humbling we continue to be blessed in reaching out to those who are considering or have already escaped the bondage of the Gloriavale community. It is a marvel to us that the Lord has chosen a little church in Timaru to minister in this area. We currently have 35 of these folk, many of which are children in regular attendance at our Lords Day services and mid-week meetings, it would be fair to say that this has stretched our resources somewhat but for this we rejoice. It has been a real encouragement to see the commitment they have to the church body that the Lord has placed them in.

We had a baptismal service recently and will be having one again this coming Lords Day. We also welcomed two new members into the church last Sunday and have quite a number who have requested membership. Apart from the folk from the West Coast we also have others who have begun to worship with us some of which have not been in fellowship for a period of years. Nick travelled for the first time this year to minister in Coonoor India and as a church we have committed to supporting this work in the future. In considering the needs of the church body are planning to set aside more deacons to serve.

———— **SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND** ————

We have said farewell to some precious long-term church members who have left us to go overseas and elsewhere in New Zealand, but continue to grow steadily. This brings blessings and challenges, as we seek to meet the needs of a growing congregation. We are working toward the appointment of some new Elders. Our recent Membership/Introduction to SBC classes

were well attended and we are hopeful that our membership will increase. The West Church Plant group has been formally set apart by the members and they are fellowshiping together weekly. We are praying fervently for a great increase in their numbers, for a man to lead them, and for a venue for a Sunday service. The details of our proposed Glenfield Night Market outreach are coming together, and we hope to begin that work soon. Our ladies have established monthly meetings and are blessed to now have some of the Bays Fellowship ladies joining with them. Ladies from other Auckland churches are most welcome to attend! Let us know if you would like to be added to the mailing list for those.

———— **SOUTH CITY CHURCH, AUCKLAND** ————

As a new church plant in the south of the city, we have much to praise the Lord for. We have been meeting in a local school for about seven months now and are seeing visitors coming along. We are encouraged as two folk have come into membership and another couple have requested baptism and membership.

At present we are putting out leaflets inviting local people to our services. An evangelistic Bible Study has been started and we are using the 'Christianity Explored' series. Two studies have been completed. We hold the study in a Hindu home and three very interested people ask many worthwhile questions.

South Auckland is a needy area where many people have religion, but are needing the true Gospel.

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

We were delighted to have six people voted into membership at our recent June business meeting.

Our church fellowship has recently welcomed two new babies and one of our ladies is expecting a baby in the next few months.

We look forward to hosting the tenth anniversary meeting of the Fellowship of Reformed Baptist Churches of New Zealand on Saturday 18 July. Dr James Renihan from the Institute of Reformed Baptist Studies in California will be with us.

One of our Bible Study groups has just commenced a study of David Platt's book Radical.

We are continuing our search for a new pastor to replace David Marshall who is looking to retire in the next few years.

David Marshall has begun preaching through the Gospel of Luke in the morning services and is continuing to work through the Book of Deuteronomy in the evening services. Dominic Tennant is preaching through the Gospel of John on a monthly basis.

For contact details of these churches please visit www.rbc.org.nz and click on the 'Directory' link