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## Bulletin

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# Notices

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### Mission Without Borders

MWB is looking for God's person to be the next NZ director of this mission agency. Any suggestions? Contact: Robert Imlach [[rmlach@MWBI.org](mailto:rmlach@MWBI.org)].

### AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Once a year, people from almost every nation, tribe and tongue gather in Mt Roskill to celebrate Auckland's cultural diversity. Experience the sights, sounds, food, culture, arts and crafts of North Africa, Middle East, Central Asia, India, Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America. **Sunday 29 March, 10am - 5pm**, War Memorial Park (behind the Wesley Community Centre), 740 Sandringham Rd Extension, Sandringham, Auckland (free entry). This is a fantastic cross-cultural experience. Support the Combined Roskill Churches pavilion featuring a stage with Christian cross-cultural performers, and marquees featuring Christian community based services, hospitality and literature. Cross-cultural items needed for the stage - contact Michael Simkin on 021 153 1920 or email [msimkin@perspectives.org.nz](mailto:msimkin@perspectives.org.nz) if you can help. For more information visit [www.perspectives.org.nz/auckland-cultural-festival](http://www.perspectives.org.nz/auckland-cultural-festival).

### OZ Fire Update

We are sad to inform you that the WEC/Betel facilities in Marysville Victoria were totally destroyed in the recent bushfires. The people in the program were forced to flee in the face of raging fires, and one of the WEC leaders perished. Betel is a church planting field of WEC International, it is a not-for-profit Christian community dedicated to helping homeless and substance-dependant people. See more on their web site [www.betel.org/au](http://www.betel.org/au). With this in mind we have established a **Betel Australia Reconstruction Fund**. Donations via WEC New Zealand will be passed on in their entirety. If you wish to donate, cheques should be to WEC International, and sent to WEC International - Betel Australia Reconstruction Fund, 35 College Drive, RD1, Taupiri 3791. Or email [finance@wecnz.org](mailto:finance@wecnz.org) for electronic details. Thank you - Matthew Perry

### IRD Attempts to Revoke Pioneers GST Registration

Pioneers recently had a visit from reps of the IRD. The result was an attempt to have their GST registration revoked because they "collect no GST on supply." This COULD affect many mission organizations and churches if it is allowed to stand. So of course it is being appealed, particularly in light of the fact that the government encourages registration and there is no minimum required in the law. Please join *Pioneers* in praying for this matter.

### Notice from Gordon & Helen Stanley

"After over a year we are still receiving mail for Missions Interlink - sometimes from **your** International offices - please make the change if this is you or your ministry. Thanks for checking on this. We have closed the PO Box and our new address is **5 Paparua Station Rd, RD 1, Paparua 0571**. Email [ghstanley@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:ghstanley@maxnet.co.nz). Telephone # remains the same.

*We would welcome any of you at any time. Thanks, Gordon & Helen."*



The following **Mission Events** have already been promoted in recent MI Bulletins. Please refer to them for any details needed.

**Explore** – Down to earth missions – 21 March, 16 May, 18 July...

**Interserve Day** – 4 April

**Transforming Our World** – 14 April – Laidlaw College

**Towards a Kiwi-made Preaching** – 18 April – Carey College

**Missionary enrichment Retreat** – 3 May – Lake Taupou Christian Camp

**Bible Storying for Cross-Cultural Evangelism & Church Planting** – 4 May... WEC

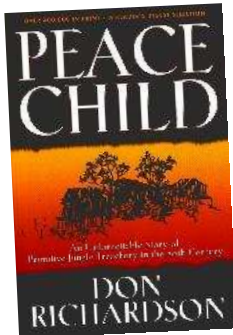
**Business, Ministry, Leadership Course** – July – Capernwray

**Envision 09** – August – Tauranga - You are invited to exhibit your mission agency at Envision 09.

In addition the Strategic Missions Charitable Trust is seeking submissions for those who may like to present electives or country reports. These are required no later than 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

# Don Richardson

**Coming to New Zealand Soon. Don't Miss Out.**

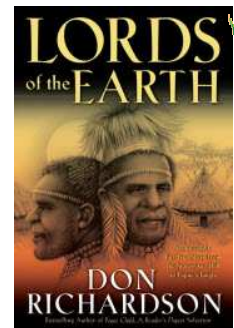


Canadian-born Don Richardson spent his youth in three provinces of Canada: Prince Edward Island, Ontario and British Columbia. He began his walk with the Lord at a Youth For Christ rally in 1952. Both he and his late wife, Carol Joy [Soderstrom], graduated from Prairie Bible Institute, Alberta, and completed training at Wycliffe's Summer Institute of Linguistics.



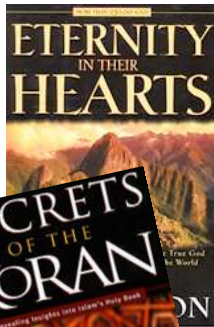
In 1962, under sponsorship of **World Team** (formerly Regions Beyond Missionary Union), Don and Carol embarked on a missionary career in Irian Jaya (formerly Dutch New Guinea). They served for 15 years among the Sawi, a Stone Age tribe of cannibal-headhunters who valued treachery as an ideal. Don designed an alphabet suited to their language, authored 19 primers, taught the tribesmen to read in their native tongue and translated the New Testament into Sawi. More than half of the Sawi came to Christ.

Don is a best-selling author. His first book, **PEACE CHILD**, tells the dramatic story of how the Richardsons were able to communicate the Gospel to the Sawi. **LORDS OF THE EARTH** documents the trials of their colleagues among the Yali, another Irian Jaya tribe. **ETERNITY IN THEIR HEARTS**, Don's third book, presents case histories of the way God prepares cultures to receive the Gospel. Don's fourth book, **SECRETS OF THE KORAN**, enables readers to know the Koran better than many Muslims.



**Since 1977 Don has served as "Minister-at-Large" for World Team.**

He is an ordained pastor and holds an honorary doctorate of literature from Biola University. He speaks at more than 40 missions conferences per year and has spoken in all 50 U.S. states and in 36 countries. Don also frequently lectures nationwide at classes for the **U.S. Center for World Mission course called "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement,"** as well as on college and seminary campuses.



Don is the father of four grown children, all serving the Lord. Following the passing of his first wife in early 2004, Don wed Carol Joyce Abraham of Bend, Oregon in July 2005. Carol's ministry includes speaking to women's groups, music solos, teaching, and hospitality.



# Don Richardson

Don is well known and greatly respected around the world as a Missions Lecturer and Missionary Statesman, as well as through his Mission Books



## Christchurch

**Venue for all Chch events: La Vida Centre** - 34a Hansens Lane – Riccarton.

**Sat. 2 May** – 7:30pm - *Destination Earth* youth event with Grace Falls and band and Don Richardson.  
Entry \$10 per person.

**Sun. 3 May** - 7pm intro for *Destination Earth* Seminar.

**Mon. to Wed. 4-6 May** – 7pm - *Destination Earth* Seminar - cost \$45 per person.  
Register by calling *Life Resources*: 03 365 2121.

## Tauranga

**Sun. 10 May** – St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dee St, Mt Maunganui – 8-30am & 10:10am Services.  
Sunday Evening – St Peters Presbyterian, Spring St, Tauranga 7-00pm – **OPEN TO ALL!**

**Tue. & Wed. 12 & 13 May** – 8-45am – 12-45pm, Faith Bible College – Welcome Bay.  
**OPEN TO ALL!** - Lunch bookings \$5-00. Phone Office Ph 5442463.

**Wed. 13 May** – 7-00pm – Otumoetai Baptist Church, Otumoetai Rd, Tauranga. 7-00pm –  
*'Blessed to be a Blessing.'* **OPEN TO ALL!**

**Thurs. 14 May** – 9-00am – 1-30pm – Elim Christian Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave & Devonport Rd, Tauranga.  
Theme : *'GROWING YOUR CHURCH IN MISSIONS'* - *Lessons from Church History.*

Cost \$30 per person. **ESPECIALLY FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP & MISSION LEADERS!**  
For more information contact – James Muir @ Asian Outreach, Phone 07-5788618 or 021-400874.

## Auckland

**Sat. 16 May** – 9am to 3pm – **Eastgate Christian Centre, Pakuranga** – 5 Ben Lomond Cres., Pakuranga.  
Cost: \$40 (**\$30 for MI Members & students**) IF paid before 30 April. Lunch provided. **After 30 April: \$60.**  
Register: email: [info@missions.org.nz](mailto:info@missions.org.nz). Phone: 275 8333.

**Sun. 17 am** – Auckland Bible Church – Directions: [www.abccchurch.co.nz/about\\_direct.htm](http://www.abccchurch.co.nz/about_direct.htm).

7: pm – Northcross Community Church – 826a East Coast Road, Browns Bay. (*Perspectives* gathering.)

**Tues. 19** – Laidlaw College Chapel (Note: this is NOT a public event)



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International Call2All Gathering **Hong Kong • June 1 - 6, '09**

[click here to register](#)

Greetings from Canberra!

I am writing to you just days after the bushfire disaster in the Australian state of Victoria, north of the city of Melbourne. The response of the Australian people is typical, yet also amazing in its magnitude. I often wonder in times like these, what the planet would be like if people would be so moved to contribute to the cause of missions. Thank you for seeing the heart of God for humanity and for responding to give your life to this cause and to demonstrate the Good News of the Kingdom come in Jesus.

Steve Kabachia, Bishop of Agape Churches, East Africa Coordinator  
 Benson Nyanyor, Coordinator, Global Day of Prayer, Kenya  
 Call2All and Lausanne Committee, WEA and Mission America Coalition  
 Steve Douglass, President of Campus Crusade For Christ  
 Doug Schneider, Senior Pastor, The Embassy Church, Oshawa, Canada  
 Luis Palau, World Evangelist  
 Mike Bickle, Director, International House Of Prayer, Kansas  
 Bobby Welch, Former President of the Southern Baptist Convention  
 Graham Power, Global Day of Prayer / Transformation Africa  
 Jack Hayford, President, Foursquare Churches  
 Loren Cunningham, Founder, Youth With A Mission  
 Wes Rein heller, Founder, Medican  
 John Maxwell  
 Paul Eshleman, Vice President Evangelism, Campus Crusade for Christ

**Call2All** is an opportunity for us to build relationships with the broader Body of Christ to form a foundation for response to the call to missions for the next Century. At the beginning of each Century, God seems to provoke the emergence of a catalyst to aid in the increase of enthusiasm for the Great Commission. Israel had the yearly feasts to keep them reminded of whom they were and what was their task, and we seem to need these constant reminders. These festivals were also time to come together for fellowship, relationship-building and partnership development.

**This could be the first time since 1949 that large numbers of China church leaders will be able to gather openly for the purpose of looking at the task and challenge of their involvement in the world mission movement.**

In 1974, Dr Ralph Winter addressed the *Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism*. History now records that address to be the launch of the 'third wave of the worldwide missions' movement'. The last initiative of encouragement in that movement was the AD2000 'a church for every people by 2000 AD', along with the

*adopt-a-people* strategy. Thousands of people groups have been targeted and engaged as a result of that encouragement.

In 1975, just one year after Dr Winter's address, Loren Cunningham and Dr Bill Bright met to exchange notes on what the Lord was saying to them - the result being the promotion of a **totally-integrated approach to mission strategy**. Not so much a brand-new idea but the beginning of a new move of energy and focus. Dr Bright, before he died, presented a vision of 1 billion converts and 5 million leaders as a goal for the evangelical churches around the world. This vision has developed into the **Call2All** movement, with over 200 denominational and mission agencies as active participants. Mark Anderson has been appointed by the International Board of Call2All, to be the CEO.

Since Mark's appointment, the movement has taken on new life. David Hamilton's idea of being able to measure the task through the lens of "omega zones" and the "human life needs index" has become a framework for thinking in an integrative manner about missions. Using Loren Cunningham and Bill Bright's idea, now known as "spheres of influence" or "7 mountains", the Call2All gatherings have become a real means of launching the 'Fourth Wave of Evangelical Missions' in the hearts of Christian leaders worldwide.

### Why is Call2All, Hong Kong important?

This is your opportunity as a leader to be together with church leaders from the Asia Pacific, gathering for the single purpose to discover through relationship-creation, *"how we should live and do the work of mission"* for the next 100 years!

A large number of mainland China leaders are planning to be there, along with leaders from Korea, Japan, Indochina and South East Asia. This is your opportunity to make connection and forge relationship across the Body of Christ, particularly in the nations that are part of our primary focus ... China, Indochina, Indonesia, Malaysia...

Please also take the initiative personally to communicate this opportunity to church and mission leaders with whom you are acquainted.

There has never been a time in the history of missions when the whole Body of Christ was so open to a "Call 2 All" peoples and to see a totally integrated approach as being from the heart of God. Ephesians 1:23 says that God has made Jesus to fill all and be in all. This is the era of discovery of what the *'all'* is. I look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong.

Love in Jesus, Tom Halla



Tom Hallas has served for many years as the Pacific & Asia regional director of Youth With A Mission (YWAM). He and his wife, Diana, are based in Canberra, Australia.

The Call to All

working together  
to fulfill the Great Commission



# Missionary Enrichment Retreats

RECENTLY RETURNED MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARIES ON LEAVE

MERs provide opportunity for you to reflect on your experience, evaluate how you have coped, and equip yourself for the future in a safe place away from pressure and with people who understand.

## DAILY PROGRAMME

Each day begins with a devotional followed by two workshops on specific topics. These are followed by free time and opportunity to meet with one of the facilitators to explore personal issues. We will also have a guided *quiet retreat* segment.

A range of topics relating to missionary life will be covered

SESSIONS WILL FOCUS ON DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE LIFE SKILLS SUCH AS:

- Communication
- Conflict resolution
- Appropriate assertiveness
- Spiritual resources

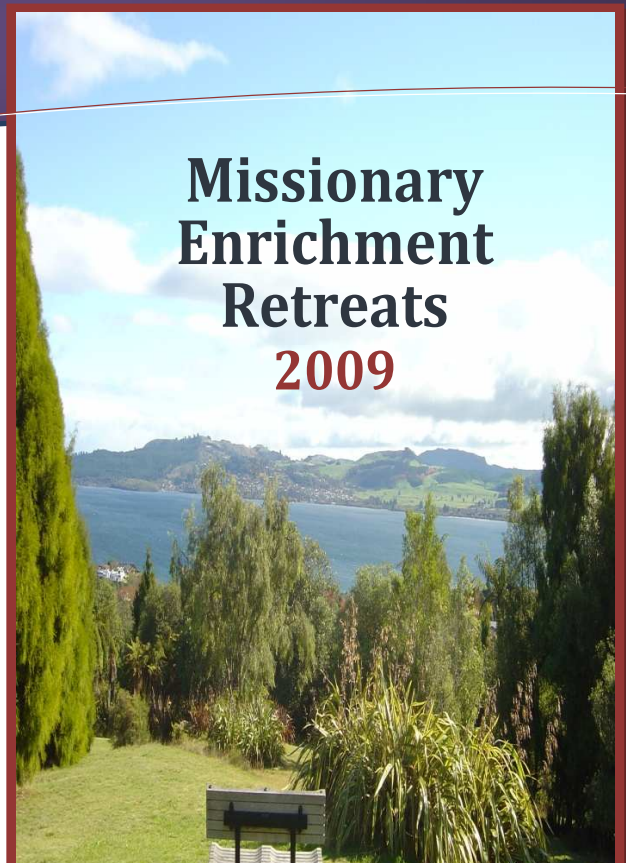
SOME WILL BE FOCUSED ON CHALLENGES SUCH AS:

- Dealing with "baggage" from the past
- Unfulfilled expectations
- Stress and burnout
- Singleness issues and marriage strains

Register by: April 17<sup>th</sup> (for the May retreat) or October 9<sup>th</sup> (for the October retreat)



Whatever your role, wherever in the world you have been serving, mission service is unique in the stress and blessings it brings



## Missionary Enrichment Retreats 2009

**MAY retreat:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
**Location:** Lake Taupo Christian Camp  
**Cost:** \$350 per person

**OCTOBER retreat:** 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2009  
**Location:** Lake Taupo Christian Camp  
**Cost:** \$350 per person

The complete MER double-sided brochure is available from MI, various mission agencies and the Feb. 09 MI Bulletin Supplement. Please help get the word out on this.

## Mission Prayer / Fellowship Gatherings

### Balmoral (Auckland):

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

### Christchurch:

Max Palmer - [max@lr.org.nz](mailto:max@lr.org.nz)

### Manukau City:

Wayne Freeman - [wayne\\_freeman@wycliffe.org](mailto:wayne_freeman@wycliffe.org)

### North Shore:

Richard Hemmingsen - [richardh@sga.org.nz](mailto:richardh@sga.org.nz)

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)

Note: If you know of other regular **Missions Prayer / Fellowship Gatherings** around NZ, please let us know so we can encourage others to participate as well.