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# Notices

## Volunteers Needed 4 Destination World

*Destination World* will once again have a presence at the *Parachute Music Festival*. Although it will be a smaller experience than previous years we are still looking for volunteers willing to help make the educational experience as entertaining as possible. If you're a mission agency staff or partner, joining *Destination World* as a volunteer does not require your organisation to be a full *Destination World* collaborative partner. You're free to join us of your own volition. If you'd like to experience a bit of the *Parachute* vibe while hanging out with our mission-passionate DW crew, contact Emmy Henderson for volunteer application information today: [emmyhenderson7@gmail.com](mailto:emmyhenderson7@gmail.com).

## Accommodation Needed

For Andrew & Liz Moselen and four children on furlough from Mongolia. Accommodation needed in East Auckland, 3 or 4 bedrooms preferred. Mid January 2010 to March 2011.

Contact:  
Eastgate Christian Centre – Ph 09-5761500 or  
James Muir – Asian Outreach NZ 07-5788618

## 2010 Short Term Vacancy:

### Director, Wycliffe Bible Translators, NZ

Wycliffe Bible Translators is a faith based Christian mission organisation which has a mandate "to see the scriptures made available through Bible translation to all peoples in the language they know best". Our New Zealand Director will be taking a six month sabbatical between March and October 2010.

The Board of Wycliffe Bible Translators New Zealand would like to extend an invitation to all interested parties to place their expression of interest to fill the role (based in Auckland, New Zealand) during that time. It would be ideal for the successful applicant to have a handover with our director for a short time before his departure and remain for a reciprocal handover when he returns.

This position opportunity is open to anyone who would like to apply and may be ideal for those who may like to gain valuable experience in such a role. For those outside New Zealand, you may not meet some of the local criteria to which the position refers. We have a very experienced staff, a solid structure and supportive Board to provide support for the successful applicant. The successful applicant will need to provide for their own financial support.

Please provide a CV with references to Tom Scollard, Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 276005, Manukau City, Manukau 2241, New Zealand or via email at [tomscollardconsultancy@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:tomscollardconsultancy@yahoo.co.nz) by **Monday 7th December 2009**.

A copy of the job description for the role as well as a copy of Wycliffe Bible Translator's New Zealand strategic document is available upon request from Tom Scollard. Please feel free to contact him on 0211836462 or (03) 3227102. You may like to visit our Website [www.wycliffe.org.nz](http://www.wycliffe.org.nz).

## Mission IT Specialist Could Help YOU

Steve Pavarno is looking for a part time work as an IT manager or business consultant. He has just finished an MBA, has 20 years experience in the software industry, and has started and run several small businesses. His ideal job is project based, helping one or more organisations streamline their systems / operations so they can spend less time on admin and more time on what they care about. Email: [steve@unicycle.co.nz](mailto:steve@unicycle.co.nz). <http://nz.linkedin.com/in/stevepavarno>. 021 212 6101. Phone: 0800 864. [www.unicycle.co.nz](http://www.unicycle.co.nz).

## Mission Prayer / Fellowship Gatherings

### Balmoral (Auckland):

Johannes Balzer - [johannes@interserve.org.nz](mailto:johannes@interserve.org.nz)

### Christchurch:

Bruce Morriss – [canty@tearfund.org.nz](mailto:canty@tearfund.org.nz)

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### North Shore:

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Phil Richardson – [phil.richardson@ihug.co.nz](mailto:phil.richardson@ihug.co.nz)

### Penrose (Auckland):

Graeme Lee - [admin@edc.org.nz](mailto:admin@edc.org.nz)

### Tauranga:

James Muir - [james-muir.aonz@clear.net.nz](mailto:james-muir.aonz@clear.net.nz)



Not to be confused with the Tauranga Call2All conference in January, *Destination World: The Call* is a Kiwi missions-focus conference initiated by the Destination World collaboration of mission organisations. DW: The Call is set for Sept 1 – 4 2010 in South Auckland, so mark it in your diaries now. Running from Wednesday evening through Saturday evening - with Saturday being set aside for practical experience - the event will be organised by and will cater for the 16 – 30 age bracket. We will provide update briefs in future bulletins leading up to "The Call", so watch this space.

# Resources

## Stream Your Message

You can start streaming your message or project to the Web/World -- All you need to know is... <http://livestream.com> - They'll take care of everything else. OK -- you have to get a webcam working with your laptop. But beyond that, the rest is easy. Think about it: Your next class, church service, organization-wide meeting, training session, etc., streamed live to the web for your entire organization/church/supporters to enjoy. Best of all, it's totally free.

## Free Computer Backup

No More Excuses: Back up your computer Today with Carbonite -- Just visit <http://www.carbonite.com>. You won't have to buy any cartridges, memory devices or tape drives. Just kick things off with Carbonite.com and, bam, you're backin' up like never before. What's more, you'll be able to restore from anywhere in the world, any time you want.

## Password Tracking

Having Trouble Keeping Track of all those Passwords? Just pick up a password manager. Try <http://keepass.info/features.html> or Roboform <http://www.roboform.com/>. They're a couple of the best... and both have free versions. Both encrypt all your passwords into a secure database, and -- shazam -- all you have to remember is one \*single\* password to get access to all your others. Both can even help you dream up passwords, if you're fresh out of great password ideas.

## Encrypt your Hard Drive Free

Headed to a sensitive field? Now you can use... <http://www.truecrypt.org/> to completely envelope your laptop's hard drive in a protective shell. You can encrypt a folder, or force encryption of an entire hard drive, pre-boot. What's more, after that, encryption is "real-time." You can even hide keep a hidden volume within the encrypted portion, thus tricking an adversary into believing you've given up the hard drive, when in reality, you'll retain private information on the hard drive in a secure sub-partition.

## Your MI Bulletin

Do you have notices or resources that would be helpful to the larger missions community in New Zealand? If so, please send the info to Missions Interlink. Thank you.

*"Pray day and night..., all you who pray to the Lord. Give the Lord no rest until he completes his work..."* Isaiah 62:6 & 7

Get more fuel for prayer from the New Zealand missions community via the **"MI Prayer Links"** several times a year.

**FREE to MI members who pray and request this.**

Email: [info@missions.org.nz](mailto:info@missions.org.nz)

## Sending out Christmas cards, gifts or newsletters?

Take advantage of the 5% savings on NZ postage through the *MI Bulk Purchasing Discount*.

One average-size NZ church saved about \$1000 a year for a special project through encouraging their people to buy their stamps through this.

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## Free downloadable Bible Adventure for Kids!

*Living the Story* invites kids in a fun way into the big Story (and all the little stories) of God's love and interaction with His creation. There are currently 12 issues for download with no indication of whether there is a deadline on their availability. They are in pdf format, full colour and well-produced by Biblica (the new name for IBS-STL). Examples of topics include: God's Power to Create; God's Power to Protect; and God's Power to Change People. Go to the link: <http://www.biblica.com/bibles/adventures/>.

## JoshuaProject.net -- What's your favourite tool at ...

<http://www.joshuaproject.net>. Doug Lucas of Brigada Today says his favourite is the People Group Finder at... <http://joshuaproject.net/people-selector.php>. Why? Because it gives you absolute power to choose the region, the country, whether or not you just want 10/40 Window people groups, a population filter (e.g., greater than 10,000 people), the primary religion, % of Christian adherents, or % of evangelical, unreached status, unengaged status, progress, whether or not there's a Bible Translation and/or a Jesus film, etc., etc. Using this filter, you can pretty much choose the criteria, the groups, the 'unreachedness', and more.

## Free Missions eBook Downloading

To serve global Christian community and accommodate the growing demand for digital books, *Authentic Books* is now offering e-books through [www.authenticpublishing.com](http://www.authenticpublishing.com). Their Marketing Dir., Mike, wrote recently, "Our passion is to equip the missional community with great content. With our e-books, people anywhere in the world have the ability to select a book and be reading in seconds." Dworak sees digital formats being particularly useful in areas of the world where print titles are unwieldy or too expensive to order and ship. And in countries that restrict access to Christian materials, digital downloads can provide isolated believers with essential resources. To celebrate the launch into e-publishing, Authentic is offering visitors to its website a free ebook and a monthly e-newsletter. Books come with a satisfaction guarantee and will be replaced free if customers are not happy with them.

Thanks to [www.brigada.org](http://www.brigada.org) for much of the Resources.

# Reports



## Evangelical Leaders Conclude Historic Meetings in China

**BEIJING, CHINA (ANS)** -- A group of 24 leaders from seven regions of the world has concluded the World Evangelical Alliance's first official visit to China. According to a WEA media release, after spending time in Shanghai with the national leadership of the China Christian Council (CCC) and the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China (National Committee of the TSPM), the group left for Nanjing and Beijing.

The WEA's International Director Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe commented in the media release: "Our team was impressed by the significant Bible printing operation which provides Scriptures for both the Chinese and international markets." The group was challenged and encouraged by the scope, depth and professionalism of the community services, development projects and humanitarian aid, the release said.

During the visit to Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (national seminary), the group was deeply encouraged by the vision of the graduate students. Gordon Showell-Rogers, WEA Associate International Director designate and current General Secretary of the European Evangelical Alliance stated: "The love of this group of young men and women for their Lord and His word, and for their country and people, was tangible, even through translation."

Finally, the group traveled to Beijing, to meet local church leaders and government officials. The WEA delegation was warmly received by leaders of the State Administration for Religious Affairs, who spoke of the government's desire to see Christians contributing more and more to social welfare programs. The WEA leaders were able to explain something of the character and values of global evangelicalism.

Bishop Gerry Seale, General Secretary of the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean described how these leaders explained their context. He remarked: "In their fast-changing situation, the growing church in China is facing the challenge of continuing to grow their own pastoral and leadership training to equip believers to serve their churches and the broader needs of society."

As the trip drew to a close, Mr. Showell-Rogers concluded that the "WEA had gained some new perspectives on the church in this complex and huge nation." On Sunday morning Dr. Tunnicliffe brought greetings on behalf of WEA at the famous, Chongwenmen Church in Beijing, where over 7500 people attend the services.

Dr. Tunnicliffe summed up the historic weeklong visit by saying: "As Chinese friends said to us several times: 'every journey starts with one small step.' Our long-term commitment in China is to build on these first small steps for the good of the church worldwide."

The World Evangelical Alliance is made up of 128 national evangelical alliances located in 7 regions and 104 associate member organizations. The vision of WEA is to extend the Kingdom of God by making disciples of all nations and by Christ-centered transformation within society. WEA exists to foster Christian unity, to provide an identity, voice and platform for the 420 million evangelical Christians worldwide.

## Joel C. Rosenberg writes:

My wife and kids lived in the Middle East for 3 months during which time I was able to interview more than three dozen Arab and Iranian pastors and evangelical leaders throughout the region. This is what I learned;

**Iraq:** More than 5000 new M converts have been identified since the end of major combat operations. 14 new churches in Baghdad, dozens in Kurdistan, some of which have 500 to 800 members. More than 1,000,000 Bibles shipped into Iraq since 2003. They are eagerly snatched up.

**Egypt:** It is estimated that 1,000,000 have trusted Christ during the last decade. The Egyptian Bible Society used to sell 3,000 copies of the Jesus film a year in the early 1990s. But are now selling 600,000 per year, plus 750,000 copies of the Bible on tape in Arabic and about 500,000 copies of the Arabic New Testament. The largest Christian congregation in the Middle East meets in huge cave on the outskirts of Cairo. Some 10,000 worship there every weekend. A prayer conference drew 20,000

**Afghanistan:** In 2001 there were est. 17 M converts, but now there are more than 10,000 - dozens of Baptism every week.

**Kazakhstan:** In 1990 there were only 3 known Christians. But now more than 15,000. **Uzbekistan:** No known Christian in 1990. Now more than 30,000. **Sudan:** More than 1,000,000 converted since 2000, in spite of M genocide of over 200,000.

## NZ Marine Reach Ship Tour – Matt Dawson

**PACIFIC LINK:** The ship has had several thousand students through the ship across the various ports. Still going strong. The feedback from the local pastors has been fantastic. Here's what one in New Plymouth had to say:

*On behalf of the New Plymouth Christian Leaders Network, may I express ... our deepest appreciation... the Marine Reach Ministries Ship Pacific Link into Port Taranaki last week. ... the ship had a fantastic week of connection with the community of New Plymouth. The school staff and children found the experience exceptional.*



The teams are continuing to visit schools and churches around the country. In many cases they've had as many as 50 people coming forward for prayer after sharing the call to missions. They've connected with quite a few Maori teenagers, which is something we've been particularly hoping God would open the doors for. Many of them have felt a strong stirring to break out of the usual and dive into God's plan for their life. Woohoo!!!



# Nigerian Heroes of Faith

Mission Report by Loren Cunningham

Do you have a Report  
testimony/story of how God is working  
through you or your ministry? Send it to:  
[info@missions.org.nz](mailto:info@missions.org.nz).

October 4, 2009, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

I can't give more than a summary, but we are seeing a move of God in a way we have not seen before here in Nigeria. The militants you have heard about the past few years on TV news have been armed with the latest weapons, bombs, etc. and have kidnapped lots of people, especially foreigners. Three of them came to the YWAM campus this week.



Saturday, October 3, we dedicated a branch campus nearby, for a Teacher Training School within the *University of the Nations*, being provided by "The Fellowship" of intercessors who read *Is That Really You, God?* in 1992 and prayed for 10 years for YWAM to come to this city. Paul \_\_\_\_ and I visited here in 2002, looking for a place for a base and stayed at the home of this godly woman who leads these intercessors. Now, seven years later, with ten training bases established throughout Nigeria, we marvel at answered prayer.

The new branch land in Port Harcourt has beautiful grounds, an auditorium for 1,500, plus a fountain, an orphanage, and they will soon have the prototype primary school built for teacher training.

We have another great campus up north; in fact, we have five YWAM locations in the {M} north of Nigeria! Taliban-trained militants were sent from Iran to this region and two months ago, they marched to within 300 yards of one of our YWAM campuses, wielding destruction all along the way. They were blood-thirsty, having already burned 27 Christian churches in the area, some with people inside (we have seen heart-wrenching photos taken by YWAMers of charred bodies of martyrs in burned-out churches, plus mass graves). Approximately 1,000 Christians were killed within a few hours.

God protected our very brave YWAMers. The army stopped the Taliban just 300 yards before they could burn us out. They would behead Christians who would not "renounce Jesus." Their goal is to take over Nigeria, the largest (160 million population) and the most oil rich nation in Africa, to make it a {M} nation.

The Nigerian President is a {M} though 45% of the population is Christian, and 35% is Moslem, the rest animist. The stakes are high: *as Nigeria goes, so goes the continent*. We are at the forefront of the the conflict, and can report that Jesus is winning...but the war is not over. Much prayer is needed and re-enforcements.

In the south, the "Christian" area, where I first ministered in 1961 when it was peaceful, there are now thousands of militants—mostly university students who became angry and bitter against corruption and injustice and turned to guerilla warfare. They have grown stronger over the last decade, to the point that they, not the government, have had the upper hand controlling much wealth, land and weapons. The militants sell one-fifth of the nation's oil supply on the black market to nations needing cheaper oil, to pay for their war.

The YWAM Discipleship Training School (DTS) outreach that concluded September 30<sup>th</sup>, after much prayer, knew God was leading them on outreach to the camps of the militants who were killing, kidnapping bombing, using grenade-launchers, etc.

Into the camps went the YWAMers, prayed up, ready to die or see God's power. They saw God's power! One of the most ruthless murderers, armed with a large knife, approached the YWAMers with his knife poised over his head. The other militants had witnessed that when he went into this demonic rage, he didn't stop until he had killed someone, so they said to the YWAMers "run!" The school leader, Alex, said "no," and started walking toward the man. Alex spoke firmly but calmly "you need Jesus." Over and over he said it, as he drew closer to the drawn knife's point. The man replied "No! Run or you die!" When Alex was just a few feet away, the man fell to his knees, threw down his weapon and wept. He was saved and delivered, as were many others. Many of the militants had made oaths with Satan. One would go into a trance... until the demons were appeased.

One YWAM staff member was one of the boldest, but most blunt in his preaching. He told the militants that they were going to hell if they didn't repent. Now he is one of the most trusted by the militants...and the government and the police! Just this past Sunday, H\_\_\_\_ brought in another huge cache of weapons and bombs, etc. to hand over to the government military, given up by the former militants. Even the militant commanders have started encouraging several to go to YWAM, because they are coming to believe and trust that God can bring justice when they or the government cannot. 300 former militants just went through a YWAM three-week training course. Another 600 will start into a second course soon. A large percentage gave their hearts to Christ, many after demonic deliverances, and 69 are signed up for the January 2010 DTS.

Three of these former militants gave their testimonies at the YWAM DTS. All of the above has been happening in just the last few days and weeks. As one of them shared, he looked over at Dar and me and said, "My job was to kidnap white people." He smiled. But he said, "I wasn't rehabilitated, **I was transformed by the power of God.**" They have enough stories of God in action, over the past few weeks to fill books. God is being glorified.

This is such a huge breakthrough! We have a new mission base in the big village controlled by the militants. The Governor of Rivers State was so happy, along with the national government, and with the churches, all saying the same thing: they want three YWAM bases in each of the 36 states of Nigeria. Pray for laborers.

The Governor said publicly, "what guns and bullets could not do, God's power has done." He was so grateful to YWAM, he sent his Protocol Officer to meet Darlene and me when we arrived at the airport, to invite us to stay at the Governor's mansion. We declined, saying that we needed to live with the participants coming to the Leadership Training Course at YWAM. So he sent his car with armed police escorts, with sirens and lights flashing, and brought us to the YWAM campus. (We were too busy with the LTC to go anywhere until Sunday, when we went to a few Sunday services to preach—in a car borrowed from a YWAMer.)

The local YWAM leaders have launched their *first International Missions Conference* held at the auditorium on campus October 8, 9 & 10 with leaders attending from Nigeria and more than 20 other nations.

Never let it be said that the life of a YWAMer is boring! Dar and I spoke in different parts of the city to packed churches. We're tired but very fulfilled. Who would think we could be in such an exciting place at such an exciting time as this!

## STOP PRESS

October 7, 2009. The three top militant commanders just surrendered to government authorities and now 2,000 more of their followers!

The situation with the militants is still front-page news. The top three militants surrendered themselves to the government authorities in the last few hours. Yesterday one of the former commanders came to the base to visit -- he has had a transformational experience with the Lord. With the surrender of the top leaders, 2,000 more young militants have been released. As with the previous 900 militants who have "come out," the government will probably be asking YWAM to "rehabilitate them." Their testimonies too reveal such darkness, satanic covenants, murders--the worst of the worst. But when they come to Jesus and get set free, they speak of freedom with such gratitude! -- Loren

## Insurance Survey

Who do you – and/or your organization - prefer or recommend for providing missionary medical insurance while serving overseas?

Please send your answer to MI,  
[info@missions.org.nz](mailto:info@missions.org.nz).

## MI AGM Report

The MI 09 AGM was held on 17 November at St Margaret's Anglican Church, Hillsborough. Chairman Wayne Freeman opened with a welcome, a devotional from Hebrews 13, and prayer. Minutes of the 08 AGM were approved.

The Chairman's and Director's Reports were circulated, discussed and approved. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 which had had an *Independent Financial Review* were presented and adopted.

We had twelve prior nominations for the next Council three year term, with only six positions available. Voting was done by secret ballot and tabulated by three approved scrutinizers.

**Mobilisation**, Jamie Wood gave an update on the Koroutahi Manifesto and the Destination World "edutainment" experience. *Destination World: the Call* conference, 1-4 September 2010, focused on 16 to 30 year olds, was presented. Jamie gave an update on the mission web site being developed to serve the NZ missions community.

David Hall shared about a significant expansion of the **Bulk Purchasing Program** in collaboration with the largest Christian-based bpp in NZ. This *could* double the BPP benefits MI members already enjoy. This could also be tied in with a special *Associate Membership* (no voting rights) enabling MI to better serve more of the Christian community with an interest in missions and increase the negotiating leverage of our bulk purchasing program.

James Muir spoke briefly on the upcoming *Call2All Next Generation* conference next month in Tauranga.

Wayne Freeman read the names of those elected to serve on the MI Council for the next three year term:

- CMS – Steve Maina
- East West College – Pat Myers and/or Jock Brunskill
- Interserve – Johannes Balzer
- Life Resources – Max Palmer
- OMF – Christine Harding
- Tranzsend – Peter Mihaere

The meeting was followed by an informal lunch and fellowship.



Missions Interlink (NZ) connects people with a heart for mission: agencies, churches, church mission committees, mobilizes, training organisations, individuals and couples enabling them to gain mutual benefit and cooperate in joint initiatives.

### Background

The network began in the 40's or earlier as people took or picked up missionaries at the dock and began talking with others doing the same. We officially organized in '72 and sometimes we're still known as *The NZ Evangelical Missionary Alliance*.

### Our Purpose Statement

Maximizing participation in world missions by networking and serving all involved in outreach from, in, and to New Zealand.

### Our Vision

We see New Zealanders contributing with passion, effectiveness, and in ever increasing numbers, to the fulfillment of God's plan for people of all cultures to be part of His redeemed family.

### International Connections

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA – of which MI is a part) is made up of 128 national alliances. The vision of WEA is to extend the Kingdom of God by making disciples of all nations and by Christ-centred transformation within society. WEA exists to foster Christian unity, to provide an identity, voice and platform for more than 400 million Christians worldwide.

The **Mission Commission of WEA** is a global network of mission networks around the world.

### Missions Interlink (NZ)

**Director:** David B Hall

**Chairman:** Wayne Freeman

**Vice-Chairman & Treasurer:** Max Palmer

**Secretary:** Jamie Wood

**Administrative Assistant:** Lydia Hall

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'Twas the night before Christmas and Mary & Joe  
Had traveled all day, and had no place to go.  
The clerk at the inn said, "I'm sorry we're booked.  
There must be some place you haven't looked."

'Twas the night before Christmas. No one seemed to care,  
That Joseph and Mary, even were there.  
They found an old stable and Mary was glad.  
It seemed the best thing that the inn keeper had.

'Twas the night before Christmas. At Gabriel's command,  
The choir of heaven departed as planned.  
"We'll make the announcements, and then while they gaze,  
We'll sing our carols of worship and praise."

'Twas the night before Christmas, the cattle were still.  
The cry of that baby gave Mary a thrill.  
The angels delivered their message to men.  
They seemed so excited, they sang it again.

'Twas the night before Christmas when God sent to earth,  
The world's greatest present. It was Jesus' birth.  
Wrapped in a blanket, and sleeping on hay,  
God became man, on that first Christmas day.

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Merry Christmas

