

# Prayer Requests

## **Bays Baptist Church, Auckland**

1. Thank God that Kohi School has agreed to let us use another room for Sunday School.
2. Pray that we will grow together this year, in our love and in our faith.
3. Thank God for those who give time and energy serving the church in various ways.

## **Emmanuel Church, Auckland**

1. Pray for Stella Smith working in South Sudan. Pray for safety, health, and a God-honouring witness in her work
2. Pray for the HSTV meeting for Saturday 17th March and for continuing opportunities.
3. Pray for the work on our hall to go smoothly and the necessary finance to be forthcoming.

## **Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch**

1. Please pray for two weddings of couples in the church at the end of June - Alex & Lydia, and Jesse & Kristen. May both couples know the Lord's help and grace as they prepare for marriage.
2. Please pray for the Lord to use various opportunities for outreach we are involved in to draw people to Himself. We have regular weekly opportunities to visit and run services in three rest homes; we have our Sundays@4.30 outreach on Sunday afternoons in the Rolleston area to teenagers and adults. Also we will be using the Christianity Explored programme for several weeks beginning in early May to expose family, friends and neighbours to the gospel. We are also involved in the FAB childrens holiday programme out at Rolleston from 10-13 April.

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

1. Please give thanks to God for the encouragements we are receiving through the ministry of the word, the presence of new people in the congregation, and the blessing of answered prayer for practical needs.
2. Please pray that the Word of God will impact our lives in real and meaningful ways as we live as Christ's witnesses to the world and as we meet together and encourage one another in love and good works (Heb.10:24).

## **Gracenet Community Church, Wellington**

1. Please give thanks with us for all that is happening.
2. Please continue to ask God to sustain and grow all that he is already doing.

## **Marchwiel Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru**

1. Please pray that God would bless the preaching of Romans, and especially that those in the immediate vicinity of the church would come in.
2. Please pray that God would use the new website to bring in new folk, and use the recorded sermons as a blessing.
3. Please pray that God would open the doors for a small group to go to Fiji to run a holiday program in Ba, in connection with Vijay and Sovereign Grace Baptist. That God would open doors for some interested teens to go, and that He would use the holiday club to build up the church there.

## **Shore Baptist Church, Auckland**

1. Please pray for the various meetings of the church.
2. Pray for the work among students on the Massey and UNITEC campuses.
3. Pray for the Theological Studies in India in May.
4. Pray for the church as it continues to meet in the Westlake Hall under different and more difficult parking arrangements as winter approaches.

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

1. Please pray that God will use our Bible Studies to build up believers.
2. Ask God to open hearts to the gospel as we reach out into our neighbourhood, schools, motels, the University and Waikeria Prison.
3. Pray that the LORD will honour the preaching of his Word Sunday by Sunday.

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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## **BAYS BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND**

We are back into a New Year, preaching through Romans in the morning. The Sunday evening Bible studies are moving through famous stories from the Old Testament. Our Sunday School children are doing a 10 week overview of the whole Bible. We were pleased to welcome a couple of new faces over the last months, and we're enjoying fellowship together. We continue with weekly and monthly rest home services, which provide opportunities for Bible teaching and pastoral care.

## **EMMANUEL CHURCH, AUCKLAND**

We have begun public meetings titled "Help Stop The Violence" (HSTV). The first meeting in Mangere was attended by 9 persons with one lady from Mangere in attendance. The next meeting is on Saturday 17th March. These meetings address the issue of violence in our society and seek to present the gospel of Jesus Christ as the way forward.

Work on our hall extension has started. We are currently meeting in Kohia Terrace School in Epsom while work is being carried out. Projected completion is mid-August.

Our Youth & young adults' meetings resume in March. The Ladies and men's meetings for 2012 will resume soon. Our 38th anniversary will be commemorated on Sunday 24th June.

## **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH**

We are going through the book of Hebrews in our morning services at the moment. We pray that something of the greatness and glory of the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ would be seen by us, and strengthen us to persevere in knowing and serving Him

On 30 and 31 of March we will be hosting the first session of the FRBCNZ 'roving classroom' training program for 2012 on 'His Story: a Christian View of History'. Please pray for the Lord's help for Rob Harrod as he leads this time, and for all who attend to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:18).

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

We have been encouraged with the presence of visitors and new regulars over recent weeks, and answered prayer for provision of work in Palmerston North for one of our young members who had returned to his parents home in Auckland having initially failed to find anything here.

The usual ministries of the church continue, and we are looking forward to our sixth School of Theology in July. Dr James Renihan will return once again and will teach a week-long intensive course on the Doctrine of the Church.

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

Gracenet has been greatly blessed over the last few months. We have had the privilege of baptizing several believers, and adding some new members to our fellowship. Also contributing to this excitement, many in our congregation have been getting married! As to the preaching and teaching ministry, Mike is over half-way through the gospels, and our study of the 1689 Confession is soon coming to the end. We have also recently added a time of children's ministry just before the service every Sunday. This is going very well. It has been such a joy to see the kids enjoy this time together. All other meetings (men's group, women's group, mother's group and student's bible study) are moving along nicely as well. All in all, we are encouraged in the work and we give thanks to God for all that has been happening.

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

We have recently started a new series looking at Paul's letter to the Romans. We have recently kicked off a new church website in the form of a blog. [www.marchwielreformedbaptistchurch.blogspot.com](http://www.marchwielreformedbaptistchurch.blogspot.com) We are planning another Fiji missions trip from the 29th of June-8th of July.

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

We celebrated our 28th Anniversary as a church on February 26. The previous day two of the young adults of the church were married. Mid-week Care Groups and Sunday classes have resumed with a few differences – on the first Sunday of the month we intend to replace the usual classes with 'Altogether' time when everyone is together for news, interviews, book reviews, etc.

We are planning on baptising several people on March 25.

Jeff and Annette Lane together with Nicky Malcom and Stephen Turner and Kadilu Chinyama have recommenced their work on the Massey/Albany and UNITEC campuses.

The 19th trip to India is planned for May 2-22. For the first time since Stephen went to India, Theological Studies will be held in Pune, northern India as well in the south at Coonoor. Mike Beck is returning with Stephen to India. We anticipate helping theological students with their fees as from June.

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

The preaching of the Word of God continues to be at the heart of our ministry. David Marshall has been preaching through the fourth book of the Psalter on Sunday mornings and the Life of Elisha on Sunday evenings. The morning message is discussed at the following Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting. Neville Habledous, from Trinity, has also preached on several occasions. We recently enjoyed the ministry of Dr David Catchpole from Creation Ministries International in Brisbane. David presented a compelling case for Biblical Creation.

While David was on holiday in February, Rob Morton from Bays Baptist Church, Ian Grant from Shore Baptist Church and David Yan from Emmanuel Church each spent a Sunday in Hamilton and spoke at both of our services.

We recently discovered that we have more than forty people in our weekly Bible Studies. Two of these are conducted by Desma Lewis and are reaching out beyond our church family.

Two of our ladies, Robyn Englesman and Judy Latif, are teaching Bible in Schools at state schools here in Hamilton. Dawood Latif is very active in the Bible distribution work of Gideons International and as an honorary chaplain at Waikeria Prison.

Our Coffee, Craft and Conversation group on Tuesday mornings continues to attract a number of unchurched ladies. We are also continuing our door-to-door evangelism in the area around our buildings, and running regular CAP Money seminars.

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