



# Dunedin Update

February 2025

Hello from Dunedin,

November 2024 I was in Auckland. We had been at Horizon Church Mt Albert partnering with The Send Mission. After the outreach training, we were organized into teams for outreach. We then agreed to meet at the designated location, which for our team was Sylvia Park Mall. The young lady I was with was from Alaska. She was now living in Hawaii and had come to New Zealand with YWAM. Mac had been a nurse but had burnt out and was seeking God’s calling upon her life. She could recognize people’s physical hindrances and had a great heart for praying for people. We spoke to a Pilipino man who claimed to be a Catholic. We challenged his faith, and he told us that when he was in the Middle East a friend had told him that if he reads the Bible, it will change his life. His name was Eldie, and he prayed for a Bible. We offered him a Bible and he gladly took it, telling us about his prayer when he was in the Middle East. This he recognised this was the answer to that prayer. The young lady Mac, who I was with then led him into a prayer of repentance. We all rejoiced and so did the angels in heaven.

God will always answer our prayers.

Late December early January I went to Lake Land Park Christian Camp in Queenstown to run the children’s program for the New Years Family Camp. Four morning programs, a condensed version of the October program in Dunedin. The themes were, I am the good shepherd, I am the light of the world, I am the resurrection and life, I am the way, truth, life.

With 23 children, the youngest being two and a half and the oldest being twelve, the craft time looked like a Japanese Origami Factory with paper and scissors everywhere. Each morning, we started with games and a memory verse, followed by morning tea, then Bible story and craft which took us to camp lunchtime. In the afternoons, everyone from the camp went down to the lake to test how well they could fall into the water after trying to defy physics by getting towed behind a jet boat. As John Corson thought he was too old for water sports I decided to join him in Arrowtown for some outreach. Some great conversations were had with some deep questions being asked. One couple, unmarried but engaged, with two young children challenged John with some big questions. I spoke with the mum and found out she was a believer and had been baptized. Originally from London but had come here twelve years ago and decided to stay.





The conclusion John and I came to, was that outreach in blazing hot weather in a historic tourist town where the Cafés close at 2pm was way more exciting than getting towed behind a jet boat on a lake at 50kph.

Coming up 20-24 January is our Children's Program in Brockville Dunedin. Our theme is A Very Special Tent. Each day will cover a theme about each type of temple in the Bible from the Tabernacle to the Millennial temple. We usually have between 30-40 children aged 5-12yrs.

February 17-21 is Orientation week in Dunedin and there will be a number of us from around the country joining hands and hearts to reach out to students and the like with the Gospel message. This will be based at Cornerstone International Bible Church and led by Glenn Richards of Operation 513 from Christchurch. We will be going out in pairs so if you

would like to join us you are welcome to. We will meet each morning at 8:30am and finish at 4pm with a lunch break in the middle. You can join for some of the time or all the time, it's up to you.

Some things to consider praying for would be.

- The children's program is coming up. That children's hearts would be moved closer to Christ.
- That a good number would join us for the orientation week outreach.
- That the couple from Arrowtown would get married and join a local church.
- That John Corson from Invercargill would enjoy his time in Hawkes Bay as he attends the three-week School of Evangelism.
- Praise God for a good children's program in Queenstown.

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