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Prayer Links

Each quarter MI sends out a few pages of prayer requests to those who have expressed their interest in partnering with the rest of the NZ missions community through prayer. If your mission has prayer requests you'd like others to pray for, send them to MI: info@missions.org.nz. **Deadline for next issue: 3 March.** If you would like to receive these prayer requests once a quarter, send us an email with that request.

Accommodation Needed

Keith and Joy Dean of *Empower Mission* are looking for the right housing during their furlough, 12 June through the end of September. If you know of a place in the Auckland area please contact: 327 6567.

Open Doors Motorcycle Tour 2010

- 18 February – 6 March

Come and join a 4,000 km motorcycle challenge seeing New Zealand while supporting the Persecuted Church on a tour from Auckland to Invercargill and back over 17 days with a meeting each evening where the needs of the Persecuted Church will be presented. Riders can

join for the whole tour or part of the tour. Meetings are to be held at Cambridge, New Plymouth, Levin, Wellington, Richmond, Greymouth, Fairlie, Wanaka, Invercargill, Dunedin, Timaru, Christchurch, Blenheim, Havelock North, Gisborne, Rotorua and Blockhouse Bay. Anyone is invited to the meetings. For more information on conditions of participation and meeting locations check out the Events page at www.opendoors.org.nz. All funds raised on this tour will be used to provide 55 bicycles, 2 motorcycles and spare parts for pastors in Ethiopia and one restricted nation that cannot be named for security reasons. All enquiries to the Open Doors office 09 620 4200 or opendoorsnz@od.org.

OMS International becomes:

[One Mission Society](#)

One Lord. One Life. One Calling. In early January 2010, OMS launched a new name, tagline, logo and mission statement. These changes were designed to help One Mission Society better communicate what it has stood for since its inception in 1901 as The [Oriental Missionary Society](#).



Compassion Day march
TEAR Fund's March for Compassion Day 2010 will launch its *Our Children, Our World* campaign with a full day of national radio across the Rhema network, followed by tours in the North and South Islands. [Click here](#) for more...

Position Vacant

Micah Challenge

National Campaign Manager

Micah Challenge is a network of the Christian aid and development agencies set up to provide a united Christian voice in support of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the aim of halving global poverty by 2015. Our goal is increased understanding and response to poverty issues in the Christian community, and through that, an increase in support for government and non-government projects targeted at achieving the MDGs.

Micah Challenge Aotearoa New Zealand is looking for a National Campaign Manager

who will be responsible for planning and implementing campaign activities, and for all communications and promotions materials.

We are looking for someone with a sound understanding of the development sector and of the Christian community, able to network with development agencies, churches and other key partners, and with strong communication and advocacy skills. This is a half-time (20 hours per week) position. Closing date for applications: 26 February 2010. **For more information contact:** Darren Ward dward@cbmi.org.nz or Paul Thompson paul.thompson@banzaid.org.nz

World Indigenous Gathering

This global event (started in New Zealand by Monte Ohia) will be held in New Zealand in January 2011. Sam Chapman (Project Awhi and Maori Christian Alliance) and a team of key Christian leaders, are organizing this event which will draw people from around the world. More info will be forthcoming.

DONKEYS, 'Couriers' wanted for Vietnam

Asian Outreach NZ is looking for help in couriering some educational resources to Vietnam over the next few months. Contact James Muir for info. 021-400874 - Email james-muir.aonz@clear.net.nz.

Maxim Institute: *Untangling Aid*

Lecture by Dr Jane Silloway Smith on Foreign aid policy – its potential and its pitfalls. Tuesday 9th March. 6pm to 7:30pm.

Venue: St Cuthbert's College Aud., 122 Market Rd Epsom. RSVP rsvp@maxim.org.nz or more info: Summer Haycock (09) 627 3261.

Child Evangelism Fellowship is looking for an Office Manager

For job description or enquiries, phone 0275 650 467.

Office Space Available in Mt Roskill

Christian Assist Trust has more info available at: 09-626-6990 - 2B, 163, StoddardRd, Mt. Roskill.

Missionary Enrichment Retreat

Next MER: Tuesday, October 26th - Sunday, October 31st.

Venue: Lake Taupo Christian Camp.

Love Your Neighbour

A ministry working well overseas has started in Aotearoa. **Street Chaplaincy**. As with hospitals, prisons and schools, the idea is to have trained people who can be identified as street or community chaplains. If you have an interest in helping to get this working in NZ, [click here](#) for more info. www.loveyourneighbour.org.nz/

KingdomBook is a Christian social learning network. Connect with Christians around the world and receive expert training inside the **KingdomBook** classroom. They can also do translation fast in over 50 languages... <http://www.kingdombook.com/>

Child Evangelism Fellowship of NZ -

LITERATURE & RESOURCE CLEARANCE

Opening days: Friday 19th & Saturday 20th February. Come and have a cuppa on us! Specials available until 26th February at *Evangelism Discipling Centre* (EDC) 122 Hugo Johnston Drive, Penrose, 1st Floor. 10.00 am – 3:00 pm. 20 – 80% OFF ALL STOCK. Great for Sunday School teachers! Rally leaders! Children's ministry leaders and teachers! Bible lessons – flannelgraph and flash card, Mission stories – serial and one off lessons, music, visualised songs, lessons for Christian living,

Seasonal lessons, nic-nacs for children, greatly reduced caps for the summer, sweatshirts for the winter, and lots more... EMAIL ORDERS: resources@cef.org.nz Phone orders: 0800 789 233. Cash, Cheque or Eftpos only. All mail orders will incur P&P. Sale prices will be on our website from 12 Feb: www.cef.org.nz.

Harvest Festival – Auckland, July 2010 and June 2011

Christchurch and Wellington have both run successful Harvest Festivals with evangelist Greg Laurie in recent years. Auckland churches are now working together toward a major 3 evening evangelism event in June 2011 with a 1 night event this July to get an idea and some practice in what's to come.

Lausanne global conversations: World mission partnership and pluralism

Two new essays in the Lausanne global conversation have been recently posted. The first looks at [the need for partnership in mission](#), while in the second a Singaporean theologian discusses [how the West can meet the challenge of pluralism and relativism](#).

Gavin and Michelle McConnell

Have returned from Europe (and India, Mongolia, Cyprus & Thailand) to NZ. They have a new Debriefing ministry called 'Piringa' which has a web site: www.piringa.org.nz.

Piringa 



3rd Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation

About 20 New Zealanders will join with approximately 4,000 other evangelical leaders from around the world in October, in South Africa, for this Congress. <http://www.lausanne.org/>

6th New Zealand Congress – 21-24 February 2011

Based on the feedback from various Christian leaders around the country the next Christian

Network Congress will focus on: unity and mission/evangelism (youth & children's issues, environment, reaching immigrant/ethnic groups, and the need for research).

2014 Bi-centennial of the Gospel in New Zealand

Marsden Cross Trust and other key Christian leaders are working on the plans for this important event, some of which will likely occur at various times of that year.

Reports

Haami (Sam) Tutu Chapman

– Local Kiwi Hero



Congratulations to MI friend Sam Chapman on winning the *Local Hero Award* in the New Zealander of the Year 2010 awards. Sam has 40 years' experience in transforming individuals and

communities, particularly engaging with people who have lost hope and been rejected by mainstream society. Sam is the Chairman of the **Maori Christian Alliance** and is based in Otara. [Click here](http://www.nzawards.org.nz/LocalHeroes/tabid/27944/Default.aspx) to read the *Local Hero Award* citation. <http://www.nzawards.org.nz/LocalHeroes/tabid/27944/Default.aspx>

Haiti: cursed or blessed?

"Every time a disaster happens anywhere in the world, some within the Christian community tell us it's the judgment of God being poured out on sinful people," writes Bishop Gerald "Gerry" Seale, DD, General Secretary and CEO, *Evangelical Association of the Caribbean*. "It has become increasingly difficult for me to think in those terms." [Read more...](http://www.visionnetwork.org.nz/publication/link.php?M=21487&N=98&L=186&F=H)

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Peace and reconciliation – new website

A new website to foster peace and reconciliation has been established by the World Evangelical Alliance. The World Evangelical Alliance Peace and Reconciliation Initiative (WEAPRI) has been established to respond to the extraordinary opportunity that 420 million evangelicals have to reach out to the world as peace-makers through the Church and Christian community internationally. The WEAPRI secretariat is based in Auckland, and the project was formally inaugurated in October 2008. The website is at www.weapri.org.

THE FLAME GOES FORWARD

celebrating 50 years of YWAM

YWAM 50th Jubilee

About 800 gathered at Bethlehem College for several days in January – the first of about 40 such celebrations around the world this year.

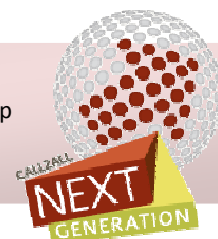
More info [here](http://reonline.activeglobal.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=767371).



Call2All – Next Generation

About 1500 came to Bethlehem College from about 40 nations for this event, designed to help raise up a new generation of missionaries. For reports of each day, [click here](http://www.call2all.org/Group/Group.aspx?ID=1000054469).

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Destination World: Update

DW@PI0 Report



February 11, 2010

By Jamie Wood

DW 2.0

Hi all. What follows below is an update about how Destination World at Parachute 2010 fared. Essentially it was a very positive experience. However, at the post experience debrief it came to our attention that not everyone realises how Destination World was bought out of a hiatus by Missions Interlink last year and that we're now effectively operating as Destination World 2.0.

After Parachute 2009 DW pretty much shut down. For a complex number of reasons Darren Birch was unable to continue coordinating DW and so it rapidly lost momentum. No action was taken with the minimal number of contacts we secured from the event and nobody amongst the original coordinating team felt led (or realized it was an option) to take DW forward.

The situation was bought up at the Missions Interlink Council strategic retreat in May '09 by one of the original coordinating team members. Since DW is closely connected with the Koroutahi Manifesto, and its objectives lie close to the heart of MI Council members, the Council agreed to take on full responsibility for Destination World and delegate it to a working group. Council Members Interserve, OMF, Pioneers, SIM, and WEC were appointed to make up the working group that we now know as the DW Oversight Team. I (Jamie Wood, as Pioneers' representative) was appointed Team Leader (i.e. Chair) to carry the thing forward.

But DW@PI0 remained dead in the water until Kevin Chan (World Outreach) submitted an experience proposal that the Oversight Team decided was worth pursuing and finally in late October DW was back on the road with new leadership and a re-ignited vision. Hopefully, you'll know the rest because from then on (with one notable exception) regular updates like these have been distributed.

As a working group of the MI Council the Oversight Team's primary role is to fulfill the mobilization objectives of DW, in keeping with the Koroutahi Manifesto (a copy of which is available from Jamie on request). This is done by appointing and overseeing Project Leaders with the responsibility to bring DW to life via activities such as DW@Parachute, DW:THE CALL conference, and Regional Advocate initiatives. For example, the DW@PI0 project was led by Emmy Henderson (WEC) with a lot of help from Kevin Chan and other volunteers. DW essentially relies on volunteer-power, most of which is donated from contributing organizations gifting staff hours and resources to make DW events happen.

To further define DW and set it on it's path into the future the Oversight Team will be presenting a DW Policy Manual to the Missions Interlink Council at it's strategic retreat in May '10 - a lot has happened in just twelve months!

DW@PI0 Overview

Destination World at Parachute 2010 is now done and dusted (or done and dampened as the case may be). 35 volunteers were involved in creating the interactive event over the weekend and others (notably Kevin Chan who designed the experience and MMM which constructed the site walls) were involved prior.

The following contributing organisations were well represented by their volunteers: Eastwest College, Interserve, MECO, OMF, SIM, Pioneers, World Outreach, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Emmy Henderson (WEC) did an outstanding job of administrating the event and navigating the teams through pre-site training and on-site hiccups as we sorted all the bugs out of the system and settled into the flow of things.

The biggest disappointment was the big wet that came down on the Sunday and hung around off and on until close of business Monday. This markedly reduced our visitor numbers, as Sunday is usually the busiest day for Destination World at Parachute.

The Stats

The core statistics for DW@PI0...

1449 visitors to the experience

160 respondents providing their contact information

\$9,251.10 expenditure (includes volunteer tickets and t-shirts which they reimburse us for).

Considering we had a much smaller presence, a fraction of the site space, a smaller volunteer team and a minimal budget, this was a tremendous result. Compare this with previous years:

Year	Throughput	Respondents	Expenditure
2009	2500 (approx)	93	\$ 22,155.07
2008	3000 (approx)	1031	\$ 29,840.89

Below is an appendix with a full financial breakdown and comparative figures for your information as we seek to maintain transparency in all we do with DW.

The Experience

Despite it being hot work on the Friday and Saturday, and wet and slow on the Sunday and Monday, a great time was enjoyed by all the volunteers. The experience was well thought through and integrated this year with professional grade multi-media, backdrops, props and excellent acting by our volunteer "holograms".

For those who couldn't make it, here are some images from the first day ...



The Crowds Await

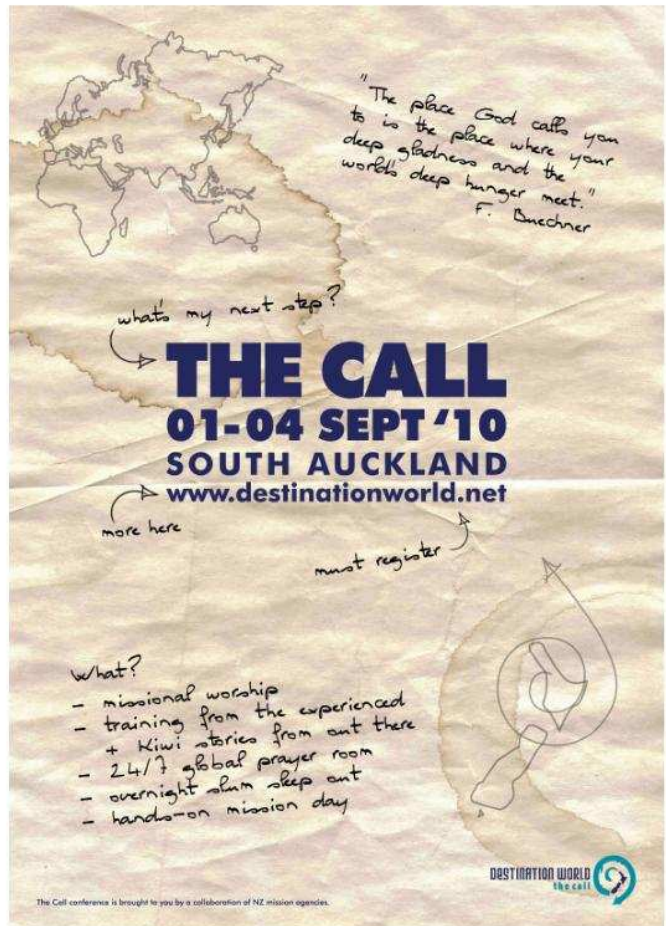
The Video Intro

A Warm Welcome

Deadly Sick Challenge



Parachute Festival 2010
Destination World Sponsors



The Call conference is brought to you by a collaboration of NZ mission agencies.



Mission Leaders Gathering

4 May – 9 am to 3 pm

Venue: WEC NZHQ – Gordonton

If you are a mission leader, come join us

More info to come

RSVP required

Space is limited

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Mission Prayer / Fellowship Gatherings

Balmoral (Auckland):

Johannes Balzer - johannes@interserve.org.nz

Christchurch:

Bruce Morriss - canty@tearfund.org.nz

Max Palmer - max@lr.org.nz

Manukau City:

Wayne Freeman - wayne_freeman@wycliffe.org

Nelson

June Borlase – 544 7060

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Richard Hemmingsen – richardh@sga.org.nz

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Graeme Lee - admin@edc.org.nz

Tauranga:

James Muir - james-muir.aonz@clear.net.nz

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Leadership Team: Wayne Freeman, Max Palmer,
Jamie Wood, Johannes Balzer, and others

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.

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