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Three nations devastated in one week: Indonesia, the Philippines, and Samoa.
Pacific Emergency Appeal

The week of September 27th has been for the Pacific rim a perfect storm; a tsunami in Samoa has taken lives, destroyed homes and livelihoods; massive flooding has displaced hundreds of thousands in and around Manila, The Philippines including families of our sponsored children and micro-enterprise clients; also a series of destructive earthquakes in Sumatra have killed 1100 people and made tens of thousands homeless.

In each disaster TEAR Fund (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund) is responding. In Samoa we are working through local village churches providing shelter, emergency supplies, and pastoral support. Also we are supporting our partner Medical Assistance Programmes in rushing needed medical resources.

As reports of massive earthquake damage is coming in from Sumatra with deaths of over 1000 we are in discussions with our relief partners there and are considering their response.

In Manila the hardest hit are the poorest whose makeshift homes in the slums have been completely destroyed by the flooding. Of concern, is the approach of another even more powerful Typhoon with winds up to 130km per hour. TEAR Fund’s initial response has been to send $30,000 to enable emergency relief for food, water and clothing. Emergency aid is desperately required for further food, water and clothing as well as relocation and rebuilding of destroyed shelters. TEAR Fund is particularly well placed to respond through our Christian relief partners on the ground, Compassion International and the Centre for Community Transformation and ASKI.

Your donation to these critical disasters will enable TEAR Fund to respond to the most urgent needs. Please consider $20 or whatever you are able. Your compassionate generosity and prayerful concern can and will make a real and lasting difference.

You can give by mailing a cheque to TEAR Fund, by calling 0800 800 777, or click here to donate online.

Stephen Tollestrup, Executive Director, TEAR Fund
House Available
Three bedroom house available to rent in Favona, Auckland from 14 Dec. 2009 - 15 Jan. 2010. Contact: inoreen777@gmail.com, Tim or Joan: 09 275 1907.

Vehicle for Missions
The Manurewa Christian Fellowship have a Motor Vehicle which is available to the wider body of Christ for missionaries on furlough, those in the ministry etc. The vehicle is free of charge and is best confined to the North Island. There is a small limit of time for its use but in the main is for a maximum of 3 months. Enquiries and bookings to David Orpin, 09-2678135.

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE EPPS
Laurence Epp is the International Director for ReachAcross (formerly Red Sea Mission Team) and he and his wife Peggy are making their first visit to New Zealand. Laurence and Peggy have had considerable missionary experience in the Sudan, Egypt and Yemen. They are informed, interesting and innovative speakers and our fervent prayer and hope is that their visit here will help Christians to wake up to the challenges and rewards of reaching out to their Muslim neighbours both locally and overseas. They will be speaking in churches in around 30 communities across the country between 4 and 22 October. Contact Keith Walls: 021 188 8413 or email: walls@clear.net.nz for a copy of the schedule.

Mission Psych Assessment team will be Monday Nov 9th at 11 am for approximately 2 hours. Venue is HCJB, the EDC centre 122 Hugo Johnson Drive Penrose. This is an open meeting, please feel free to invite others who may not have used psychological assessment but might want to know more about it. Our objectives will be to:

- Get to know each other
- Update on the gradual changes that take place over a couple of years
- Clarify anything that is not so well-understood, especially for newer agency people who are just getting used to it
- Listen to your feedback and answer questions
- Consult with you about what you need and how we can best meet these needs
- Brainstorm about how we could get feedback on how missionaries we have assessed are getting on several years later
- Introduce a member care tracking database
- Any other objectives you would like to suggest

For the sake of catering for morning tea, please RSVP by Nov 5th. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Manson, Personnel Profiles - Email: pprofiles@maxnet.co.nz
The NZTN National Conference
is in Auckland on the 13th and 14th November 2009
(Friday evening and daytime Saturday). We have a
great range of speakers to inspire us. Some of the topics
covered will be;

- Hearing from a long term worker in Turkey.
- Initiatives around the call for 2015
- “Kids In Turkey” update
- A report on the April 2009 NZ Workers Retreat

Blessings, John Wheeler, Director - NZTN

New Mission Website
Rodney Cowell – Kiwi author of God’s Secret Plan;
Multicultural Mission - has a new website:
www.multiculturalmission.com providing a platform for
bringing information together to promote and inform
Churches and Church leaders of resources available.

The Global Missions Handbooks have
arrived and been dutifully unpacked and
stacked ready for your orders. Christina
(Pioneers) will be distributing them to those
who pre-ordered them over the next week or
so.

Recommended Retail Price: $40.50NZ + postage
& handling + GST;

Discounted Price to MI Members: $27.00 +
p&h + GST (that’s a 33% discount);

Discounted Price to non-MI Members: $35.00 + p&h + GST;
MI Members need to state that they’re MI members.

Contact Christina at Pioneers: 09 634 6466 or pioneers@mobilizing.co.nz.

“This is not a book to be read in one sitting; it is richly and profoundly more.
It brings innumerable specialists together producing what in my opinion has
never previously been written. It is a comprehensive reference guide for
those who seek global service for Christ. Spectacular!”

** [the late] Ralph D. Winter, founder, US Center for World Missions

SPECIAL MEETINGS
C2A - NEXT GENERATION

When: Wednesday 21st October
Where: Baypark Stadium, Truman Lane, Mt
Maunganui (ample free parking)
Special guest - JOHN DAWSON

9:00am - 11:00am – Church / Mission
leadership - Morning Tea
who: Pastors, Elders, Youth Pastors,
Missions Leaders & all other leaders
Facilitators: Ps David Dishroon (Senior
Pastor Changepoint, Tauranga),

12:00pm - 2:00pm - Business Lunch
- Tickets available
who: Catered specifically for those involved in
the marketplace (Government, Media, Sports
& Art, Science & Technology etc)
Facilitator: Mr Brett Yeatman
(Founder & CEO Prolink International)

4:00pm - 5:00pm - Education
who: Principals, Teachers, lecturers, faculty
heads & others involved in education
Facilitator: Graham Preston (Founder
Bethlehem College)

7:00pm - 9:00pm - Public Gathering (All Welcome)
"Bringing the wider community together in worship. Sharing the vision of Call2All Next Generation.
Preparing our hearts & lives for a fresh move of God" - Speaker: John Dawson

No RSVP needed - Koha received for the expenses. John Dawson - Founder of the International Reconciliation Coalition &
PresidentYWAM International. John originates from NZ, has resided in Los Angeles for over 25 years, having an international
influence and a widely respected author & prophetic voice to cities & nations. John brings a unique perspective & insight from his
travels throughout the nations. He has held an eldership role in the Call2All Movement internationally. He will speak in each of
the meetings. RSVP for all the above by 14th October: infonz@call2all.org
From the MI
Bulk purchasing Coordinator

One of the side benefits of belonging to Missions Interlink (NZ), is that over recent years, we have linked into a bulk purchasing group (GSB Supplycorp) as well as making some direct contacts with some suppliers. All of this has been done with your good stewardship in mind. Yes, MI does retain a small percentage of the discounts to help our expenses, but the advantage to you - the end user - is our primary focus.

This month we have very recently opened an account with the Noel Leeming Group, which includes Bond and Bond. As you will well know, these companies have a wide range of electrical goods from white-ware etc. (do you need a new microwave for the staff room?) through to computers and some associated materials. It is hard to say what the discount off retail will be, but we expect to average approx 17.5%. I hope this contract will be of use to not only your staff room, but also to members of your staff. Please pass this info on. Thanks.

Interested in a better understanding of God’s down-to-earth mission? Wondering about crossing cultures, and integrating life, career, service and God’s call? Then eXplore is for you!

Engage with first-hand experiences and share a great ethnic lunch as we eXplore mission related topics with you at this one-day event. Registration required – contact us today.

When? 31 October (9.30am to 5.30pm)
Where? The Missions Centre, 591 Dominion Rd, Balmoral, Auckland
Cost: $25 – includes entry, materials, great ethnic food and lots of coffee!!!

Contact alison@interserve.org.nz, or call 630 0981

eXplore is presented by Interserve NZ

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director how do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."
"Oh, I understand," I said "A normal person would use the bucket because it’s bigger than the spoon or the teacup."
"No," said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug.
Do you want a bed near the window?"
Mission Prayer / Fellowship Gatherings

Balmoral (Auckland):
Johannes Balzer - johannes@interserve.org.nz

Christchurch:
Bruce Morriss – canty@tearfund.org.nz
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Penrose (Auckland):
Graeme Lee - admin@edc.org.nz

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

Missionary Enrichment Retreat
2009

OCTOBER retreat: 27th Oct – 1st Nov 2009
Location: Lake Taupo Christian Camp
Cost: $350 per person

LAST CHANCE
info@missions.org.nz

Missions Interlink (NZ) Bulletin
October 2009

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. We began in ‘72 as The NZ Evangelical Missionary Alliance, gaining experience, riding trends, keeping up to date with developments in missions worldwide.

Our Purpose Statement - To network and serve all involved in outreach in, from and to NZ so that NZ participation in world mission is maximized. 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.

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.

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