



Manawatu Update

June 2025

Other than taking 3-4 teenage girls out with me for some “What do you believe” Surveys, the last couple of months have been relatively quiet for me on the street evangelism front. These girls are enthusiastic and we’re learning together, so it’s worthwhile.

Since April I have some more regular work for three days a week and looking like four days a week from June. This gives me other opportunities to share about Jesus, but just as intentional, although it requires a different approach around relationship building and how I engage in conversation. I have regular 1-1 conversations with people and regularly offer them to do a study together or take them out for coffee. I still have three houses I do chaplaincy in. I’ve got to know many people in the houses, and though there is a lot of dysfunction, and some show interest in Christian faith as necessary to live well, this is often quite shallow.

I finished a Christian Basics Course with my son, and now we’re going over the material. He is looking at baptism and I’ll probably do this with him, since my baptism was in a shower in the South African army and I’d like the immersion experience. Also, and in response to a couple of dreams I had, it is an opportunity to write to my extended family and family friends, none of which are Christian, about the meaning in this. Please pray for me as I consider what to write to my family and friends.

Our children are doing well at school. All three like swimming at the moment. The pool is another place to talk with people and staff, and I’ve had many conversations, some more positive than others, like with Isaac this last Friday. My wife, Joanna, has some part time work assisting an autistic boy through UCOL, and also appreciates her volunteer work at Church.

Thank you for your interest in the work here in the Manawatu.

