

Prayer Requests

Bays Baptist Church, Auckland

1. Our summer preaching series.
2. Bruwer and family in the USA.
3. Flyer distribution endeavour.
4. The much needed financial support of the church.

Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North

1. Please pray for Dafydd as he continues to focus his labours on the Ministry of the Word and Prayer, while also working extra hours in his secular employment.
2. Please pray for those in the congregation who are considering membership in the church; that they will be encouraged and that the work of our hands would be strengthened under God's blessing.
3. Please pray for the large proportion of children: that the Lord will graciously bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Church, Auckland

1. Pray for people to commit themselves to membership.
2. Pray for the provision of a new pastor for the Church.
3. Pray for more elders and deacons.
4. Pray for David Yan as he seeks God's will for his future.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Please pray for our ongoing opportunities for gospel outreach - a 'Christmas' service (21/12), regular opportunities in some rest homes, outreach in the Square, ongoing witness to friends, workmates, family, etc. May our gracious God use our lives and words to draw people to faith in Jesus. (Matthew 5:14-16)
2. Pray for the Lord's help in the planning of our church camp (13-15 February). Ask that He may use this camp to build us up and to strengthen the fellowship between our churches.
3. Ask the Lord to raise up other elders and deacons for the church here, both now and for the future as we seek to serve Him.

Gracenet Community Church, Wellington

1. Join us in giving thanks to God for another year of protection and growth.
2. Please join us in praying for unity and zeal for the year to come. We want to really go for it, and give it all for Him.

Marchwiel Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Please pray for our planning for next year as we have had some challenges and restructuring in the leadership of our church.
2. Please pray for our series on church membership we will be doing early next year, as there are several people applying for membership and we hope to communicate the biblical picture of being part of a local church body.
3. Please continue to pray for our ongoing opportunities to minister to the people from Gloriavale.
4. Please pray for our family camp next year, it will be the first time we will combine with the three churches from the FRBCNZ on the South Island.

Shore Baptist Church, Auckland

1. Thank our Lord Jesus for every precious soul in our church. What trophies of God's grace!
2. A significant number of our students would be leaving us early next year; please pray for the investment Shore made in their lives to be a blessing to their new churches and countries they would be going to.
3. Pray for the young people in our churches to be settled in their faith and committed to the body.
4. Pray for our evangelistic efforts this coming year; we pray for many souls to be added to the church of Christ.
5. We have a few non-believers from what we would consider "closed countries" visiting our church. Pray for their conversion.

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the three candidates who are to be baptised in January.
2. Praise God for ten years of outreach ministry through Coffee, Craft and Conversation.
3. Please pray for God's hand upon the younger men who are now preaching for us at Trinity.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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BAYS BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND

Thank you for praying and supporting Bays Baptist Church. As the year closes, we look forward to holding two Christmas orientated services (14th December and 21st December). Some of our regular ministries will take a break over the Holiday period.

We are especially thankful for the completion of Bruwer's study at GTC this year. Tonight (14th December), Bruwer and his family will also be heading to St Louis, USA, to spend time with Zack Eswine. While he's away, we have arranged for a summer preaching series covering The Exodus. The elders and preachers from other RB churches will help with this.

Aside from this, we are also planning on distributing new church flyers in our neighbourhoods. We trust this will be a useful tool in raising awareness of our meetings.

CROSSPOINT CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH

Like many of our sister churches, we anticipate lower numbers as people are away on holiday. However, we have been encouraged recently with the addition of new people in regular attendance, so the smaller congregation due to holiday absences will only take us back temporarily to numbers that we have been used to anyway! 2014 has been a year of blessing and answered prayer as we have experienced unity and mutual commitment to the life of the church, faithfulness in attendance, consistency in prayer and gratitude for the Word of God, as well as numerical growth. We trust that in 2015 we will continue to experience these blessings.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, AUCKLAND

Our Sunday morning Bible classes are now in recess and we give thanks to the Lord for another year of Bible teaching. We recently had a visit from a South Korean lady who worshipped with us 37 years ago and returned to South Korea to serve the Lord in a Church which grew to over 50,000 members.

We are looking forward to seeing Pastor Wei En Yi and family of Shalom Church, Singapore, in December. Pastor Wei will preach on Sunday 28th December. We also look forward to seeing Nathan Xiques and family from Arkansas, USA. Nathan is a graduate of London Theological Seminary and will spend about 3 months with us from early January 2015.

————— **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH** —————

We thank the Lord for establishing our church plant, Rolleston Baptist Church, over the last three months. They now have a suitable public venue at Weedons School for their Sunday services. Recently they constituted as a church with a founding membership of around twenty believers. This has been an encouraging start and we have seen many answers to our prayers for this work.

In our regular services at Grace Baptist we have been working our way through Luke's Gospel and are now coming to the end of chapter 11. We pray that this concentrated look at the life and work of our Saviour will strengthen us, increase our love for Him and our heart to take His gospel to the lost. In our midweek Bible studies we have been just come to an end of a series on the life of Elijah. We long to be people whose hearts are open and responsive to God's Word and who are growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.

In the early part of 2015 we look forward to a combined camp with our brethren from Marchwiell (Timaru) and Rolleston (13-15 February). Lord willing, Andre Bay will be our speaker at the camp. Then, the following weekend, we host the next FRBCNZ meeting (21/2) and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the church (22/2).

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

The mission and ministry at Gracenet is trucking on well. And we have the joy of adding a few new members in at the end of the month. So, as always, we are all deeply grateful for God's ongoing care and provision. We have just had the opportunity to host the final MTP roving classroom of the year. It went really well. We spent a day learning Greek and loving on that beautiful Logos Software. Also, it was great to have Nathan Sinclair (who has attended all of the roving classrooms thus far!) preach at Gracenet. He did a totally killer job, and fully lived up to his reputation as the FRBNZ intern golden-child. Other than that, we are gearing up for the Christmas break and lining things up for what looks like a really busy 2015. Again, we are deeply thankful to say that it's been a solid year for the gospel. Massive, massive love to the 1689 family. We love you guys like crazy.

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

We give thanks to God for three recent baptisms in our congregation. We continue to be greatly encouraged as we sit under God's word studying Romans in the morning and Revelation in the evening. We continue to rejoice in the folk that have come from Gloriavale and can report major growth in the knowledge of grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their presence among us has brought many gifts in our congregation to the fore and have been transformed and blessed in our giving to and receiving

from them. We look forward to our family camp next year where we will be joining with Rolleston Baptist, Grace Baptist and hopefully some folk from Hokitika as well, where Andre Bay will be our speaker.

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

It has been a wonderfully blessed year at Shore Baptist. We are so grateful for the unity and love we experience in our congregation. We thank the Lord for his grace in protecting us through this year of transition and providing us with so many wonderful occasions to serve one another and to make His glorious name known. We just finished a series from Habakkuk in which we were reminded of the Lord's covenant faithfulness to His people and the joy we as believers experience when we trust in our Sovereign Lord!

The recent "Anchored" retreat for young adults was another opportunity to minister to our precious people. The retreat was well attended and we thank God for deep and sincere discussions about faith and God's word. We are so blessed to have such vibrant and keen young people in our churches.

Our church planting work is slowly moving forward with a small group of our people meeting every fortnight to lay the foundation for the new church. Early next year we want to give some more meat to this work as we look into the important next steps.

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

On Sunday 4 January we will have the joy of seeing three of our younger folk baptised upon profession of faith.

One of our Bible Study groups has gained much benefit from studying the church using Mark Dever's Christian Essentials DVD.

The Coffee, Craft & Conversation ministry celebrated ten years of service with a special luncheon attended by nearly sixty people who have had some involvement over the years.

One of our Filipino couples has purchased their first home in New Zealand and another has had a work visa extended allowing the family to stay in this country for another year. The Trinidad family are enjoying a two month working holiday in North America catching up with family and friends.

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 Letter to the Galatians in the morning services and is continuing to work through the Book of Deuteronomy in the evening services.