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Several hundred people were blessed and challenged by Don Richardson, one of the leading missionaries of the 20th century (and still going strong) – in Christchurch, Tauranga and Auckland.

Notices



REWIRE is about to happen again!

Why: It's a great introduction for people interested in language and culture learning. This means you are getting great value for your \$50.

Where: Missons' Centre, 591 Dominion Rd, Balmoral (lots of parking behind the building).

When: 26 – 28 June 09. For more information please contact:
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Mission Prayer / Fellowship Gatherings

Balmoral (Auckland):

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CATALYST GRADUATE CONFERENCE

26th - 28th June, Forest Lakes, Otaki

The Catalyst Conference is for graduates who want to keep the gospel at the heart of their work, whether they are in the marketplace, doing post-graduate study, or serving as academics.

We'll be studying the book of Daniel, and learning lessons about following Jesus in the company of friends, in the workplace and in our daily lives. The plenary sessions will be integrated with specific tracks for graduates in the marketplace, postgraduates and academics. These tracks will be led by some of New Zealand's key contributors on these subjects including:

Professor Peter Thinkell; Professor Jonathan Boston;
Dr Bev Norsworthy; Nigel Pollock; Aled Griffiths & Wayne Kirkland

For more information visit:
www.catalyst.ac.nz/conference,
or contact the TSCF office:
tscf@tscf.org.nz
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Studying the book of Daniel together

Opportunities to network with other Christians in your field

Time to rest and reflect in a beautiful location

A fantastic range of discounted books



Envision 09 - Mission Conference

1st August 2009

If you would like your mission organisation to **exhibit** at Envision 09 please do remember to complete the Envision 09 Exhibitors Form and send it in to Strategic Missions. You can download the form from <http://www.envision.org.nz/downloads/AgencyInviteExhibitorForm.pdf>

Strategic Missions is still looking for more **country report presenters**. The suggested format is 20 minutes presentation, 10 minutes prayer, 5 minutes discussion. If you would like to present a country your organisation is involved with contact them. Please email Pete Cossey at peter@strategic-missions.org.nz for more details or call 07 579 2144.

Did You Know... ?



Missionary Enrichment Retreat
2009

MISSIONS INTERLINK (NZ)
Kiwis Partnering
in God's Mission

The poster features a scenic view of a lake and mountains. A small sign in the foreground reads 'MISSIONS INTERLINK (NZ) Kiwis Partnering in God's Mission'.

OCTOBER retreat: 27th Oct – 1st Nov 2009

Location: Lake Taupo Christian Camp

Cost: \$350 per person

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

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.

MI Council Member Steve Tollestrup Appointed

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) has appointed Steve Tollestrup in Auckland, New Zealand as its Director of Peace-building and Reconciliation Initiative (PRI), a special project launched by WEA in a bid to expand its existing global Christian peace-building efforts.

"I am delighted to appoint Steve Tollestrup as the Director of our Peace-building and Reconciliation Initiative," said Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe, the International Director of WEA. "Steve brings experience, skill and passion to this very important role. As we look across the globe we recognize this initiative is more needed than ever."



"Reconciliation seems to me, from my reading of scripture, is a unique Christian ministry that cannot be separated out from either proclamation or works," said Tollestrup, who is also a member of the Global Reconciliation Network which was initiated at Lausanne 2004.

"To be Christian is to be a peace-maker. I cannot think of poverty anywhere in the world where I cannot trace back to some conflict either directly or as exacerbating. For this reason Evangelicals must become conflict literate and be able to contribute to reconciliation and peace-making. As Jesus emphatically stated, 'Blessed are the peace-makers.'"

Mr. Tollestrup said a small group of three part-time staff employees will work with him on this project, and it will be financially supported by TEAR Fund New Zealand. The plan is to initially build awareness among WEA membership of WEA PRI and its goals, expand their mailing list, develop their website and make available simple peace-building resources. WEA PRI wishes to build cooperative relations with other Christian peace and reconciliation networks throughout the world as they look to prepare for Cape Town 2010, the third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization.

"I am approaching this with a real sense that we are late-comers on the scene of Christian peace-making. Many Christians and their networks have for years, even centuries been concerned for peace-building. One only has to consider the Mennonites for instance. So with a sense of humility I want to work with others as a learner and a listener as build WEAPRI over the coming months and years."

Mr. Tollestrup has previous experience in field based reconciliation programs throughout the world and was awarded a New Zealand Government Scholarship for work in impact assessment among poor communities in the developing world at the PRIA Institute in New Delhi. In the past, he has served as the Chairperson of the New Zealand Council for International Development and currently serves on the Executive Council of the Integral Alliance and the New Zealand Micah Challenge.

World Evangelical Alliance (WEA): 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.

Resources



AIDSLink 79 - Treatment, Care and Antiretrovirals

Dear friends committed to making a difference in HIV&AIDS, AIDSLink is just one tool for resource sharing, networking, and mutual encouragement for ministering in the context of HIV&AIDS. Do take advantage of this communication tool to let others know of events, resources, tips, successes, current challenges and even questions which may be relevant to others in similar work - after all "why re- invent the wheel"? AIDSLink 79 reminds us of the huge impact that access to antiretroviral therapy (ART) has made in the lives of individuals, families and community. Let's learn from each other.

Diane - SIM HIV&AIDS related ministries and HOPE for AIDS

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Biblical foundations: Treatment & Care 2. Antiretroviral Agents 3. Nurses and ART 4. Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission 5. Treatment & Care of Intravenous Drug Users 6. Making it known - NGO Code of Good Practice 7. Tip of the Month - Monitoring & evaluation: Results-based management as a communication tool

You can get the current issue (as well as all the past issues) via pdf download at: www.hopeforaids.org.

Families on the move: growing up overseas and loving it! *Marion Knell, 2001. Monarch & EMIS. ISBN 9 781854 245236 UK, 9 780825 460180 US*

Heading overseas with your children on a mission assignment? For families starting into cross-cultural living, Marion Knell provides practical advice on preparing to leave the home country, living in the host country and re-entry skills. This book will also help mission agencies and church mission councils as they send families to live cross-culturally. It is written with discretion for those working in 'creative access' countries. A mum who raised her own family overseas, Marion emphasizes the importance of children seeing value in their parents' work.

She explores the generational differences between those leaving in the past and those beginning service today, covering important issues such as selection, orientation and transitions. Including children in both the selection and orientation process is a challenge Knell puts persuasively to agencies.

When it comes to children's schooling, Knell provides practical advice and suggests thinking ahead to the time when children will enter tertiary education and planning in that direction. She advises to balance vocation, home duties, language learning and home schooling if that is the best educational option.

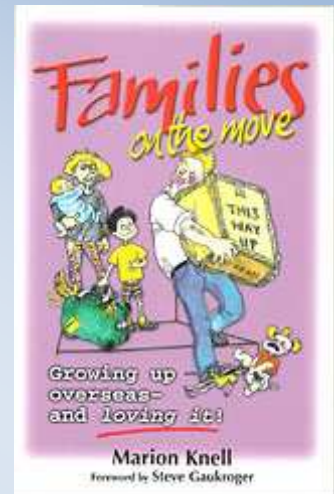
Later chapters deal with re-entry and the book finishes with a discussion of children's reactions to their parents vocation and its impact on them. There is an appendix on childhood development by Dr Marjory Foyle, and a short bibliography.

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Available now for only \$4 each



Reviewed on the Global Connections web site: <http://www.globalconnections.co.uk/resources/resourcereviews/FamiliesontheMove.htm>

Read portions of this book on Google Books:

http://books.google.co.nz/books?id=D6y3SWJJO7YC&dq=%22Families+on+the+move%22+Marion+Knell&printsec=frontcover&source=bl&ots=gYBdwo_yh7&sig=MEITUD2r8JZbl9MG3GkektXNA&hl=en&ei=bWvxSaiBDZP6tAPR583QCg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1#PP16_M1

Raising Money for God's Work

By Ted Crawford

This Can Work 4 U

5% off Postage Raised over \$2400. Tips for Saving or Raising Money for God's Work

When I was a kid, there was a saying "Look after the pennies, and the pounds look after themselves." The meaning, was, if you bought economically, you would have enough money to make other purchases. Many years later, when managing a Guthrie Bowron shop in Palmerston North, my much more experienced former boss, said "Ted, it's not so much what you sell your product for that gives you the profit, but what you buy it for!"

A 5 per cent discount on stamps probably doesn't sound all that much, especially when you reduce it to a per-stamp basis, but when you start putting some reasonable quantities of stamps through, then the savings really show up. Our church - which is a member of Missions Interlink (is yours?) and so gets the MI Bulk Purchasing Discounts - has a building fund in operation. I decided that I would buy stamps through MI on their behalf, and sell them at face value to our congregation (and a number of other businesses who have been willing to participate) and put the 5 per cent discount gained towards the building fund. This operation has been on the go since about October '07, and so far the building fund has gained \$2400.00 from the sale of the stamps and pre-paid envelopes.

If you are in NZ and are a member of Missions Interlink, (whether Mission Agency, Church, or private individual) and want to save your funds in these tougher economical times, then just email Ted on tedz-cars@maxnet.co.nz and ask for the relevant information.

More Ways 2 Save

Membership in Missions Interlink does have its advantages. In addition to the 5% savings on postage (mentioned above), you can get some pretty substantial discounts on many other products too. Joining together with the GSB discount program provides significant savings on many products: office supplies, tyres, car batteries, paint, stationery, hardware, furniture, plumbing, electrical and medical supplies... why not save some money? Some of these provide a greater discount than others! The savings will vary, anywhere from 5% up to 70%. I've typically saved around 30 to 35% on tyres, most building and office supplies, and even 33% on a new Dell computer...

In addition to the stamps and GSB, MI also has a discount on petrol, Dick Smith Electronics and more. If you're NOT using the *Bulk Purchasing Discounts*, are you being a good steward of God's resources? The average MI member who uses the **Bulk Purchasing Program** usually saves enough in the first 2 or 3 months to pay for their MI membership. Yet many MI members are not taking advantage of these savings. To find out more, contact me, Ted Crawford at: tedz-cars@maxnet.co.nz.

CalTex petrol card

The CalTex Fuel Card through Missions Interlink **Bulk Purchasing Program** provides you with a rebate of approx. 5 cents per litre, and can equate to more than that if you are buying your fuel in more out-of-the-way places, as they set a price for two main regions in NZ, irrespective of location. It is a convenient way to purchase fuel for both a corporate members and/or their staff. Details are given on the Invoice.

New Zealand's best kept secret?

Some people said they think the MI **Bulk Purchasing Program** may be New Zealand's best kept secret. Perhaps it is. David Hall said, until he became the director, he had no knowledge of this side benefit of belonging to MI. Maybe we could and should do a better job of letting members – and potential members – know about this feature? You could help by (a) using the **Bulk Purchasing Program** yourself and (b) telling others about it.

Not a member of MI? It's easy to join. Go to the MI web site: www.missions.org.nz. Click on **About Us**. Click on **Get Connected**. That tells more about the MI and membership benefits, and leads to a very simple form that can be quickly filled out on line.

MI Council Working 4 You

17 Feb. 09 - Venue: new TEAR Fund offices, Mt Roskill - Summary

Present: Trevor Baldwin (guest), Johannes Balzer, Ted Crawford, Wayne Freeman (chair), David Hall, Christine Harding, Peter Mihaere, Max Palmer, Matthew Perry, Gordon Stewart, Suzanne (MARN), Steve Tollestrup, Nigel Webb, Neville Wilson, Jamie Wood. Apologies: Helen Lewthwaite, Mark Fox and Steve Maina.

Welcome, Opening Remarks and Prayer – Wayne Devotions: Wayne read from Exodus 17...

David expressed thanks for the new members present: Peter Mihaere, Christine Harding and Neville Wilson and also welcomed Trevor Baldwin, MI's accountant. A quick round of introductions followed. Minutes of the November Council meeting were accepted as circulated.

Director's Report, circulated via email, was discussed. Primary focus of the discussion was on the Don & Carol Richardson visit to NZ in May. Agreed to host a missions seminar on 16 May in Auckland, help promote the other events in Chch, Tauranga and Auckland, host them while they are in Auckland and contribute to the costs of their airfare. Mission groups are encouraged to promote these amongst their constituencies. It was also suggested that everyone familiar with Don's ministry bring someone who is not.

Matters arising – We discussed the recommendation at the AGM for widening the process of council member nomination and broadening the representation (more: youth, female, ethnic and denominational representation as well as more from outside Auckland). It was suggested that there be a call for nominations in the MI Bulletin before an AGM. A committee will review the nominees prior to the AGM. Nigel, Ted and David were asked to be "the team to build a protocol for MI Council membership."

The Council asked Wayne to write a letter of thanks to Leilani Liew for her good service to MI as the Admin Assistant this past year. Lydia Hall will take on that role as Leilani has been hired by one of the leading research companies in NZ.

Financial Reports, circulated via email. Both Trevor and Max spoke of various aspects. *Destination World* and the "Project Catalyst" role were discussed. More evaluation and clarification are in process. The reports were approved.

Parachute 09 was discussed further. Last year there was too much follow up; this year not enough. Improved on getting more volunteers; but agencies (who are paying the bills for this) felt less ownership. Lots of man hours were expended. Evaluation for improvements continues. Frequency, other venues, the Parachute venue, leadership, affiliation... all still in discussion.

Insurance issues were discussed. Other options are being looked into. Suzanne spoke about the upcoming *Auckland International Cultural Festival* and the opportunity to partner with various local churches in reaching out to new immigrants, attended by over 20,000. Nigel noted that the report at the AGM that SIM lost its charity status was incorrect. Someone in IRD revoked their donee status for NZ and overseas accounts. SIM is now in dialogue with the IRD about this. Peter Mihaere was voted on the MI Council as an *individual*, though his understanding was that he would be representing Tranzend. This would require a membership vote to make the change at the AGM.

The Victoria (Australia) bush fires and the impact on several mission agencies – especially WEC and MMM – were discussed. Several other announcements were made. It was suggested we have an all day Council meeting, perhaps in May. More discussion followed.

Note: David and the MI Council welcome your feedback and suggestions. <mailto:info@missions.org.nz>

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Kiwis Partnering in God's Mission

New Zealand's Mission Networks

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