



# THE MOSHERS IN NEW ZEALAND

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



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## Pray for salvation to spread (Rom. 10:1)!

Thanks for sticking with us in our work in New Zealand. Each month is unique, and every opportunity is a blessing.

### New and Ongoing Studies

#### Lana

A few weeks ago, Petrina introduced us to her new friend, Lana. Lana is a young mother in a difficult situation. She knows she needs God's help. We have enjoyed getting to know her, and

we have even had a study with her. She seemed to really enjoy the study, and we hope she will want to continue exploring God's word with us.

#### More Mormons

The Mormon Church is very active in door-knocking in Porirua. I try to never deny the mission field when it comes to our door. This time, for the first time, both guys were from the USA, so I could communicate with them very easily. One of them, in particular, was the most ready to answer my questions than any other I had studied with. Unfortunately, most answers included his request for me to just "overlook" the contradictions the *Book of Mormon* makes with the Bible, and "accept by faith" that God approves of the "Latter-Day Saint missionaries and prophets."

#### Frank and Maria

Unfortunately, I do not have an update for Frank and Maria. We have not studied together in the past month, though we have kept contact with each other. We provided another meal for them, which they really appreciated. I will probably deliver a copy of my book, *Conformed, Reborn, Transformed* to them to encourage their own personal study until things can get back to "normal" for them.

#### Karena

Studies were going well with Karena. Unfortunately, she is unable to continue them, because she is very busy with her family. The good news is she is still visiting worship, and she is June's niece. June will always provide encouragement. We pray Karena will keep and cultivate her spiritual interests.

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[Does the Lord's power excite you?]

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." Luke 10:17.

### Others

Ever since January, we have studied with the Nootai family on a weekly basis. It's always a joy, and progress is slow but sure. We are deep into our studies on the Holy Spirit.

We try to have studies with Jen and Petrina since their baptisms, though a consistent schedule is not always possible. It's a joy to see these new Christians grow!

Study and fellowship with Peter since his baptism has been great. We have enjoyed getting to know him more and more. Starting next week, if the Lord wills, John will take over studies with Peter.

### Church Opportunities

#### John and Erin

The Joneses are settled in and are developing a routine for their work. They have gone door-knocking on their own several times already and have made a few contacts. It's such a blessing to have them in Porirua labouring with us and the rest of the church.

#### Workshop for Church Workers

Back in August, the Foxton church hosted their first Workshop for Church Workers. They hosted the second one on the 26th of September. Twelve were present, and we all enjoyed hearing stories and tips on evangelism and community outreach. We thank the Foxton brethren for their encouragement and hosting of such a great event. The next one will probably be in January, and it will take place at Camp Kilsby in Palmerston North.

#### Porirua Youth Group

On the 5th of October, we had a youth group quiz and lock-in night at the Wellington church building. Youth from the Wanganui, Foxton, Palmerston North, Porirua, and Wellington churches participated. The main quiz was over Acts

1-8. The kids did great! Then, we had a "Youth vs. Youth" basic Bible knowledge quiz, where the northern kids went up against the Wellington region kids. The prize was the Bible edition of the game Taboo. We won't mention who won. Let's just say the Wellington kids will have to find other games to play other than Bible Taboo.

Now that the Joneses are here to help, many new opportunities have opened up. With their help, we have been able to add some dimension to the weekly Porirua youth group gatherings. We look forward to the growth and experiences coming up.

#### Pursuing Peace

There has been a project that I have wanted to get started on for about a year, but have put off until the arrival of John and Erin. Now that they are here, John and I have spent a lot of time organising and planning our outreach effort that we are calling *Pursuing Peace*. Pursuing Peace is based on Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-24. Jesus prays that all of His believers are *one*. As the unity of the church is explained and exhorted further in the New Testament, disciples are to be of the same mind and with one voice.

Unfortunately, there are dozens of people in Porirua, just like most areas in the world, that are claiming to follow Christ, yet they are going in opposite directions. They are teaching different things and worshipping different ways. John and I are slowly going to be contacting the religious leaders of Porirua to see if we can develop relationships with them and explore the concept of the one body of Christ mentioned in the New Testament (Ephesians 4:4-6). At first glance, it seems like such a monumental task, and I suppose it is, but I am encouraged by the history of the early church. The apostles



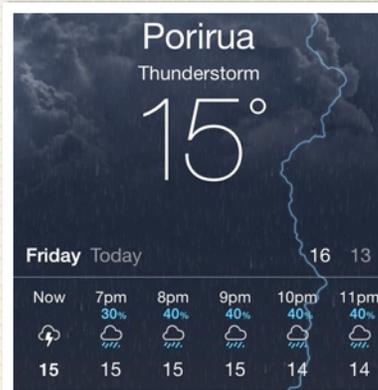
CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP IN FOXTON



YOUTH LOCK-IN NIGHT



SPRING SUNSET OVER WELLINGTON CITY



THUNDERSTORM REPORT IN PORIRUA

*And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning." Luke 10:18.*

usually found themselves among religious teachers that were not following or teaching the truth, and the apostles did their best to guide them more accurately toward God. "The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7).

We have heard of evangelists who have converted religious people in the community to true Christianity, and the false religious teachers branded them as "sheep stealers" or worse. Hopefully, if we can develop positive relationships with these local leaders, we can prevent that. Of course, we will aim for much more. We will pray that the word of God convicts them, and they adhere more accurately to the living and active word of God. We will do all of this with the title in mind- we are pursuing *peace*, not judgment.

### **Letterboxing**

By the end of October, the Porirua church should have 5,000 copies of *House to House Heart to Heart* to distribute. After worship one Sunday, in lieu of Bible class, we will work as a church to get all 5,000 copies into letterboxes in Porirua.

### **Conclusion**

On the 20th of September, we experienced our first thunderstorm in New Zealand. Though we had heard thunder a few other times, this was the first ongoing storm, which lasted over an hour. Most New Zealanders were not thrilled, but Kristen and I certainly were! The thunderstorm reminded us of the wonders and power of God and His creation. It also reminded us of where we grew up- West Tennessee.

As always, we send our love and thanks to all of you. We ask that you keep praying for us. God be with you.

Keep serving Him,



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Ladies High Tea**

A few weeks ago, Jeremiah Tatum from Cookeville, TN, contacted me and said that he was coming to New Zealand with his mother, Cindy Tatum, and his uncle, Doug Watts, to serve the church in any way they can. We look forward to their arrival, and we will certainly put them to work!

Kristen, Erin, and a few other ladies, have been planning a "High Tea" for the ladies in the surrounding congregations. Cindy will be speaking for them on "Joseph, a Life Out of Control."

#### **Friends & Family Day**

Last year, the Porirua church hosted their very first Friends & Family Day. Kevin Moore spoke on "Jesus the Family Man," and the outreach effort was a great success. We are now planning our second Friends & Family Day. If the Lord wills, it will be on the

27th of October. Jeremiah Tatum will speak on "God is Relevant to the Family." Last year, we had 55 in attendance. Hopefully, I will be reporting a bigger number to you next month for 2013's Friends & Family Day.

#### **Market and Sausage Sizzle**

Every Saturday morning, there is a big market in the Porirua City Centre. It's similar to an American Flea Market. John found out that churches can put booths in the market for free, so long as they don't sell anything. Later in October, we plan to test the market waters. We will give away Bible study materials and promote upcoming church events and opportunities.

One of the events we will promote is an upcoming sausage sizzle. We are working out the details now to host a free sausage sizzle in the Mungavin Park, which is very close to the church's meeting place.

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