



THE MOSHERS IN NEW ZEALAND

TAKING THE SOUL-SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD



MATTHEW GAWE PREACHING

We send our love and thanks to you!

Greetings in the Lord. We pray He shows His grace and peace to you daily and without fail. Let His love send your spirit up in praise and your knees to the ground in worship.

Successful Campaign

You have probably read of the successful campaign that we had from

16 May - 4 June. I just wanted to remind you that the success is still pouring in, and that we appreciate every hard worker that came here for nearly three weeks to help the church grow. Keep praying for the gospel to spread.

Campaign Follow-Up

Now that the campaign is finished, Kristen and I are working daily on the follow-up, which includes conducting Bible studies, visiting contacts, and delivering Bible Correspondence Courses.

Frank and Maria

Frank and Maria were the first solid contacts of the campaign. Maria is bed-ridden from a hopefully temporary illness. We have really enjoyed getting to know them, and they are enjoying the

studies. She is a Kiwi, and he is an American. Not only have we helped them spiritually, but we have also been able to help them by providing meals for them, which helps Frank, who is busy with helping his wife 24/7.

Riena

Riena is a very sincere, young lady, who thoroughly enjoyed getting to know almost every campaigner (especially the girls). Things were going very well and smoothly in our studies with her, and she was visiting worship regularly. One evening, however, she rang us to tell us her boyfriend, Dioni, was in ICU at the hospital from either an infection or his diabetes. He stayed in there for almost two weeks, campaigners and church members visiting him, Riena, and his family a total of five times, before he

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You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. Matthew 5:13.

finally passed away. Of course, Riena has been devastated. We have spent time with her and her family during this grieving process. She visited the assembly again last Sunday, but I'm sure it will be a while before we can interact in Bible studies again. Be praying for Riena and Dioni's family.

Manjit

Manjit has kept interest in the gospel ever since she was contacted by a few of our campaigners. We have had four Bible studies with her so far, and she has seen the truth of God's word every time. We have also enjoyed getting to know her boyfriend, Pisi, who is also developing an interest in the gospel.

Petrina

Petrina, a 19-year-old girl, contacted the church via text message. She got the phone number from some campaign literature. She wanted Bible study material, and she also accepted an in-home Bible study. Her boyfriend of three years is in Bible college in Samoa, and she is interested in learning more about the Bible, so she can have a better connection with him. Since we have begun our studies, we have seen her interest grow into something more personal. We have studied three times with Petrina, though, as of late, it has been increasingly difficult for her to keep our appointments. We are really enjoying getting to know her.

Other Studies

Danny and Kai

We continue to study with Danny and Kai, a Cook Island couple we contacted back in January. We have thoroughly enjoyed developing a deep, genuine friendship with this family. We have

studied with them sixteen times so far, and they have accepted the truth every time, even though about half of the studies challenged what they had previously believed. The latest study was on baptism. We had talked a lot about baptism and salvation in the past, but we had not studied it officially. Before the study began, I asked them to "map out" their salvation story for me. They both said that about four years ago, after believing in Christ as the Son of God, they repented of their sins, and they were immersed into Christ for the remission of sins. On that day, they knew the Lord saved them based on what the Bible teaches (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21). After they laid out their salvation stories, we then studied what the Scriptures say about obeying the gospel. In the end, Danny and Kai happily affirmed that they had done exactly that about four years ago, and I was happy to be able to call them my brother and sister in Christ without question.

Danny is a deacon in a church that, by his admission, does not practice the truth concerning worship and being led by the Spirit. He and Kai are still choosing to worship with them, since they still have loved ones and very close ties in the church. A few weeks ago, they visited us in worship, and they were really impressed with the biblical worship and the fellowship that was emphasized. They plan to visit more, and we hope they will. We pray that they can be grafted into the Lord's fellowship in Porirua very soon.

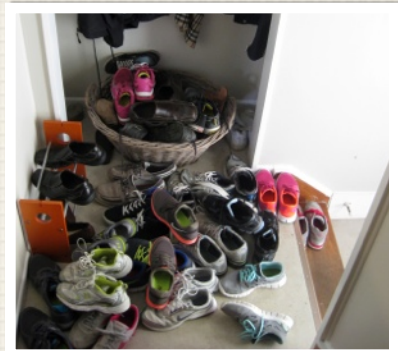
Kevin

June, a local Christian, introduced me to her lawn maintenance man, Kevin. He is

MORE CAMPAIGN PHOTOS



DEVOTION TIME BEFORE A DAY'S WORK



OVER 50 SHOES IN OUR HOUSE'S ENTRANCE



ROBERT SWAIN SPEAKING AT CAMP



DARRIN COMMUNICATING WITH LOCAL WILDLIFE

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16.

active in the local Jehovah's Witness group. Though I suspect he is very deep in the JW traditions and commandments of men, he has given me a chance to "challenge" his beliefs. He claims that if I can show him with Scripture that what he believes is not fully correct, he will change. We have met twice so far with plans to meet again in the future.

Jen

June has been busy making contacts for Christ. She has also introduced me to Jen, a longtime friend, who is currently searching for truth. We have enjoyed three studies with Jen so far, and she is proving to be great soil.

Mormon Chaps

A couple gentlemen from the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints" came to our door the other day. They apologised for the no show, no call of the previous "missionaries." You'll remember that I had studied

with a few Mormons back in April, but after the third meeting, they never showed back up, though we had a set time for them to do so. Apparently, they were transferred to a different part of town.

Now, I have a meeting set up with these other two gentlemen. As a man, I wanted to tell them to go away. As a Christian, I couldn't pass up the fact that God sent a mission field to my doorstep. I'll do what I can to plant some seeds of truth. Hopefully, they'll be watered and eventually sprout.

Leadership Growth

I am very excited to report on the latest extension of our leadership in Porirua. Matthew Gawe, fourteen years old, who was baptized in December, delivered our Sunday sermon on the 30th of June. As expected, he was quite nervous, but he did an excellent job. His lesson was on the "A.C.T.S. of

Prayer" (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication). Check the church website to listen to it.

The church started a tradition some time before we arrived in Porirua to do something different on every fifth Sunday. Sometimes, we just sing. Sometimes, we spend half the time in prayer. This time, we encouraged our young brother in Christ to stretch and grow. The outcome was our own growth. I've warned Dylan that he's next.

A Whole Year

It's hard to believe, but as of the 22nd of June, we have been in New Zealand for an entire year. In one sense, it has flown by. In another sense, it feels like we have been here for much longer, particularly when we think of the friendships we have built. We pray for many more fruitful years in the Lord's field of New Zealand.

Conclusion

As most of you are basking in the summer, we're bundled in the winter. Two days before winter officially started, Wellington faced its worst "winter storm" in many years. Though we didn't see any ice or snow, the wind and rain were very strong and heavy. Some roads were literally washed away, trees were blown down, and many houses were damaged. Though much of the Wellington region, including us, lost power for 20 hours or more, we survived unscathed. It reminds us how blessed we are with electric heat, and we should never take it for granted.

The Lord is doing great things in Porirua. We appreciate your prayerful support. God bless you all in His service!

Keep serving Him,



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