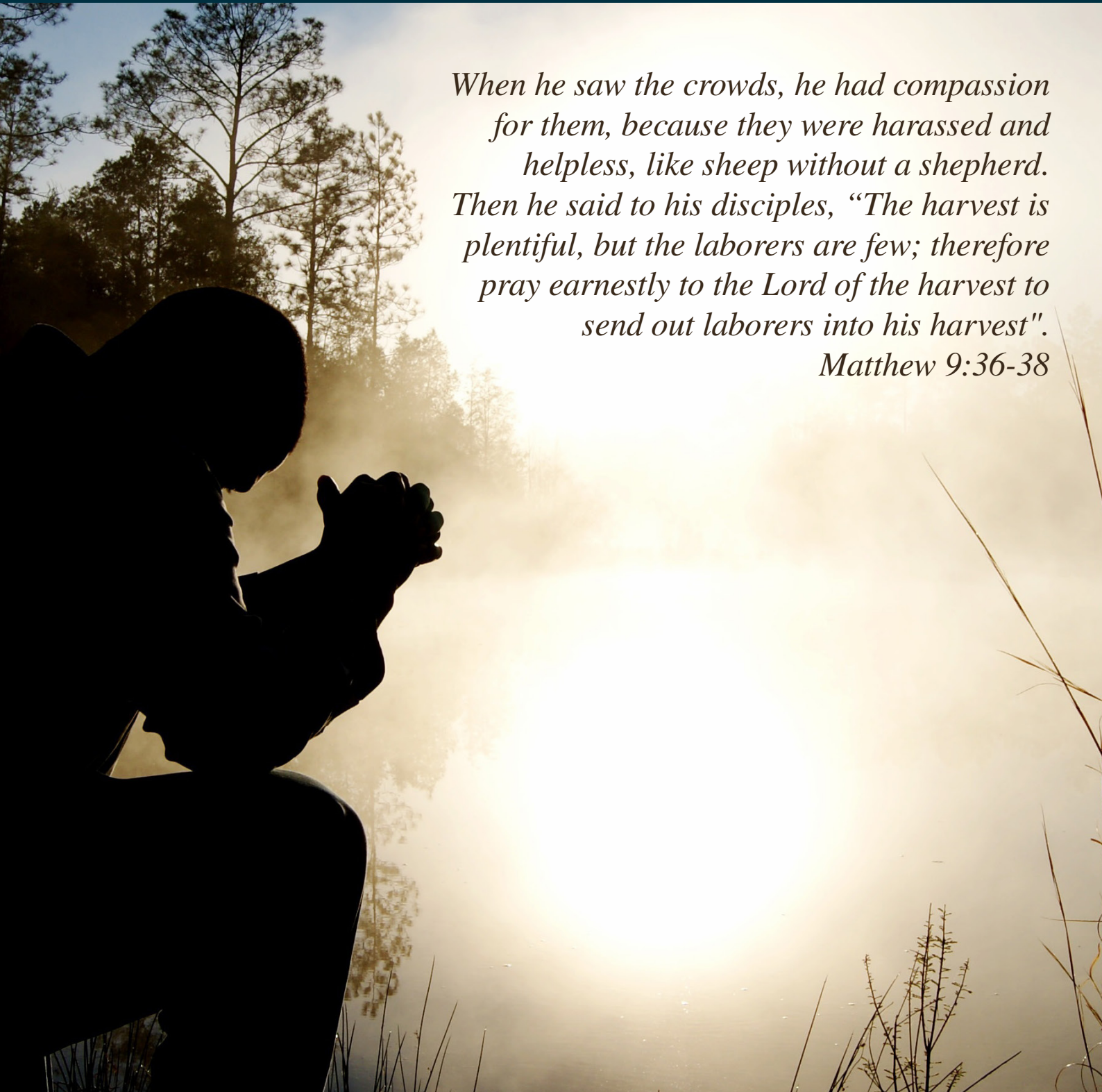


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**By example and equipping, to ignite the church to preach the Gospel**



*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest".*  
*Matthew 9:36-38*

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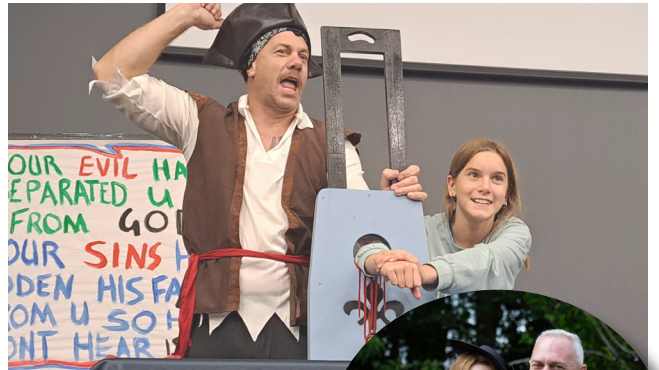
## REGULAR MINISTRY

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*From top clockwise - SOE in Fiji, Forest Lakes Kids Camp, Riverbend Kids Camp, Preaching at Good News.*

He mihi aroha ki a koutou I te ingoa I tō tātou kaiwhakahaere, a Ihu Karaiti  
(A greeting of love to you in the name of our saviour, Jesus Christ).

We are well into 2025 and I am sitting at the table in Fiji trying to catch my breath, amazed at the ability of our Lord to do the impossible. We are currently into the second week of our 3-week Fiji National School of Evangelism in Lautoka. It has been such a blessing to be part of this training again, to get to know other brothers and sisters in Christ from a different part of the world, learn their stories, help them become more confident in starting spiritual conversations and share the Gospel with family, friends and strangers, and going into schools, wharves and churches to communicate with people the power of God. I consider it a real privilege that the Lord would use this Maori (doesn't look like one) that dropped out of school in this way.

My whanau's expectations were that I would either end up in prison or join a church (highly unlikely). Yet, despite everything, I received the greatest miracle of all, a new life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, behold the new has come."

As I look around at what's happening in Fiji, I notice that family violence is higher than ever. They have an out-of-control drug problem and the authorities are easily bribed. Young people are leaving the church, or just not interested in it anymore. Islam and other religions are beginning to take over.

When I look at NZ, our country attitude and posture to the things of God are at an all-time low. It's hard sometimes not to feel the weight of these things and at times it's very discouraging. However, I can and do take heart, because our beautiful, powerful saviour makes the difference. Through His Gospel and the obedience of His people, He doesn't bring reform, but rather, transformation to people's lives.

Working with our SOE students and looking at my own life and those that we have seen respond to Christ over this year, I see things are different. Why? Because Christ alone has created new people with new hearts and new natures. There is hope for our countries. It is found in the person of Jesus Christ. He makes people new. I hope as you read this latest edition of Partners that you will be encouraged at how the Lord is using us in small ways to bring about new life in those that hear the Gospel.

Jeremy Dempsey

AKL

# LEW & PHILIP



Winter is a challenging time for outreach. You can tell from the photos that wet and cold weather is the norm. The regular downtown outreaches see us occasionally moving our gear under cover as the frequent squally showers come. In our Hamilton CBD spot, we don't have that shelter available. The temptation is to stay at home in the warm and prepare sermons etc., but when we do go out, we invariably have great conversations about the gospel.

Both Phillip and Lew do get other opportunities in areas where there are no OAC evangelists. Philip occasionally preaches in the Far North, and in Hamilton. Lew recently did a series of children's Gospel events in the Whangarei area. It was wonderful to see children responding to the simple Gospel.

Lew was in Wellington and led an outreach in Cuba Mall.

Lew was preaching in Paengaroa (Bay of Plenty) and two people responded to the gospel in a Sunday Morning service. Lew spoke at a Matariki program in New Lynn. About 40 people heard the gospel. Robert Siakimotu has been doing a lot of training in the Pacific Islands as well as Auckland preaching.

Lew has been teaching the new Connect and Communicate seminar, and the Community Chaplains training in Waikato and Auckland.

Please pray for us as we continue to seek to bring the gospel to Auckland and it's two surrounding provinces - Northland and Waikato. We have a great team of volunteers, and we welcome more.



Philip in Queen Street



Lew teaching the children in Whangarei



Volunteers working with Lew in Cuba Mall

BOP

# GLEN & MARK



Mark: About three weeks ago five of us decided to go to the park and offer to pray for sick people. My sister Robyn, a friend from Canada and I went down to the lakefront.

Robyn got to talking with an 84-year-old lady who shared that she had back pains which started after a fall a year ago. After calling us over we prayed for her. Her pain left her and as we continued praying a group of four sat down at the bench listening. One was an older Dutch gentleman, the other 3 were students – two from Thailand and one from India. After sharing the Gospel via a rope trick demonstrating the repair

of a broken relationship with God by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, they took our details and expressed a desire to hear more about the Gospel.

Our tent outreach on Saturday mornings is a joy as well. More Christians are calling in – some for prayer and some to join us! One stall owner came by to testify that her test results for cancer had come back completely clear and asked to pass the message on to Bruce – one of our regulars who had prayed for her several weeks earlier!

Thanks to all who support this ministry! We really appreciate your prayers and practical support.

Glen: On the 8th of February I shared the Gospel with a teenage guy named Michael\* at the Rotorua Lakefront. He asked Jesus to forgive his sins. Three weeks later at the lakefront that same teenage guy came up to me. It was Michael, "I'm off heavy drugs, I was looking at becoming a patched gang member but I'm no longer doing it now and I'm going to The Equippers youth group." Often you don't see the fruit of your labours, but occasionally the Lord gives you a glimpse of His word to keep you encouraged. \* Name changed for sake of privacy



# MARIA & KEVIN



School holidays are full on but so worthwhile as we spend time building into young people who are free over this time. We were involved with Highland Home Kids' Camp in the Manawatu, in the first week and the holiday program at Riverbend Bible Church (RBC) in the second week. Over both weeks we enjoyed the "Mad Science" theme, looking at how science and the Bible are not at all incompatible. We explored the 7 Cs of history – Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Christ, Cross and Completion (aka Consummation). There were plenty of opportunities to bring out scientific points and turn 'experiments' into object lessons.



Maria really enjoyed interacting with kids and leaders alike as they had thoughtful questions indicating their interest as they thought through the teachings. One day a camper came to her before breakfast for at least half an hour of discussing various things on his mind.

For the RBC holiday program, Maria kept the teenage leaders on in the afternoons for team building and training. The young people were a joy to spend time with as they eagerly served and took turns leading up front – mostly with games but some also taught memory verses and they were very good with the songs. Half of them wanted to perform a skit at the end of the week and they enthusiastically put the time and effort in for a great performance. As children, their families and program helpers watched this powerful Gospel skit on the last day, many were touched by the message of the cross.



# EVAN



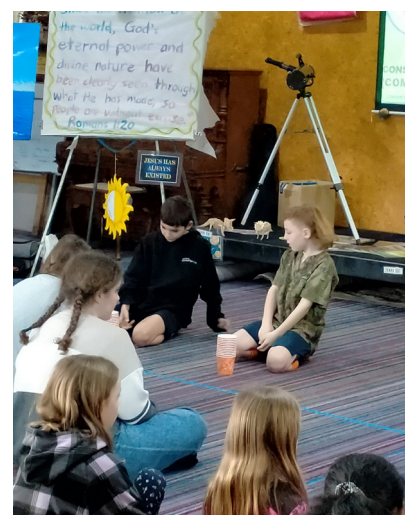
Over the school holidays I was able to make time to join some of the Hawke's Bay team at Highland Home Camp for a week. I appreciate the time I get to share with the children and young leaders as well as the conversations that open up and the small opportunities to learn something about them, and to support them into church life or help them to evaluate faith for themselves.

I have also been looking to grow four teenage girls in evangelism and thinking through their faith. Recently we were able to send them to the Thinking Matters camp and they all appreciated that. They also come along occasionally to some table evangelism in town.

I still do chaplaincy in three transitional houses where I take a meal for the house. There is often a lot of turnover but also some stability, so I've got to know many of the people and can provide some thought on a Christian approach to life.

I've been a part of a small committee that helps a lady in Papua New Guinea to run a child and adult literacy school. We also support some orphans and have a focus on Bible study as well as teaching them to read and write. The school is always in need of support. If anyone is willing to contribute, please contact me.

Our children are figuring out who they are in their teenage years. They have a positive church environment and friendship group. A recent job for me is in AOD recovery work and I'm working out how I can share about Jesus in that environment. Thank you for your prayers.



# ROY, MARTY, STEVE & ANDREI



**Roy:** The last couple of months have been very encouraging in terms of the personal contacts on the street. I talked with one man for about 45 minutes as he told me how hopeless he was feeling. Steve Williams came over with a Bible and a booklet, which he took, and then as he walked with me to my car I gently shared about the difference Jesus could make in his life.

**Steve:** We have had some sad times over the last few months with Cairo losing her sister and her mum to lung cancer. I am also on the move from BBC and will be attending Urban Oasis with Cairo. I have been using a different message in the square of late and have had some interesting comments.

**Andrei:** I have been greatly encouraged by Tom; someone I once handed a booklet to. I now gets to catch up with him often and bring him to church and Bible study. I have had some awesome people around me who have been an encouragement to me and I have also had plenty of opportunities to encourage others around me. I am currently in Timaru training for the Fistball World Games in China in August but then I will then return to Christchurch to work with the team.

**Marty:** I have spoken at two camps at Woodend over the last month. Rally camp and CDN kid's camp. For both camps I linked up with Josh Booth to share the speaking roll, Josh is the grandson of Brian Booth, our OAC Christchurch committee chairman. We chose the theme of Daniel and friends. At CDN camp seven kids responded to the invitation to follow Jesus and 17 took home Bibles. At Rally camp eight responded to the invitation.



# SHANE



Another great children's program for July 2025. Our theme was THE STORYTELLER based on Jesus telling the parables.

Over the five days we covered, 1) The Prodigal Son, 2) The Good Samaritan, 3) Friend requesting bread from neighbour, 4) The Unforgiving Servant, and 5) Build your House on the Rock. We had a really encouraging week with an average of 35 kids per day with 49 kids on the roll.

It's always good to see new kids come along and it seems they come because they have heard a good report about previous programs through other parents such as the home-schooling community and the Liberton Christian School. There is a good mixture of Church and unchurched kids being told about the program through friends at school. At the end of the week, we always have a prize giving and a lunch for the parents. We also had nine teenagers from church helping all week. Some of the workload they shared was doing memory verses, acting out skits, running games, serving morning tea and actions for songs.

I was invited to CYC Waiholo Boys Winter Camp to tell the story of Gideon as the theme was Mighty Men of God. There were 40 plus boys, and it was a real blessing to share that story with them for that one morning mid camp first week of the school holidays.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

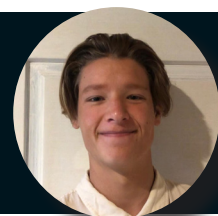
Some things to be praying about:

- That the Word would be active in the hearts of these kids both church and unchurched.
- The elders have asked me to preach out at Riverside Chapel Henley in late August.
- Planning day for the next children's program.
- Our training day for the teenagers who want to help at the next program. How we can better equip and up-skill them to have greater confidence in ministering to children.





# SAM PLUMMER



Sam completed the School of Evangelism earlier this year and is now set to begin his internship with us. Sam comes from Mangawhai Heads and will be settling here in Hawke's Bay to work with Maria, Kevin and Jeremy. Alongside his work with us, he will be studying with Pathways.

Sam is an enthusiastic young man passionate about sharing Christ with those who don't know Him yet. We are looking forward to seeing all the Lord has in store for Sam as he grows in his skills as an evangelist.



# WELLINGTON

OAC hasn't had a team in Wellington for about nine years now and the Lord has laid it on our (Jeremy and Vicki-Lee's) hearts to work at changing this. There is such a need in our capital to train up new evangelists and provide opportunities for them to reach out into the region. They need mentoring and support and so, in 2026, we are looking at relocating to Wellington (for a couple of years)! Jeremy has regular meetings in Wellington and there are many who are really keen to see this work established once again. This will be a big move for us as we have been in Hastings for 27 years, in our current home for 15 and a part of Riverbend Bible Church for 23 years. However, it is very exciting!

As we prepare to move, please pray that the Lord will go before us, or rather, that we will faithfully follow where He leads, that the right doors will open for the ministry and that the right people will join our team.

## PRAYER

- A home for us (Jeremy & Vicki-Lee) that will meet the needs of our family and the ministry
- A home church for us to become a part of and to serve in
- Our home in Hastings - wisdom to know the right decision on what to do with it
- Paige (who will not be coming with us)
- Finances for us and the regional work
- Volunteers to join regular outreaches in Wellington
- Potential new evangelists to join OAC within the region
- An openness within churches to see their evangelists partner with OAC in the work of reaching Wellington



# TRAINING



## CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE

This year we have been working on a new training scheme called Connect and Communicate. This is both a standalone training in evangelism as well as a pre-requisite for Community Chaplains training.

Connect & Communicate is a one-day seminar that is designed to prepare you to be more active and effective in evangelism.

So far, Lew and Jeremy have been involved in a number of seminars being run around the country and have seen a number of people go on to engage with the Community Chaplains training.

Training includes:

- Understanding what evangelism is
- Motivations to share Christ
- Personal preparedness to be a faith-sharer
- Understanding the true Gospel message
- How to transition to a spiritual conversation naturally
- Using the story of your faith journey as a tool for sharing Christ
- How to lead a person in a faith commitment to Christ
- How to disciple a new believer

[www.oac.org.nz/connect](http://www.oac.org.nz/connect)



Our Community Chaplains love to share what they call "God moments" in our Facebook group. Roland (who is in his early 80s) helps at a Dunedin clinic for people who cannot usually afford medical treatment. He says, "A young man walked into the clinic and went straight to the bookshelf and took out one of our Gideon Bibles. I sat with him as he sat down, opened the Bible and started to read. I sat with him and talked him through some of the eternal truths. He was most grateful and went out again, taking the Bible with him."

We have run our first Community Chaplains training seminar with five candidates in the Waikato. We are encouraged to have 22 new applicants and 16 more who have expressed interest in applying to be a Community Chaplain. The new system where people attend a general seminar on sharing their faith before participating in the specific Community Chaplains seminar is working well. Sometimes people hear about Community Chaplains and decide to apply once they have learned that it's not hard to share their faith.



<https://www.communitychaplains.org.nz/>

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If you would like to support work in an operational sector or the general work in a particular region you can do so via the OAC website, [www.oac.org.nz](http://www.oac.org.nz) (note a small fee is taken from the donation to cover costs), or you can give directly via your [online banking](#). (Cheques are no longer accepted)

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- G2 Glen Kriel BOP
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