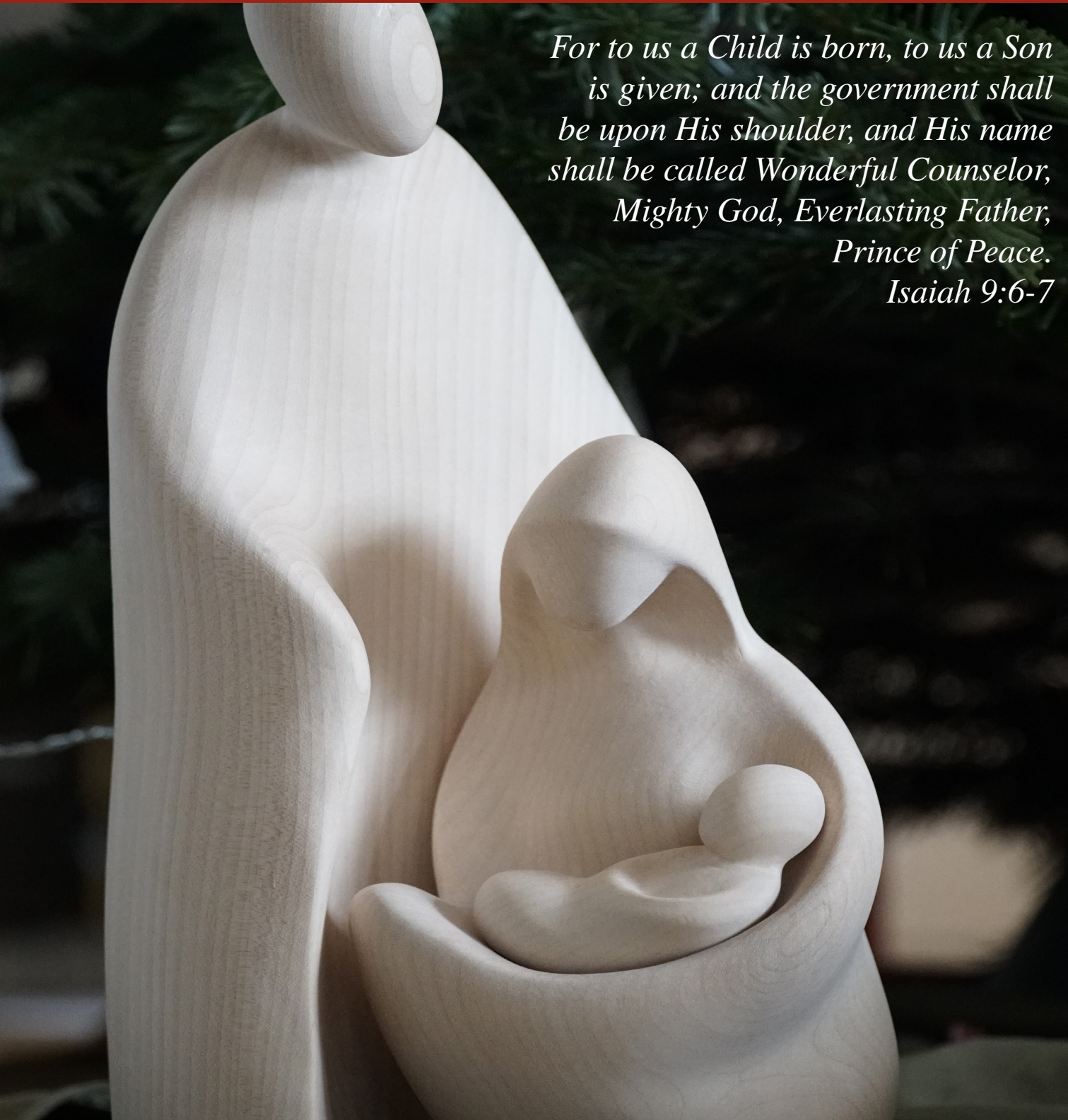


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By example and equipping, to ignite the church to preach the Gospel



*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son
is given; and the government shall
be upon His shoulder, and His name
shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6-7*

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Kia ora koutou,

What a privilege it is to see the power of God (Romans 1:15) at work in people's lives. At times this can be a very dynamic or dramatic experience for a person and at times it can be as simple as the Lord opened the person's heart and they believed. Acts 16:14. In Christchurch the team were on the streets engaging people in gospel conversations when one of our team approached a middle aged lady from a Catholic background. She was very open to discuss spiritual things as she considered herself spiritual. As she heard the Gospel she became more and more open. She mentioned she had never had someone explain the Gospel so clearly before and when challenged to respond she repented and put her trust in Christ alone as the only way of salvation. Praise the Lord!



Over the last couple of months we held our annual fellowship of evangelists with around 40 people attending. The focus was on mission drift (how to identify it and how to avoid it). We then spent three weeks in Christchurch with the team.

I had the privilege of working with our OAC whaanau from Brazil and Bolivia ministering to the indigenous people in the Amazon. OAC is used by the church planters as a spear head to initiate and set up small groups that either make a response to the Gospel or are interested to explore the Christian faith. The team use the Jesus movie then at the key point of the crucifixion scene they pause and preach the Gospel. After the evangelistic message is finished they watch the rest of the movie and then we minister to those that are responsive.

These indigenous people are caught between two worlds - the modern and the old. They are very aware that the answer to the issues they and their young people are facing are not found in their old ways or in contemporary society. Therefore, there is a genuine interest in Christianity because it not only bridges the gap but offers Christ as the answer where culture, politics and modern thinking fall short.

Thank you all once again for your continued support and prayer. I hope you are encouraged as you read a small snippet of what the Lord is doing in and through OAC NZ.

LEW & PHILIP



Winter is a challenging time for taking the gospel out. We manage it with outreaches in tertiary institutions, and places where we can duck for cover when the showers come over. Sometimes we just have to say "That's an admin day", or "That's a message preparation day".

Spring has come to the garden and to the streets and people are happier to be out and about. Senior students are off for exam prep, so there are plenty of people around. Our major outreaches with the most volunteers involved are on Fridays in the CBD, or sometimes for Lew, Hamilton with the team there. On Wednesdays we run an outreach outside Lynnmall in New Lynn.

Pictured is Philip Williamson ready for people to come. Also a crowd of senior high school students, keen to fill in our survey.

Recently, a couple of our volunteers in Hamilton led a woman to Christ. They were thrilled. Please pray for Celeste.

Diwali was a great opportunity for us as usual. We set up our outreach tables in Queen Street, Auckland and we give away many Great News for Hindus and Great News for Sikhs books. People seem very open to talk at present.

Both Philip and Lew were involved in Halloween alternative Light Parties... Philip in Auckland and Lew in Paeroa.

Lew has just published Current Korean Cults. Available on www.lifequestresources.co.nz



Philip in West Auckland



Waikato in action at the table



Philip at Diwali

GLEN & MARK



MARK: During the last three months our team at the market has grown from an average of two people to four or five joining us there. The latest to join is Glen Kriel. His boldness in outreach with the survey desk and flipchart helps the rest of us to talk to the groups that gather. The sketchboard and Rope Trick Gospel messages are well received. Many have also been prayed for, including those who have drifted away from God for some reason. Last Saturday we prayed for Ariana* who lost her father earlier this year and was angry with God for allowing that to happen. After spending some time with her and 'weeping with those who weep' Ariana* said that she felt ready to reconnect with God and with Church. **Not her actual name*

GLEN: On Thursday the 16th of October I went outside Rotorua Boys High School and shared The Gospel with some teens.

Just now I talked with James and Daniel* I took them through The Good Person Test and said, "We've all broken God's rules. We've all sinned. I'm sure we've all told a lie before, but the Good News is that Jesus came to earth 2000 years ago and lived the perfect life we couldn't live and he died on a cross. When He died on that cross He took the punishment we deserve in our place. He rose from the dead 3 days later. There is a promise in The Bible that says, "whoever trusts in Jesus will not perish; but will have everlasting life." I've got two questions to ask you guys. "How important do you think it is to pray to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you?" They both gave a 10.

I asked; "Would you like to pray to Jesus now; or would you like more time?" They both said, "Now." Then they asked Jesus to forgive their sins.

I prayed for them and explained the disciplines of praying, reading the Bible, going to Church and telling others about the Good News and they headed off. ** Names changed for privacy's sake*

MARIA, KEVIN & SAM



We have valued having a presence at big local events – how cool that the council or other organisations run an event which gathers crowds of people and then we can come along to make Jesus known! At the Hastings Blossom Parade we had a well-decorated car displaying “Hope in Jesus” and a man carrying a cross. This was accompanied by an energetic team of girls who danced, smiled, waved and high-fived people all the way around the route.



A few weeks later we partnered with St John's Waipawa to have a gazebo at their local “Duck Day” (a market fundraiser). We displayed a model of Noah's ark which drew much interest and was a great talking point with people as we shared how God takes sin seriously but also makes a way out – for Noah it was the ark, but for us, it is Jesus Christ.



We have shared the Gospel with many of all ages; and encouraged others of all ages to do the same. Maria often takes kids and teens out on the street with her or for roadtrips to share the Gospel. Sam has been actively engaging with others in the youth group he attends, sharing ministry stories. Some of the young guys have joined him on the streets and they are regularly encouraging one another by sharing stories of opportunities they have had to make Christ known.

EVAN



In the last few months, I have given a lot of time to finishing a house-build for our family. This was a project I started several years ago, and we finally got our code of compliance towards the end of October.

Regularly I have casual conversations with people I come across, either when out on a walk, or through other activity. Also, more recently I have met two other people interested in joining in some city evangelism, one from Whanganui, and one in Palmerston North. I will be meeting in Whanganui at the end of this month to talk about opportunities to support there.

One of the activities I appreciate semi-regularly is helping at Highland Home Camp. Early in December HH Camp Director asked me to assist some of their young leaders at a combined Leaders Training Camp at Forest Lakes on her behalf and I'll take a group there.

Regular chaplaincy at some transitional houses has developed trusting relationship with the residents and that is positive. Also, I have some regular activity at our church Sunday School with some teaching. I try involving my children and their friends as much as I can and support them all in their growing faith. I've asked one of my daughters' friends if he'd be interested in playing guitar in the city, and a sketch board presentation, and I'm waiting to hear back from him. This has been a positive activity in the past, but I haven't had a guitarist for a long time now.

At the end of this year, we are considering beach mission camp and looking to raise \$1000 towards this. Both Joanna and I need some regular work. I haven't been able to get back to anything stable with all my health issues but have a period of more settledness now and are looking towards some more financial stability. Thank you all for your prayers. Blessings, Evan.

ROY, MARTY, STEVE & ANDREI



Roy: Tania and I run a fortnightly 'kids club' at her home church, Wairakei Bible Chapel. The unique thing about this club is the diverse age range. We have 14 and 15-year-olds down to a 4-year-old. It creates a challenge in terms of how to present the spiritual teaching, but it's fantastic that the group can come together, and get involved in the games and crafts and be totally accepting of each other. A picture of what Christ intended where people of diverse age, background and experience come together as one. It's a privilege to experience.

Marty: Last school holidays I spoke at Forest Lakes kids camp where the theme was 'Kiwiana' so I shared the Tarore story and stories from the gospel of Luke which is the only book of the Bible the missionaries had to distribute at the time. There were 95 kids on camp and 50 leaders with a good number of trainee leaders. 17 kids responded to the invitation. Sam who is our newest OAC team member was a leader on camp and loved it.

We have 13 Christmas programmes leading up to Christmas.

Steve: I am enjoying fellowship with Cairo at C3 church. The pastor, Paul is setting up for me to work with evangelists in the church. I still meet with Beckenham Baptist guys and are still doing outreach on the street on Saturdays distributing food donated from Grizzly Bakery.

Open Air: We try to get into the square on Fridays to proclaim the gospel and share individually. Andrei asked a tradie, Nick what he thought of the message. Nick thought he was a relatively good person, but I was able to point out that he was a sinner just like me, but that Jesus made a way that we can be set free. Nick seemed to be thinking about this reality. It was a quick conversation but I believe God really used that to cause Nick to think about who He is and what He has done.

Marty had a great chat recently with David, a young guy with a skateboard who had a traumatic childhood but was trying to follow Jesus, he wasn't going to church so that was an obvious thing to nudge him to do.

Andrei: Five of us led a kids programme at Beckenham Baptist during the school holidays with a pirate theme. We covered creation and the fall, Zacchaeus, Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection. Around 30 kids came over the four days. Five families came for the first time to a family service on the Sunday, with one family continuing to come regularly.

I was a leader at a Thinking Matters Camp at Woodend. It was such a great blessing. The lads I led were very interested in God's Word and searching 1 John. This camp was a time of encouragement in reminding us of the evidence of what we believe but also to tell others of the truth of the gospel.





Hello from sunny old Dunedin. It's been a bit of a hard winter for a lot of people as far as sickness goes with lots of families struggling with colds. This might explain why we had lower numbers (30) at our kids' program in the last school holidays as well as kids not adjusting to daylight savings which was right at the start of our children's program. We have so many teenage helpers now that we have to divide them over two school holiday terms. We have a total of twelve teenagers from Cornerstone International Bible Church. These teenagers are taking on more responsibility each time they attend. I recently went to the CCCNZ Regional Summit Conference and sat through two children's sessions with Julie Mckinnon. Helping Children Know and Encounter God and Engaging Families and Children Beyond Sunday, which was very helpful.

I'm getting out for more outreach and engaging with people using a short funny story to break the ice. Sometimes I approach the same people I spoke with the week before which

can be a little awkward but never mind, its all for the glory of God at the end of the day. Coming up is the Queenstown family camp at Lakelands where I will be running a children's program. Also, the end of January school holidays is our next church children's program.

Prayer points:

-Preaching opportunities: I have preached twice now at Cornerstone International Bible Church and once at Riverside Chapel Henley. I am looking at doing more preaching when asked as it stretches me and causes me to think through things more carefully.

-New Years Family Camp where I will be running the children program with the help of a parent.

-Street evangelism as the weather is warming up.

Blessings

Shane Louie | OAC



Early next year Jeremy and I will be shifting to Wellington. We are heading to our capital to re-establish a regional work for OAC in the city. This is a big change for us after spending almost 30 years in Hawkes Bay.

Wellington city is a very diverse and there are lots of opportunities here for gospel outreach. There are a number of people keen on evangelism and we hope that we can put together a volunteer team quickly for outreaches in the city center. Our goal is to establish a team of evangelists that can reach the lost through streets, festivals, university, children, youth and family outreaches, and be trusted by local churches to equip and encourage through preaching, training, and speaking at various events.

We have travelled to Wellington a few times now to meet with church leaders, attend services and house hunt! We will be renting out our house in Hastings and renting in Wellington. Sam (our intern) will be coming with us!

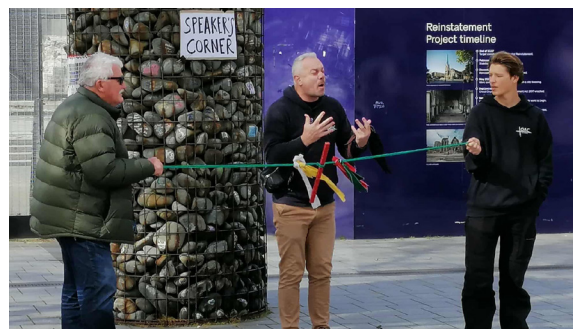
Please pray the Lord will continue to go before us and find good tenants for our house and a home for us in Wellington but also pray that the transition time wise would be smooth.



IMPACT

Our small team work so hard throughout the year reaching out to their communities with the gospel. They are involved (if not running) Kids' programs and camps, Youth outreaches, Prison Ministry, Street work, Door to Door, Open Airs and training others to do the same. For a small team they make quite an impact!!

Over the last 12 months the team have ministered to over 13 000 people and shared the gospel with over 8400. They have seen over 400 responses to the Gospel with almost 900 being disciplined.



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