



OAC HAWKES BAY



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Hawkes Bay News



Another year, another period of time to make a difference!

Last year was a great year of highlights. We as a Branch were

able to impact many people's lives with the gospel and also see many people make commitments to follow Christ for the rest of their lives.

Last year we were able to train and release many people into effective evangelistic work. This year is a new start and we have already as a branch been involved in Beach Mission, Camps and our National School of Evangelism has just started.

The work in the Bay is undergo-

ing a great transition. Around the middle of the year I will resign from being the Branch Director of the Hawkes Bay. I am presently the National Training director and my passion is to fulfill this role with all my heart. At the moment I am training up someone to take over the Director role this is a vital and important time. We thank you for all your support and prayers. I would ask that you would continue to pray for us as the Branch moves forward into the future impacting the church and community.

Jeremy Dempsey



Glenn Abernethy



I have had a decent break over Christmas with spending a week in Auckland

then Beach Mission in Opotiki, then arriving back to Hastings for a week then off to Mahia for camping where it rained everyday but one (that was the day I got my game of golf in). Finally I went to Parachute to promote OAC and to share the gospel to those who came across our path. Oh and my tent was floating for a little while but I managed to get my stuff out of the tent before it got wet.

I am excited about what 2010 has to offer, there will be many challenges that I

will have to endure, but as it is written in 1 Timothy many times for us to “fight the good fight....”. In our faith and in the ministry there are many battles and we are not to lie down defeated but we are to fight, and I am willing to fight.

Over the last year I have learnt a lot about how the ministry here OAC Hawkes Bay operates and it’s “flavour” so to speak. A big part of what we do involves Bible in Schools, children’s programs/camps, street evangelism, and training with the School of Evangelism.

With the knowledge of how the year looks I can better prepare myself mentally and spiritually for what is ahead. I have desires to develop many areas of the ministry, for example

1. Door-door evangelism: To put in place Bible studies and

a follow up system so that we are more effective in discipleship and ministering to people beyond the first contact.

2. Open air Preaching: To build creative teams in open air preaching which will include drama, singing, mime, testimonies, object lessons and preaching.

Volunteers: To have a good team of volunteers who are equipped and trained join us in sharing the gospel. These are only a few things but they are important all the same.

Thank you for your prayer and support, it has huge impact on what we do in the ministry.

In Christ
Glenn

Luke Collis



What an incredible year last year has been! I’ve been to Taupo, Matamata,

Taranaki, Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Mahia, Gisborne, Opotiki, Levin, Otaki and Waikanae in one year! It’s been amazing travelling around helping equip people in evangelism and share the gospel to those in need in

many places around New Zealand!

Now I have ahead of me a new year and a whole lot of new opportunities and responsibilities. Already I can see how busy this year will turn out. Not only will I be doing ministry this year but I will also be doing study with Pathways Ministry Bible College.

This year I am also in charge of the youth area of ministry in the branch leading and planning to reach the next generation and am really looking forward to starting a

high school group and helping out with the Miracle Centre youth group.

We always appreciate your prayers as in the ministry while there are lots of encouraging encounters we also face some real challenges. We are all in need of God’s strength on a daily basis. Please continue to pray that we would always rely on God for our strength in ministry.

Steve Pallesen



Well it's already here 2010! It's hard to believe we're already through the first month of

the year! I spent 10 days in Levin with Luke Collis and his family around Christmas, and then we left Boxing Day to come back to the Hawkes Bay, and then on the 27th of December through to the 3rd of January I went to Gisborne with a team from Riverbend Bible church to do a beach mission at Waikanae beach Holiday Park.

We were in Gisborne for a week and it was an awesome time, we were able to build good relationships with the people in the campsite while we were there. We ran kid's programs in the morning, family sports games in the afternoon and then a café for the family

night.

Overall we had a great response from people there and many asked if we were coming back again. I'm very keen to go back again if I get the opportunity!

After beach mission I spent a few days back in the Hawkes Bay before heading down to Wellington with Mike Revis on the 6th of January, while I was down there I helped move the Wellington OAC branch into their new office and I also had a chance to catch up with many of my friends down there and encourage them in their walk with God, and for those that don't know Christ I was able to encourage them by sharing how God had changed my life so much over the past year and also through sharing the Gospel.

I returned to the Hawkes bay on the 14th of January and spent a couple of weeks doing odd jobs and just relaxing, followed by Parachute on the

29th of Jan to the 1st of February.

We had an OAC stall at Parachute and it was great to be able to be there representing OAC and to be a part of promoting the School of Evangelism and most important of all sharing the Gospel with others.

I was able to challenge many Christians there to share their faith also.

I'm really looking forward to the rest of 2010, this year I'm going to be studying with Pathways Bible College doing a Diploma in Christian Ministries internship as well as continuing work with OAC in the Hawkes Bay, so I'm really looking forward to starting that, please pray for me that I would be disciplined in study and in ministry not neglecting either, because I know that could be easy to do.



Vicki-Lee Dempsey

Well another year is already well underway. We have a nice break over the holidays—in between work! We travelled to PN before Christmas to spend time with Jeremy's family, then back down to PN for Christmas with my family. Jeremy then headed off to Gisborne with Dylan to beach mission while Paige and I had some time with my mum and dad. We spent a couple of days at home before travelling to Ngaruawahia where Jeremy spoke at a kids camp. We then came home for a few days before we travelled up to Mahia for our family holi-

day—finally. The weather was terrible but it was still a holiday.

Holidays are great for change in routine and a rest from the norm. However, without routine we often let certain disciplines slip. I know I struggle with this—it seems the more time I have the harder I find it to spend time with the Lord and in his Word. It wasn't long before I found myself avoiding my quiet time as I felt so unworthy. But then I remembered—I wasn't worthy in the first place. I come to him not because he needs me but because I need him!

Last year I read a book "Transforming Grace" by Jerry Bridges. I was reminded that it was by grace that I was saved—Ephesians (which I knew) but that it is by grace I should live (I forgot that!). Sometimes I find myself living as if it was works that saved me. When you work in the ministry and spend your time serving the Lord in that way it is easy to start focusing on the work and not the one for whom we work. Praise God he is so gracious time and time again!

We're on the web!
www.oac.org.nz

Prayer Requests

- Branch funds. Our regular support is significantly lower than our income. Please pray that we would get more regular income
- Please pray for the students currently attending the National School of Evangelism. Pray for their training and growth.
- Volunteers—please pray for those on our volunteer team, for their involvement in OAC and evangelism
- The team—for unity as we work together for the same goals even though we may be doing different things.

Praise Items

- We are in the process of sorting out our new office space! Hooray. We just need to finalize a few details.
- For those that have received the gospel
- For Christians who have been encouraged.
- For friendships and team unity that we have here in the Hawkes Bay