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Forty mission administrators gathered recently at TEAR Fund for the MI sponsored "Administrators Gathering".



New Director for the NZ Turkey Network

On behalf of the Board of the NZTN, it gives me great pleasure to announce that **John Wheeler** has been appointed to the position of Director effective from 1 July 2009. John is passionate about the cause of the lost in Turkey and the Call of God on the Church in New Zealand to bring the Gospel back from the Ends of the Earth to the nation of Turkey. John has been a member of the NZTN Board since early 2006 during which time he has also served as Treasurer. He is a regular visitor to Turkey and is well known by the Kiwi workers there. He has led the Serving Teams at both of the last two Family Retreats. John is based on the North Shore of Auckland and is a member of LifeChangers Church.

The NZ Turkey Network National Conference will be at the Royal Oak Baptist Church in Auckland on **13th & 14th November** 2009. We hope to be able to video link some of our Kiwi missionaries into some of the Conference to hear how they are going in Turkey.

Come Hear Ross Paterson - 27 August, 7:30pm

CCSM International Director and China Director of DPM Ministries. Thursday— Windsor Park Baptist Church — 550 East Coast Rd., **Mairangi Bay, North Shore**. For more info: 4159 295 or newzealand@amccsm.org.

National RAK Day - Tuesday 1st September.

Random Act of Kindness Day is a day where you do some *Random Act of Kindness* for someone else. We have a few suggestions if you need a bit of help. (Hopefully you're doing that every day; but this is a good reminder.) To get the suggestions: www.forourchildren.org.nz/News++Events.

"Night of Power" Prayer Meeting – 16 Sept. 7:30pm

St Margaret's Anglican Church, **102 Hillsborough Road**. The 27th night of Ramadan is special for Muslims when they earnestly seek blessings, revelations and visions. Let us join together and pray that Jesus will indeed reveal himself to Muslims around the world and in NZ. Note: This is NOT an evangelistic event; so please don't bring your M friends.

Micah Sunday – 18 October

The Micah Challenge is a **global** Christian campaign that raises a prophetic and powerful voice for and with the poor. It challenges **us** to deepen our engagement with the poor. And challenges political **leaders** to fulfill their public promise to achieve the *Millennium Development Goals* and so halve absolute global poverty by 2015. www.micahchallenge.org.nz

YWAM NZ Ship Tour

Starting this October Pacific Link will have a nine port tour of NZ. A major focus will be the "Jump" youth rallies, calling young people to a lifestyle of mission. More info at: <http://www.mrmdts.org>



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church - 8 November.

A time set apart for us to remember thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who suffer persecution, simply because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord. — an initiative of the Religious Liberty Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance. More info is available here: www.persecutedchurch.org

Call2All Next Generation - 19-22 January 2010

Bethlehem College Tauranga. The *Call2All* movement has grown over the last two years to include thousands of different ministries and organizations around the world. (See *How it Started* in this MIB.) Top Christian leaders have met on all continents strategizing together to complete the Great Commission. Register now: www.call2all.org.

It's now time to include the next generation. The *Call2All* web site says, "It will focus on key elements in completing the Great Commission, but the forum will be dynamically different. It will be built with the supernaturally hungry young emerging leaders of the world in mind."

7th European Member Care Consultation - 23-27 March

2010. Papa Luna Hotel, Peniscola, Spain. See details online at: www.membercareeurope.com.

Global Connections Eurotck Conference - 28 March – 1

April, 2010. A conference for anyone concerned for the education and welfare of TCKs. In Castellon, Spain. See details online at: <http://www.globalconnections.co.uk/events/networkevents/currentevents/EurotckConf09.htm>.

Maraetai House available for rent - from September

28th- January 4th, perfect for a family needing a rest or an opportunity to recharge their batteries! A fully furnished 4 bedroom family home, with fully fenced large backyard, 700 meter walk to the beautiful Maraetai and Omana beaches and the Omana Regional Park. Our family is going to Bangladesh for 3 months to do short term missions. Rent for \$400 per week. For further enquiries or photos of the house please contact Russell and Kathryn Jackson phone 536 5364 or rjack@maxnet.co.nz.

Weymouth House available

Lorna Das, a missionary to Bangladesh, is looking for tenants for her home, just ten minutes from Manukau Shopping Centre. Stats are: 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 double garage, internal access Situation: quiet cul-de-sac, along edge of 5 km all season coastal walkway, with beach only 3 minute walk away. Rent: \$450/week. Timeframe: needs tenants at the **end of August**, for anything from 3 months to indefinite. <http://www.professionals.co.nz/profile.asp?menu=> Contact details: lornadas@gmail.com phone: 09 266 1296.

New MI members make a Nelson House Available

Richmond Missions Support Trust - When not required by missionaries 'Beit Bracha' (House of Blessing) will be rented out to the general public for holiday accommodation see www.holidayhomes.co.nz reference 8940 which will help to subsidize it for missionaries. *Mission Interlink* members receive a good discount. For bookings email jdbensemann@ts.co.nz. Please put 'Missions House' in the subject line.

Spacious, quality family accommodation with all-day sun and mountain or hill views from every window. Situated in a quiet area with attractive gardens in a well-fenced section. Close to children's playground and park, Richmond Aquatic Centre, and the Richmond shopping area with its numerous cafés and restaurants. 15 minutes to safe beaches and Nelson city. Includes full kitchen, separate lounge, separate shower, double garage and off-street parking for 4 plus vehicles.

Reports & Resources

Envision 09 – was a wonderful blessing to many who came to the conference in Tauranga. Well done Peter and team.

Administrators Gathering - Forty mission administrators gathered recently at TEAR Fund for the MI sponsored “**Administrators Gathering**”. Good food, fellowship and plenty of practical advice shared by guest speakers and those who attended. Well led by MI Treasurer, Max Palmer. Many thanks to Max, TEAR Fund and all who came and participated to make this a very worthwhile day.



"World Bibles" Site Indexes Over 16,000 Int'l Bibles

The new "World Bibles" web site, just released by **Wycliffe Associates UK**, will help immigrant populations to find Bibles in their own languages. It will also help Christian workers wanting Bible resources for outreach to non-English speakers. The site is at: <http://www.world-bibles.org/>.

Resources are listed for hundreds of languages, including printed Bibles, Scripture cassettes, CDs, on line Bible text, downloadable Bibles, and films. Visitors to the site simply type in a language name. A list appears showing known Bible resources available in that language. Since the site is an index, it provides links to existing sites on the Internet, but it does not offer any specific Bibles. In order to help non-English users, the user interface is available in ten languages, and more are being added. For more information, contact directorex@wa-uk.org.

Family Curriculum on CHILDREN AT RISK -- "Red Card: Standing Against Oppression, Providing Hope" is a dynamic, new curriculum from **Caleb Resources** that raises awareness of six different types of children at risk: children in poverty, orphans, street kids, child labourers, children of war, and children affected by HIV/AIDS. Designed for a cross-generational audience, this 8-week class builds family unity and empowers kids to become advocates for vulnerable children, their own peers. Lessons include videos, simulations, family processing time, prayer, at-home activities, and practical steps for involvement. Participants gain a biblical perspective on God's heart for the least of these and our mandate to respond. Content is age-appropriate for children grade 4 and up. Learn more or see a sample lesson: <http://www.calebresources.org/redcardkids> or email: customerservice@calebresources.org.

You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilization to pieces, turn the world upside down, and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of good literature."

Mohandas Gandhi

Free Donor Management Software -- TntWare offers TntMPD, a free program for helping missionaries manage relationships with ministry partners, and TntMPD.DataServer, designed to help organizations better communicate donation and financial information with their staff. www.tntware.com.

Windfall of Training Booklets - Whoa... Here are five practical training manuals which each offer 26 hours of instruction, sharing a vision for saturation church planting as well as practical principles and priorities for accomplishing local church plants. They're designed for modular instruction in a working seminar format. The training schedule can be adapted for work/ministry realities of your trainees. The price? Free. Hard to believe? Check it out. <http://www.alliancescp.org/resources/omegaoverview.htm>.

Teach, Do Missions, Now -- Are you interested in teaching at a school for missionary kids or an international Christian school but don't know where to look for opportunities? Check out <http://missionteach.org> for a list of several hundred open staff positions at **over one hundred MK or international Christian schools worldwide**. Sign-up for the site is free and easy and you can search for available positions in your areas of expertise. You can also make your profile visible to schools worldwide or in specific regions so they can search for you! The site also gives advice on how to prepare for living and teaching overseas. This site is a joint project of the **Association of Christian Schools International, Wycliffe, Finishers Project, and Mission Next**.

"We are not here to transform or reform someone else's culture.

Culture is not to be conquered, or converted, but incarnated, inhabited, and impregnated with the seed of the gospel...

Jesus' disciples are like water: We can take the shape of whatever person or culture we are with without losing the essence of who we are. Like all water, we turn bad by standing in one place and not being in motion in mission."

(So Beautiful. Leonard Sweet, David C Cook Pub, 2009, pp182,3)

The new **Global Mission Handbook** Advertised in a recent MI Bulletin, the books – when they are printed and arrive from the US, hopefully in October - will be available from **Pioneers**. Tel.: 09 634 6466, <http://www.pioneers.org.nz>.



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Mission Organizations

Across Ministries
Africa Inland Mission
Antioch Ministries
Asia Evangelical Fellowship
Asian Outreach
Assemblies Of God Missions
Barnabus Fund
Bibles In Action Trust
Break Free Expeditions
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Christian & Missionary Alliance
Christian Resource Centre
Christian Witness to Israel
Community Bible Study
Deborah & Associates
Empower Missions Trust Inc.
European Christian Mission
Evangelism Discipling Co
Every Home For Christ
Faith Outreach NZ
FEBI Radio International
Global Connections
Global Recordings Network
Global Task NZ
God Is Love Corporation
Harvest Partnership Trust
HCJB
IN Network NZ
International Nepal Fellowship
International Student Ministries NZ
Interserve
Jian Hua Foundation
Kodesh Trust
MARN
Mercy Ships NZ
MECO
Missionary Ventures NZ
New Tribes Mission
NZBMS / Tranzsend
NZ Church Missionary Society
NZ Turkey Network
OMF New Zealand
OMS International
Open Air Campaigners
Open Doors (NZ) Inc.
Operation Mobilisation
ORA International
Pioneers NZ
Ramaba Mukti Mission
Reach Across
Ruel Foundation
Samaritans Purse
Scripture Union
Servants to Asia's Urban Poor
SIM New Zealand
Slavic Gospel Association
Sowers International
Strategic Missions Charitable Trust
Tandem Ministries
Tear Fund
Teen Mission NZ
Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship
Urban Leadership Foundation
Voice of the Martyrs
WEC International
World Outreach
World Vision
Wycliffe
Youth With A Mission
(YWAM National Office only)



Member Activities Include
Sending & Supporting Kiwis
Missions from, in & to Aotearoa NZ
Advocacy, Aid & Fundraising
Training & Equipping
Mobilising & Resourcing
Member Care

The World Evangelical Alliance
(WEA – of which MI is a part) is made up of 128 national alliances located in 7 regions. 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 more than 400 million Christians worldwide.
The **Mission Commission of WEA** is a global network of over 200 mission leaders from around the world.

Help Shape the Future of Missions

Members of MI will be receiving a letter of invitation soon to nominate other MI members to serve on the MI **Council**. Council membership primarily consists of [the designated representative of] **mission organizations**, but it includes some from the other categories as well. The actual voting for the Council membership takes place at the MI AGM which will be on **17 November** this year.

Each member organization (or individual) receives one vote. If you receive this MI Bulletin but are not a member of MI, you *could* join and be eligible to vote. It takes about 1 or 2 minutes to sign up online (and then it goes through a simple process for approval).

Go to www.missions.org.nz

Click on **About Us**

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Note:

There is a nominal fee for membership.

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Christian Leaders Training College
Church Mobilisation & Charitable Trust
Faith Bible College
Kairos Course
Laidlaw College
Leadership Development Int'l
Pathways College
Perspectives

Note: Not all of the member groups can be easily categorized into just one of these three groupings, i.e.: many of the "mission agencies" and some of the *service providers* also provide training in missions. Some of the *Service Providers* and some of the *Trainers* also provide other mission-related services.

If you believe your organization would more accurately fit one of the other categories, please email the MI office: info@missions.org.nz.

In addition to the above three general categories there are several other categories of membership in Missions Interlink:

- Churches and/or Church Mission Teams
- Individual Members
- Superannuates
- Associate Members (no voting rights)



call2all

How It Started

The Call to All

working together
to fulfill the Great Commission



It all began at "Amsterdam 2000" the Billy Graham conference in August of that year. Eight thousand evangelists were in the main venue, but a smaller group of us were working behind the scenes on key questions related to finishing the Great Commission.

The Graham organization had selected about 400 leaders from across the Body of Christ representing many nations to deal with this one issue: "What would it take to finish the Great Commission?" We dealt with many questions over a period of days, but one day was like no other.

We were all sitting at tables selected by the organizers. I was sitting at table number 71 next to Steve Douglass (who had just become president of Campus Crusade for Christ). We were handed sheets listing the "untargeted, unreached people groups" in the world over 100,000 in size. These as far as anyone knew had never been engaged on any level with the gospel. Of course these groups were in the hardest places, locations often dangerous to any missionaries.

Paul Eshleman and Bruce Wilkerson stood on stage together and challenged all of us. Paul said, "It's not right that these groups are left unreached while so many have a Christian witness all around them." Bruce followed by saying, "No one should be untargeted, this is disobedience to the Great Commission." He then challenged us to adopt the remaining groups.

The environment in the room was electric. Christian leaders of all kinds began to stand to their feet and shout out their commitment to particular people groups. Some took one, others took two or three. It was one of the most faith filled moments I have witnessed in my ministry life.

Then it all stopped...

Half way through the commitments no one else stood. Everyone was looking around thinking "Whose next? It can't stop like this!" I was staring down at the people group list struggling with the possibility of my own commitments. I work with Youth With A Mission, I was thinking, "I can't do anymore, I am already too busy." At that moment Steve Douglass leaned over to me and said, "Why don't our two organizations take the rest?"



CCCI and YWAM commit to the rest of the list? Taking responsibilities for all of these groups, would that be possible?

Now my mind was really racing... I couldn't speak for all of YWAM. We were already involved with unreached people groups, but this was a specific commitment to the hardest groups in the world. Even though my mind was saying no, my Spirit was shouting yes! I leaned back over to Steve and said, "Ok, let's do it!" When I said those words a supernatural peace from the Holy Spirit flooded my heart.

The next thing that happened caught me totally by surprise. Steve sent a message to the stage that, "Campus Crusade for Christ and Youth With A Mission would make a commitment to adopting the rest of the list." Everyone stood and started cheering as Bruce made the announcement. I was thinking, "What have I done?"

What happened next was so supernatural I wish it would have been videotaped... [Zero - Part 1]

[Zero - Part 2] Something supernatural happened next, the 400 Christian leaders were dismissed for a coffee break. Steve Douglass and I stayed seated at our table thinking about the magnitude of the commitment we just made on behalf of our two organizations. We had just committed to "reach" half of the untargeted people groups in the world.

"Steve, what does reach mean?" I said. He jumped right in on the answer, "We know we need the bible, we have to have the scriptures translated into the local languages. The one who does most of that is Wycliffe." Just as Steve said this,

Roy Peterson, who was then the president of Wycliffe, walked up to the table just like he was on cue. "Roy," "How would you like to join our discussion and help us get scripture to all of these people groups?" Roy smiled and said, "I'm in," and sat down.

Steve continued, "Certainly we need church planting. Wouldn't it be great if someone from the international missions board (IMB) for the SBC could be part of this group? They are doing a tremendous work using church planting movements." At that very moment Avery Willis, senior leader with IMB, walked up to the table. "Avery, we were just talking about you guys," Steve said. "Could you help with church planting movements in these unreached people groups?" "I'm in," Avery responded. He then pulled up a chair and sat down at table 71.

"We will need research on the various church planting movements around the world, wouldn't it be great if DAWN could help us?" I said. At that moment the president of DAWN tapped on my shoulder and said, "Could I join this discussion?"

In just a few minutes time we had at the table representation from one of the top church planting organizations, the President of the largest scripture translation ministry, representation from the two largest missions organizations and the premiere church planting research group. Over the next ten minutes several other main leaders joined us, including Bruce Wilkinson, who was then the head of Walk Through The Bible.

We all knew that God was up to something significant.

Over the next couple days this group continued to meet at any chance we could. Steve and I worked on a missions statement for this new group, passing notes back and forth across the table. By the second day of our discussions, we decided we needed a name for this new partnership of ministries. None of us wanted a high profile; we were already part of large organizations. It was then that I looked at the sign on our table, which simply had the number 71 on it. The Graham organization had numbered all 100 tables so we could be easily organized.

"Why don't we call ourselves table 71, no one will know what that is?" I said. Immediately everybody liked that idea, little did we know all that God had in mind.

All this happened in August of 2000. The next year we began to meet 3 times a year. Table 71 grew and added more partners. Over these last 9 years God has nit us together in ways that we wouldn't have thought possible. Some of the major initiatives of our time are coming out of the ministries that are part of this fellowship of leaders. Including new research on UUPGs (Unengaged unreached people groups), new mapping strategies, oral bible initiatives and many elements of the Call2All movement.

One of the dreams of Table 71 is the number "Zero". The idea that there would be no unengaged, unreached people groups left. This is not an original idea, it began with Jesus. We see it in one of the key statements of the bible:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14 NIV

The Greek word used for nations in this scripture is "ethnos" which means tribe, race or people groups.

In my next report I will share with you one of the most amazing progress reports in world missions of our time. Look for *Zero Part 3*.

Mark Anderson - President GPN (Global Pastors Network) aka: Call2All

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Call2All Next Generation - 19-22 January 2010 - Tauranga

Mission Prayer / Fellowship Gatherings

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