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Auckland Update

February 2024

Pre-Christmas is a busy time for our team. Our street outreaches eased to allow for the evangelistic opportunities of Christmas church events, and end of year school assemblies. Also, there was the planning for beach missions. Lew and Angela were overseeing four missions this summer. Tirohanga, Thornton Beach, Orere Point (Philip was there) and Shelly beach. We take a truck load of gear to the furthestest two.

The missions were successful, children came to Christ, leaders were encouraged and trained in out-going evangelism, and it only rained at the beginning. The managers all seem to want the teams back. The success of the On The Edge missions is partly due to the fact that OAC evangelists are on site, when they are available. We borrow from the Hawkes Bay branch with Maria Henderson and Kevin Simpson at Thornton Beach. The greatest joy is seeing children take the gospel seriously and commit their lives to Jesus. There is a lot of family fun events that create good will and establish confidence that we can be trusted.





Lake learning is a great time of training near Lake Taupo. Lew lectures 24 times on evangelism, communicating, answering the hard questions with evidence and reaching cultists and people of other religions for Christ. The numbers have now rocketed to 75 students at this camp. Maria Henderson from the Hawkes Bay also teaches on Children's evangelism. While most of the campers are believers, we were thrilled to hear of one young woman who found Christ there this year.



As this is being written, plans for the Love Auckland Outreach (19-21 January) are coming together. We're stacked up with drinks, confectionary, surveys and evangelistic literature. The target zones are the Auckland CBD, the Auckland Wharf, and Mission Bay.

Philip is booked to speak at a teenage camp at Totara Springs, Matamata later in January. Please pray that he will connect well with the young people and there will be responses to the gospel as the Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin.

Festival One. Lew is planning to be at Festival One where we promote our work, especially our training, and seek to share Christ with some of the thousands of young people coming to this festival.

Philip will be overseeing our outreach teams during February back in the Auckland area.

Thanks for your prayers and support.
Auckland Team



We have a wonderful bunch of volunteers. It is great working together in evangelism. Part of our strategy is to have hubs around Auckland. Card table evangelism (brochure available if required) is getting results. We go through quite a bit of chocolate, especially when High School students turn up, but we do have input into many lives as they complete surveys and sometimes discuss the questions. It is a fairly non-scary evangelism technique, so let us know if you would like to join a team.



Evangelists and those involved in evangelism need encouragement, especially when so many churches don't value the gift. OAC is sponsoring a new initiative called the Auckland Evangelism Forum. This is for fellowship, reporting, sharing ideas, sharing resources for evangelism and discussing issues that relate to the gospel.

The inaugural meeting starts with dinner at 6pm at the Christian Ministry Centre, 297a Church Street, Onehunga. Our first theme is 'Critical Race theory, anti-colonialism and the gospel.' \$10 per head for dinner but the rest of you comes free. If you are interested in coming, please email Lew l.meyer@oac.org.nz



Note below. OMB means Overseas mission board. WTB means Walk Through the Bible.

- 13 Oct – South Auckland Home Group & International Bible Study online (Robert)
- 14 Oct OMB Teams (Fiji, Rwanda & Samoa) Training online. (Robert)
- 18 – 21 Oct Zoom Webinar with WTB Ministries Philippines. (Robert)
- 20 Oct Sister-in law's Family Bible Study (NZ, Tuvalu, Fiji and Australia) online.
- 27 Oct South Auckland Home Group & International Bible Study online. (Robert)
- 31 Oct 10.00am – Preaching at Wiremu St Chapel. (Robert)
- 31 Oct 3.00pm – Tuvalu Brethren Fellowship – Auckland – online. (Robert)
- 31 Oct. Preaching at Manurewa Church. (Lew)
- 31 Oct. Beach Mission team training. (Lew and Philip)
- 6 Nov. Auckland Evangelism Forum, inaugural event. (Lew and Robert)
- 7 Nov. Preaching at Greyfriars Presbyterian Church. (Lew)
- 11 Nov. Mellons Bay School Christmas assembly. (Lew and Philip)
- 14 Nov. Preaching as a church-plant in Pukekohe. (Lew)
- 18 Nov. Northbridge rest home service. (Lew and Philip)
- 21 Nov. Beach Mission team training. (Lew and Philip)
- 24 Nov. Owairoa School Christmas Assembly. (Lew and Philip)
- 28 Nov. Preaching at Clark Rd Chapel, Whangarei. (Lew)
- 5 Dec. Beach Mission training. (Lew and Philip)

November/December – Market and Street Outreaches (Robert, Lew and Philip)