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## EDITORIAL

with Jay

Tena tātou katoa e te whānau...

In my previous role, I made frequent trips to Thailand for international meetings of one sort or another. Only recently was I made aware of how wonderfully interdependent Thai communities can be. Western visitors look on with amazement (and some suspicion) at the street vendors peddling food. But little do we realise that the surrounding community relies on that meal supply. What we view as a business transaction (my money for your food) is much more relationally complex. People who work long hours have neither the time nor the inclination to prepare food, so the community appoints food preparers to supply a variety of meal options for the neighbourhood. In return, those suppliers are rewarded with a source of income. This becomes a beneficial symbiotic relationship that strengthens community bonds, effectively establishing a common table. Furthermore, it's much more efficient and cost effective to eat communally.

We have lost so much as a result our pursuit of independence. We have reduced collaboration or partnership to expedience; to what we can individually gain from working together. In his address at the Interserve Day, Bijoy Koshi, Interserve's International Director, reminded us that partnership is not a tool to achieve a purpose, it IS the purpose. In Christ, loving community is an end in itself, for only then will the world know that we are His disciples (cf. John 13:35). With mission organisations feeling squeezed in so many areas, is it finally time to start thinking beyond our own independence, in favour of something more collective? Is there greater efficiency, effectiveness, and witness, to be gained from symbiotic mutualism (win/win)? Economic circumstances are forcing us all to revisit such questions, but I suspect there is a greater Spirit behind it, calling us to a common table.



Jay

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- May 8 Jay sharing at **Three Kings Congregational Church**
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- May 11 Jay speaking at **Eastwest College**
- May 16-18 MI at **Carey College**

# TRAINING FOR TRANSFORMATION

by Ruth M. Wall (International Mission Training Network), adapted from her chapter “A transformative model of mission training” in *Reflecting on and Equipping for Christian Mission*, edited by Stephen Bevans et al. (Regnum Books, 2015).

This article explores education thinking and mission training practice through the eyes of Ruth Wall. She presents a transformative model of mission training that emerged from her doctoral research.

We highlight here four issues that Wall believes need to be addressed when it comes to mission training.

## 1. Examine assumptions that underpin mission training

Designing and delivering mission training is predicated on a wide range of assumptions about adults, about teaching and learning and about the purpose and intended outcomes of the training, all of which may be uncritically absorbed into practice as mission educators. Though invisible, these assumptions will influence every aspect of how training is conceived, developed and delivered. If the aim is to design and deliver training that may be transformative for learners, then mission training practice needs to be embedded in a transformative framework.

## 2. Focus on learning processes and relationships

Mission training focuses on getting the right content and less about how to engage learners with the content. Essential aspects of mission training have focused on character formation alongside other key competencies for ministry in another culture. However, little attention has been given to investigating **how** learning actually takes place in mission training contexts, especially the kinds of learning that foster character development

Mission educators may rightly agree that it is essential to have clearly defined purposes for training and select content that is relevant to these purposes but we also need to carefully consider the **processes** of learning that transforms. How can adults develop into life-long, relational learners, competent and open to enter, learn and relate within another culture?

## 3. Engage with learning in community towards transformation

Mission educators need to engage with the challenging, unpredictable and messy process of forming communities

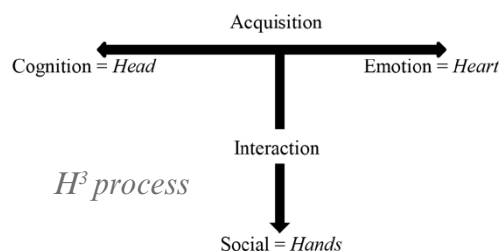
of learners. If mission educators lack necessary understanding, attitudes and experience to build authentic learning communities their teaching practices are more likely to equip disciples of Jesus for competition than collaboration.

Educators also need to learn how to deliver the curriculum in ways that will develop the learners' ability to reflect critically, to examine their own ego- and ethno-centrism, to engage in dialogue and to take transformative action; the core processes of transformative learning.

## 4. Reconceptualise the 'head-heart-hands' / 'know-be-do' paradigm

The 'head-heart-hands' or 'know-be-do' slogans are well known as a description of whole person learning. The 'head' signifies knowledge, the 'heart' signifies attitudes/character and the 'hands' signify skills. But the head, heart, hand motif too easily ignores a crucial social dimension of learning. Furthermore, it over emphasises the cognitive dimension, since both knowledge and skills are cognitive processes.

Drawing on Knud Illeris' work, I believe learning is best understood as combining the **cognitive**, **emotional** and **social** dimensions through a process of **acquisition** that is **interactive** with others. Therefore, I offer a reconceptualisation of head, heart, hands where 'head' signifies cognition/thinking (knowing and doing), 'heart' signifies emotion (feeling/attitudes), and 'hand' signifies relating. This is represented in the T graphic, which I adapted from Illeris's work.



To represent whole person learning I use the symbol  $H^3$  where the H signifies head-heart-hands (thinking-emotions-relating) and the superscripted <sup>3</sup> denotes the possibility of whole person learning (holistic learning) when these three dimensions are addressed together.

*“...two crucial aspects that are inseparable; the development of thinking and attitudes that will enable adults to be life-long learners, and the relational development that will enable adults to be build healthy, resilient relationships with God, self and others.*”

Transformation may be possible when there is integration of our thinking our emotions and our relationships.

The two learning processes of **acquisition** and **interaction** are crucial aspects of mission training namely, learning to learn and learning to relate. Therefore, we can conceptualise mission training as having two crucial aspects that are inseparable; the development of thinking and attitudes that will enable adults to be life-long learners, and the relational development that will enable adults to be build healthy, resilient relationships with God, self and others. Being able to learn and being able to relate are indivisible and together represent whole person learning.

Wall goes on to present a new model for mission training, which she calls the “Transformative Learning Triangle”, conceptualized as  $L^3$  (L = learning, <sup>3</sup> = transformative). It is a pragmatic model that moves beyond course content to foster transformative Christian mission training, extending our understanding of whole-person learning, to address the **how** of the transformative learning process.

In the rest of Wall's chapter in Bevan's book she also introduces the importance of learning concepts (training assumption and design), learning community (learner's relationship matrix), and learning potential (capacity in trainers and students), within the learning context (how the environment fosters learning). She also touches on training design, mentoring needs of mission educators and the issues around the length of training necessary for life-long learning in mission.

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## Something is happening!

Islamic State! al-Qaeda! Boko Haram! These radical Islamic terror groups invade our news every day in stories of destruction and fleeing refugees that will mark history. But there's an even greater story unfolding across the Muslim world.

Islam is the fastest growing major religion, and it has been growing since its inception in the Arabian Desert nearly 14 centuries ago. Every year, Islam adds more than the population of Canada—some 37 million people—to its ranks. While today most of this growth is the result of a high birth rate, historically Islam has also been a conquering and converting religion. Demographers predict that by 2030, Islam will have more than 2 billion adherents (some 26 per cent of the earth's population), and by 2050 will surpass Christianity as the world's most populous religion. In the midst of this unparalleled growth, another story is unfolding, one that has escaped the headlines. **Muslims are turning to faith in Jesus Christ!**

Since the birth of Islam in AD 622, Christians have challenged the advance of Islam with military might and missionary methods, but with little result. Just as Christian militias have been rolled back by Islamic armies, so too have Christian apologists found scarce fruit among Muslims. Until now.

In the first seven centuries of Muslim-Christian interchange only three movements of at least 1,000 Muslims to Christianity were recorded. Then, five more centuries passed without a single Muslim movement to Christ. All the while, Islam was growing exponentially, largely in traditionally Christian lands in the Middle

East, North Africa and Eastern Europe. Until now.

The tide began to turn in the late 19th century, when 10–20,000 Muslims in Indonesia left their religion and were baptised into the Christian faith. After two additional isolated movements in East Africa and North Africa, Muslim movements to Christ halted before further breakthroughs began to occur in the latter half of the 20th century. Between the years 1967 and 2000, tens of thousands of Muslims converted to Christianity in Indonesia, Bangladesh, Iran, Algeria, and Central Asia.

The greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in history, however, has been reserved for the 21st century. Since 2001, there have been a further 72 movements of at least 1,000 Muslims turning to Christ, numbering in the hundreds of thousands. **It is no small coincidence that this great awakening in the Muslim world has coincided with unprecedented prayer movements for Muslims like '30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World'.**

*This year, 30 Days continues to encourage Christians to pray through the House of Islam, recognising that the Spirit of God is moving through Rooms where thousands of Muslims are encountering Jesus and committing to follow Him for the first time in history. As always, we pray that we might better understand and contribute to this great ingathering of Muslims into the family of faith in Jesus Christ.*

### Please join us!

To order **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World** for adults or children visit [www.marn.org.nz](http://www.marn.org.nz)

# CHURCH MISSION TEAM IDEAS

By Ellen Livingood, reproduced from [Missions Catalyst Postings](#) (April 2016) - click the [green links](#) for more.

These days, churches are embracing a more active role in sending missionaries, in caring for their global workers, and in getting involved in local, cross-cultural ministry. These activities demand more than just “loving missionaries.” They require a group of dedicated, capable leaders. But given the pace of life today, finding strong leaders willing to serve can be challenging.

There are no silver bullets. But this article offers some suggestions for rethinking your approach to recruiting mission team leaders. These ideas might help you reimagine a team ready to lead your congregation to greater global impact.

## Consider the Team Model

The title, “missions committee,” implies to many younger adults the idea of long, boring meetings. Consider a new name that connotes fast-paced action such as: global outreach team (GO team), international ministries team, world focus team, etc.

What's the image of “team” in the sports world? A tight-knit group of people who have been individually recruited because of their skill in a specific task. Only by fulfilling their own special role, and by collaborating together, can they win games. Structure your leadership team around these dual concepts. The title, “GO team,” will be used in this article to represent that approach.

## Recruiting and Retaining Team Mates

### Make serving on the team fun.

Plan a retreat to just enjoy fellowship and build team unity. Throw a party for your team after your missions conference ends or you have finished a busy season of sending short-term teams. Word gets around quickly if your team has fun when they work together.

Invest in your team's development. Include in your missions budget funding for team members to attend some type of conference or training session.

### Change your approach to meetings.

Your team members may not want to meet every second Tuesday of the month. Find out what works for them. Maybe a weekend away for intensive planning twice a year is more doable. Or schedule breakfast meetings. Or meet by Skype.

Your leadership team does not need to be large, especially if you are a smaller church or just launching your global missions engagement.



## Four Roles to Start

### Strategic Visionary

Try to recruit a team leader who recognizes exciting new opportunities and believes your church can tackle them! This type of person interfaces with missions leaders from other churches and agencies, asks the tough questions, dreams a lot, and delights in challenging others to attempt more than they've ever done before. This is a person others want to follow - just don't ask them to handle lots of details!

### Administrator

This person is an organizer and delegator. They can turn the visionary's ideas into a realistic plan. They keep the team working together. They don't let important tasks fall through the cracks, but neither do they try to do everything themselves.

### Prayer Mobilizer

This strategic member of the team loves to start and keep people interceding. Note that this person isn't just a pray-er; they are a mobilizer of pray-ers — there's a big difference. They recognize their job as creatively mentoring and encouraging intercession (not inducing guilt about attending prayer meetings). This person is essential to long-term, global ministry success.

### Human Resources (HR) Mobilizer

Your church has untapped human resources with global-impact potential. While many churches have a person designated as short-term teams coordinator or a missionary care coordinator, consider broadening the focus. God has invested a wide array of skills, passion, and gifting into your people for the purpose of reaching the nations. This person's role is identifying how to get each member of your congregation from where they are to more effective engagement in missions.

With just these four types of people in place, a GO team can effectively engage their church in missions. Each person will have an individual role but they will also more effectively approach their overall task as a cohesive unit.

### Frequently express appreciation of your team's time investment.

Recognize them in a worship service at least once a year. Ask your

pastor to write a note of thanks occasionally. Thank team members individually for a good job done.

### Expose your team regularly to exciting things God is doing around the world.

GO teams often need to work through problems, and your missionaries and projects may not always be producing major visible results. Encourage your team by showing a video or forwarding them an electronic story of some of the amazing things God is doing. [Missions Catalyst](#) is a great resource - you can subscribe [here](#)!



# LOUNGE MISSION

By Yvette Butcher, Communications Manager, **International Student Ministries** of New Zealand.

Within two weeks of beginning my role as ISMNZ Communications Manager, our National Director suggested that I connect with our ISMNZ campus workers in Christchurch. The aim of my national travel is to experience and capture the variety of ways our workers reach the nations from their doorsteps in their ministry among international students.

After a delay due to a cancelled flight, I arrived in time to be greeted by friendly students already cooking in the warm inviting kitchen of the Sanson home. Jeremy and Esther Sanson, who once were international students themselves in the USA, now serve among international students primarily studying at University of Canterbury. Their home is open to students who have come from all over the world to study here in New Zealand.

As the evening progressed more and more students arrived, cheerfully greeting each other with hugs and laughter all around. We all held hands in the kitchen while our lovely host said grace. The food went quickly amidst lively chatter and most of the students helped clear the dishes away, setting up and preparing for the evening activities. Someone even brought home baked cookies to share.



We gathered in the lounge, singing praise and worship songs in English and then another in Tagalog. I shared a song book with a student from Hong Kong who expressed a strong desire to improve her English. I looked around at the students from Finland, Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia and China, all singing in one voice regardless of their cultural or religious background.

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LOUNGE MISSION continues...

After the joyful singing, the students had a choice between two concurrent groups: an English conversation class and a Bible study. I first sat in with the English conversation class which Esther led with an ice-breaker. We tackled some questions in smaller groups. It wasn't your average English class. The topic was about gender and the discussions were well facilitated.

I then moved on to the Bible study group led by Jeremy. We took turns sharing about our week and any prayer needs. Then we each read verses from John 2 and divided into smaller groups for discussion. When we re-joined people freely asked questions. Esther had told me that not all of the students are Christians in this Bible study group. It was encouraging to witness how comfortable the students felt to ask deep, difficult questions. Their friends answered the questions with such care, concern and love. After a heavy discussion, we got up and acted out John 2. Long after we'd finished, students stayed back to play ping pong (table tennis) or chat.

I asked a student leader the next afternoon for her impressions of ISMNZ (in the form of Jeremy and Esther). Unprompted, she excitedly thanked

ISMNZ for Jeremy and Esther. She expressed that without them she would have had a very different experience studying in New Zealand. She loves having a 'second home' here and is very encouraged by them because of their love and genuine friendship.

The next day, we got up early for prayer breakfast with student leaders. While Esther made breakfast, Jeremy was off to pick up the student leaders despite the heavy rain. Much of the ministry to international students revolves around food and lots of it. After eating we had a short, powerful praise and worship session around the table. I was asked to briefly share a passage from the Bible. This then led to prayer for each other, for other students' needs, etc.

Three more student leaders separately told their stories and shared how important Jeremy and Esther mean to them. Each one is deeply touched by their big heart and love for Jesus.

Jeremy and Esther revealed that love is why they do what they do, regardless of whether a student becomes a Christian or not. 'We love each other because he loved us first.' (1 John 4:19, NLT) When asked what we can pray for them, Esther welcomes prayer for more ISMNZ workers and new student leaders.

Before leaving for the airport we caught up with a graduate for a movie. This reminds me of the fun and everyday activities many of our ISMNZ workers regularly do with international students across New Zealand, forming friendships and making lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ; of overseas visits to graduates' home countries, meeting returnees who are now effectively serving God in their church, community and workplace. I am thankful for this visit: to the Sansons for being wonderful hosts and for the students I met seeing their enthusiasm for God.



*Tihe mauri ora! (Let there be life!)*  
*Ko Kinabalu te maunga (My mountain is Kinabalu)*  
*Ko Kinabatangan te awa (My river is Kinabatangan)*  
*Ko Yvette Butcher ahau (I am Yvette Butcher)*  
*Yvette is based in Wellington and works for ISMNZ (International Student Ministries of New Zealand) as Communications Manager.*

## WAKA ORA!

*Marine Reach New Zealand's M/V Pacific Hope*

Waka ora, "the vessel of life", would be an apt description of the **Marine Reach ship, Pacific Hope**. Missions Interlink took a tour of the ship when it was docked at Prince's Wharf in Auckland in April.

Regarding the visit to Auckland, Marine Reach spokesperson, Inga Stephenson reported, "The local papers in Auckland did some great promotion while the ship was there. We had a variety of multicultural visitors, from many faith backgrounds, and they were very inspired... Lots of children and families visited too which was great."

Based out of Tauranga, Marine Reach, a YWAM ministry, has surpassed 25 years of ministry based out of NZ, strengthening communities around the Pacific. Over the years Marine Reach ships have carried medical and dental teams, construction teams, primary healthcare teams, and community development teams with a strong educational component. Over 450,000 people have received medical attention, with more than 1 million benefiting from the additional services provided.

The Pacific Hope left Auckland on May 1st for six months ministry out of Vanuatu where the ship will support a new



Regional Training Centre there that incorporates a Family Care Centre, which provides medical care and educational services to the local community.

Standing outside the bridge leaning on the rails looking out at the harbour beyond the bow, founding Director David Cowie shared with Jay some of the challenges with keeping an operation such as this afloat. Let's just say, **every dollar counts**. For more information [click here](#) to visit Marine Reach's website.

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Pacific Hope docked, Prince's Wharf Auckland



Partial Console



A porthole view



Tight spaces



The dental surgery



The welcoming party

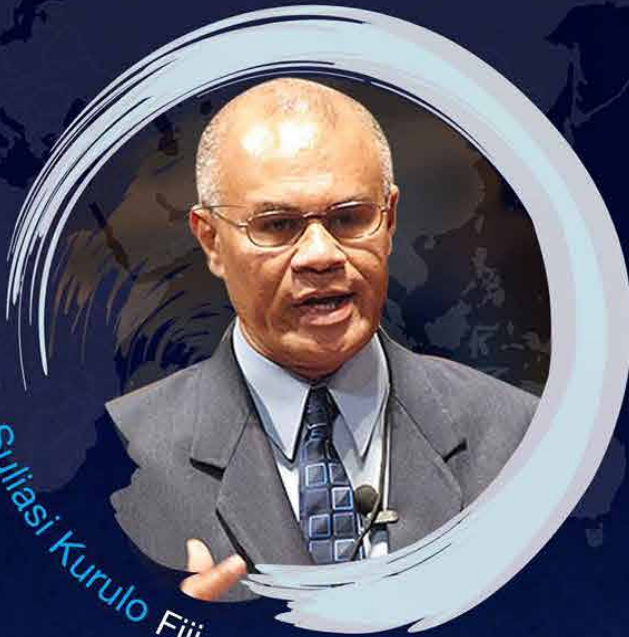


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# CULTURE'S COLOR GOD'S LIGHT



## THREE PRIMARY COLORS THREE PRIMARY CULTURES

Humans see colors based on the three types of cone receptors in the human eye. The full spectrum of color for humans is presented by varying combinations of **red**, **green** and **blue** light.<sup>1</sup>

Human culture sees the world through one of three types of values:<sup>2</sup>



### GUILT & INNOCENCE

Individualistic; laws are kept or transgressed

### SHAME & HONOR

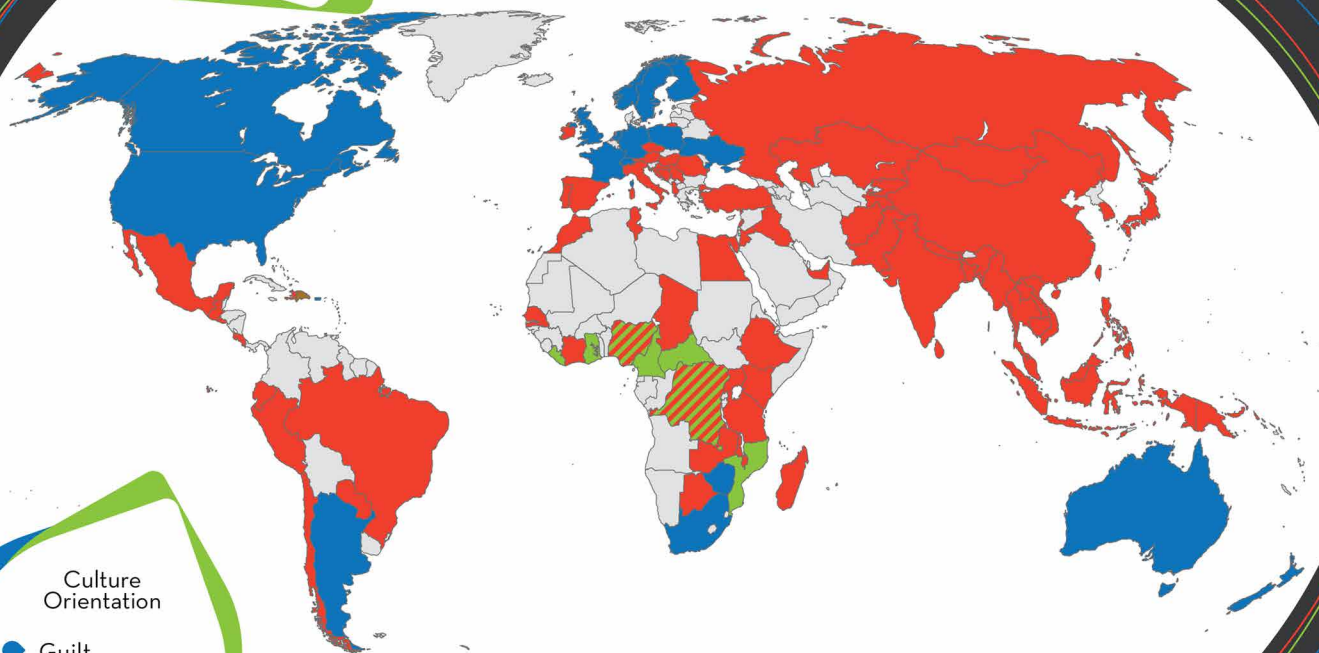
Collectivistic; community expectations are met or unmet



### FEAR & POWER

Animistic; spirits are appeased or aggravated

### CULTURE ORIENTATION PER COUNTRY<sup>3</sup>



#### Culture Orientation

- Guilt
- Shame
- Fear
- No respondents

# CULTURE **COLORS** OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S LIGHT

Our cultural lens strongly influences our understanding of the gospel. Western culture has reframed the conversation:<sup>4</sup>

SHAME-ORIENTED  
LANGUAGE  
IN THE BIBLE

GUILT-ORIENTED  
LANGUAGE  
IN THE BIBLE

A SURVEY OF SEVEN BIBLE DICTIONARIES PUBLISHED IN THE USA (A GUILT-ORIENTED CULTURE) SHOWED THAT ALL SEVEN CONTAINED AN ENTRY FOR GUILT BUT ONLY TWO FOR SHAME.<sup>5</sup>



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The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology	1983	●	
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New Dictionary of Biblical Theology, Exploring the Unity and Diversity of Scripture	2000	●	
The Theological Wordbook: The 200 Most Important Theological Terms and Their Relevance for Today	2000	●	
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# COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL IN LIVING COLOR

If our cultural lens impacts our understanding of the gospel, it will also impact our communication of the gospel to various audiences.



WILL YOU BRING GOD'S PURE LIGHT

AS YOU UNDERSTAND THE COLORS OF CULTURE?

## CHRIST SAID THAT WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

The more we learn and understand of other culture types, the better able we are to shine in a way that will be visible and understood.

Believers in each culture see God through their own color filter. Yet, when they interact and serve with believers from other cultures, the brilliant white light that combines all the colors will shine through in the form of God's redemptive love.

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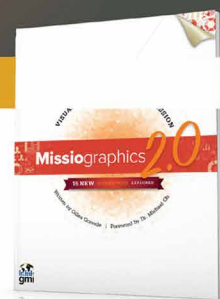


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# CARE

## HELPING YOUR MISSIONARIES THRIVE

Help Your Missionaries Thrive:

**Leadership Practices that Make a Difference.**

By Ken Harder and Carla Foote (GMI Books, 2016). 96 pages.

**Hard copy & Kindle.**

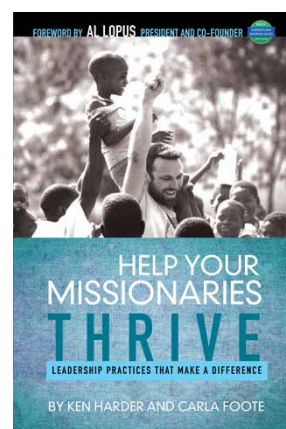
In this book Dr. Ken Harder and Carla Foote propose to mission leaders that they can improve retention and engagement of field workers by adapting their leadership practices in a few significant ways. The authors tackle issues such as building trust, encouraging feedback, taking the time to (really) listen, making some modifications to the decision making processes, how to better cope with crises, and understanding life stages, among other concerns.

This book is based on research undertaken by GMI (Global Mapping International) and the group Best Christian Workplaces. It's based on a survey of 1,771 North American, cross-cultural field workers from seven agencies. Although it is particularly skewed to the North American culture, it will have a lot of relevance for most Western-oriented mission organisations.

It reveals the top concerns North American field workers have about their sending organisations with regard to personnel practices, worker involvement in decision making, and servant leadership at all levels.

According to the blurb on Amazon, in this book missionaries and their leaders will find answers to some of the top questions that vex their North American colleagues:

- Who can I trust?
- Why is it so difficult to get along with my team?
- Can I have some feedback please?
- How can we best use my specific expertise?
- Do I matter? Do I have a voice in our organization?
- Who can help me?



## Mental Health and the Church

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Register online: [www.willowcreek.org.nz/events/mhac](http://www.willowcreek.org.nz/events/mhac) or contact Karyn at [karyn@willowcreek.org.nz](mailto:karyn@willowcreek.org.nz) or 021 437 803

	Individual	Couple	Full Time Student or Superannuitant
Early Bird Rate until 14 May 2016	\$80	\$130	\$40
Regular Rate	\$95	\$160	\$50

# REGULATION OVERWATCH

*Implications of Regulatory Changes for Charities*

One of Missions Interlink's roles is to keep an eye on regulation changes that have potential to affect mission organisations and ministries here in Aotearoa NZ. Last month we profiled the changes that came into affect with regard to Health, Safety and the Workplace (HSW). Here we provide a brief update to that as well as some other changes that may have significant ripple effects for our members.

## HSW ACT UPDATE

Missions Interlink has retained the services of Simon Greening, a Gaze Burt Solicitor, to provide us with a legal opinion concerning the implications of the HSW Act for member missions that deploy people overseas. Simon, a specialist in health and safety law, agrees that there are some particular and interesting issues for us to consider. These include, the jurisdiction of the Act, the meaning of "workplace", and the application of "reasonably practicable" in the context of mission work outside of New Zealand.

We hope to have a legal opinion document available for our members on request later this month. We will also announce its availability in next month's BULLETIN.

## POTENTIAL DONEE STATUS SHIFT

Frances Tagaloa, Chief Operations Officer of Tandem Ministries brought to our attention a **discussion document** that suggests the IRD may tighten up what they regard as "wholly or mainly" with regard to donated funds use.

Under the Income Tax Act 2007, an individual donor can get a tax refund of 33.3% of the value of donations over \$5, and donations made by companies and Maori authorities get an income tax deduction for the amount of the gift. But in both cases, **tax breaks are only available if the donations are used "wholly or mainly" in New Zealand.**

In 2010 the InterChurch Bureau (ICB) provided its members (including Missions Interlink) with a position paper that interprets "wholly or mainly" as being more than 50%. At the moment the IRD would agree, however the internal document we saw suggests that they reconsider this position. The issues

paper recommends that, **"it might be more consistent with the intent of the current law if 'wholly or mainly' had a much higher minimum level - possibly as much as 90%."**

While a long way off being confirmed by the IRD (if at all), this could throw a spanner in the works of any mission organisation that is currently providing tax deductible receipts for donations designated for offshore use, to a missionary or missions project for example. Even if the money is distributed in New Zealand (e.g. to a missionary's bank account) the IRD is interested in where the money is **applied**. The intended end-use of the donation is their primary point of concern.

Back in 2010 mission organisations saw the potential for this shift and split their accounting systems to separate local from offshore. Many established two trusts, one focused on their NZ operations (more than 90%), which was awarded donee status, and another on their overseas activities, without donee status. Systems were then set up so that only funds used in NZ operations were eligible for a tax-deductible receipt.

## NZ CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL LIMITATIONS

Richelle Webb, founder of **"BOUNCE:** supporting families on the move" is a families and TCK consultant. While helping a Kiwi missionary family navigate the educational needs of their children Richelle encountered tightened regulations from the NZ Correspondence School, "Te Kura".

Te Kura have three groups of "overseas domestic students" and in previous policies missionaries have fallen under Group A, entitled to free education for an unlimited time period for their children. However, **in August last year the Ministry of Education announced that they will no longer offer this service to missionaries and have removed them from the automatic entitlement lists outlined in the three groups.** Being an optimist, Richelle reckons all is not lost and in some ways creativity and strategic planning may help... a little.

Group B may offer missionaries a way forward, but the following conditions would need to be met...

1. "Immediately prior to the first application, have lived in NZ for two consecutive years or more" – This is pretty clear and there is no flexibility in this. Basically, if parents choose to live overseas before their child turns 4 then they will not be eligible for enrolment.

2. **"Are going to non-English speaking countries"** – If you move to an English speaking country then eligibility is unlikely. There might be some negotiation around the definition of "suitable or comparable NZ education system", which can be argued by the parents, but it is not guaranteed. An exception to this is if your children are older, approaching NZQA and need to continue what has already been started in NZ.

3. **The enrolment application must be made within 12 months of departure from NZ and can only be made in the year that the child turns 5 years.**

4. **If you have more than one child and you choose to enrol the first child, it is important to advise the school, at that time, that there are siblings following behind.** But there are no guarantees that siblings will be enrolled if they do not meet the above criteria.

5. **Enrolment is for a maximum of 5 years.** Again, there is no flexibility in this. That means that if you meet all the above criteria and your child is accepted at the age of 5 years their entitlement will expire when they turn 10. However, when they turn 16, they will fall under Group C - and can then enrol as a fee paying student. Believe it or not, it's not even possible to enrol as a fee paying student between 10 and 16 because, by law, the ministry has to offer free education to NZ students under the age of 16!

To sum up, these restrictions now make NZ Correspondence schooling largely inaccessible for the majority of Kiwi missionary families. If a Kiwi education is non-negotiable, we expect these changes will have a huge impact on the availability of Kiwi families able to serve in mission.

Missions Interlink has encouraged Richelle to investigate this further and we will be looking for ways to lobby the Ministry of Education for some sort of dispensation more conducive for the needs of missionary families.

# THE MYANMAR MISSION

By Ruth Osborne, Communications Manager, LeaDev-Langham

**“I’m not a serious man,” declares Aung Mang, a Burmese follower of Jesus who is currently ministering across New Zealand as the guest of mission organisation LeaDev-Langham.**

With a twinkle in his eye, and a smile constantly pulling at the edge of his mouth, his statement is quite believable. Aung very obviously does not take himself seriously, and it’s his ease with this that makes him a leader of intriguing dimensions, determination and experience.

He has two Masters Degrees, two PhDs, plays the bass guitar, and “keeps a simple recording studio for making music demos”. He pastors a church of 300+ members in downtown Yangon, in an eighth floor apartment with no elevator. As a teenager he had hair to his waist, but he says when he did his doctorates he lost most of it completely. His wife and their family share their apartment at any given time with up to eighteen other people, “to help them out financially whilst they study”. He is a seasoned church planter and theological educator of over three decades; the ‘go to’ person for evangelical perspective on the church in Myanmar. His parents were rural subsistence farmers, and he chooses voluntary poverty, not even owning a bicycle. He was the founding principal and now chair of MEGST (Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology) an unregistered and therefore technically illegal Christian training institute in Yangon, but nevertheless “the fastest growing grad school in Asia”.

And if that resume is not sufficiently interesting, Aung has also spent his 57 years serving God under Myanmar’s military regime, which was fiercely opposed to the Gospel.

***“It was extreme control,” Aung shares. “They functioned with a really strong and oppressive spirit.”***

He tells about the endless armed road check points, and how he would have to ‘register’ any guests staying at his home, even for one night, including his own mum. The authorities held to a fundamental and conservative Buddhism where it is common for fanatical monks to abuse Christians with impunity. The Chin State in the North West – Aung’s home state – was de facto abandoned in terms of government development, because the citizens are predominantly Christian. All churches, and anything to do with Christianity (or any religion other than Buddhism for that matter) were illegal, and therefore unregistered. Aung could never openly share his qualifications (Divinity/Biblical Studies, Applied Theology, Ministry, and Philosophy), as they were illegal. Christians had to be covert about attending church, and many services were held in homes.

But in November last year that all began to change. Citizens participated in their first free and fair general election in over half a century, and voted in favour of democracy, giving a landslide victory to the National League for Democracy led by Aung San Suu Kyi. In March this year, the official handover took place, with Aung San Suu Kyi becoming Foreign



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Serious about mission in newly democratic Myanmar.

Minister, and Henry van Thio, a committed Christian (and former Dunedin resident) being elected as the country’s No 2 Vice President, with a portfolio of social development.

Like believers across Myanmar, Aung is really excited about what this means for the Gospel.

“Now we will be able to spread the Good News, legally,” he shares expectantly. “I have a very positive perspective towards my own country, now. The people are still poor, physically, but we are all poor together and can begin to move forward.

***“We believe the reason why Aung San Suu Kyi won the November elections is because of the prayers of the Christians. The church prayed her in, so that Myanmar can be changed.”***

With the fledgling democracy growing, Aung says Aung San Suu Kyi (or “The

Lady” or “Aunty” as she is affectionately known) is already ensuring that change is happening.

“The thing that was immediately obvious, was that there were no more military check points,” shares Aung. He can now get international travel visas much quicker and for longer periods.

“I am so excited that some nights I cannot sleep thinking about what this means for the Church, for Christian education, and the Gospel,” he enthuses. “I find myself at three in the morning still planning what is possible; how in about a year, all the churches will be legal. What Henry’s (van Thio) portfolio means for Christian social outreach to all Burmese. How Christians now have constitutional rights. How we will be able to register MEGST and possibly turn it into a Christian university.”

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MEGST's serious commitment to mission and growth in Myanmar will continue to be partnered by kiwi organisation **LeaDev-Langham**, which has been working with the school since its inception in 1996. LeaDev-Langham supports the development of key leaders within the fast-growing church in Asia-Pacific, believing this is the most strategic contribution western Christians can make to mission. Aung has had a long relationship with Executive Director Tony Plews who, together with other kiwi education professionals, has contributed capacity development and support as it has grown. In an allied LeaDev-Langham story, five years ago Jacob Mung, another Burmese leader, felt prompted to compile the first modern Burmese study Bible, which is due

for publication about a year from now. Clearly God is answering the prayers of Burmese believers, and positioning things for a great harvest.

As Aung looks forward, he shares energetic plans for the training of Christian leaders; capacity development within Christian education facilities; writing five books; and touring with an outreach band. But for the last few months his capacity building

around mission has been in Aotearoa NZ, speaking at churches and Christian groups, bringing three messages that he believes are timely for the church here:

"Firstly, accomplish the Great Commission in the church context; make more disciples from among the nations. Second is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, sharing the Gospel with power. Number three is partnership because

unless we do teamwork, we will not be able to extend the Kingdom.

*"It would seem to me that these are in deficit in the church in New Zealand, especially the power of the Spirit. People are doing things, but not necessarily in the power of the Spirit. I think in the West the church has lost this, and people are not crazy for Jesus as they could be. In Myanmar, believers are just crazy for Jesus."*

Dr Aung Mang is **in New Zealand until 24 May**. Find his tour schedule on the **LeaDev-Langham news page**.

*Ruth Osborne is a communicator, creative and organisational consultant working with not for profits. She also writes poetry and good news stories. She interviewed Aung Mang in her capacity as LeaDev-Langham's Communications Manager.*

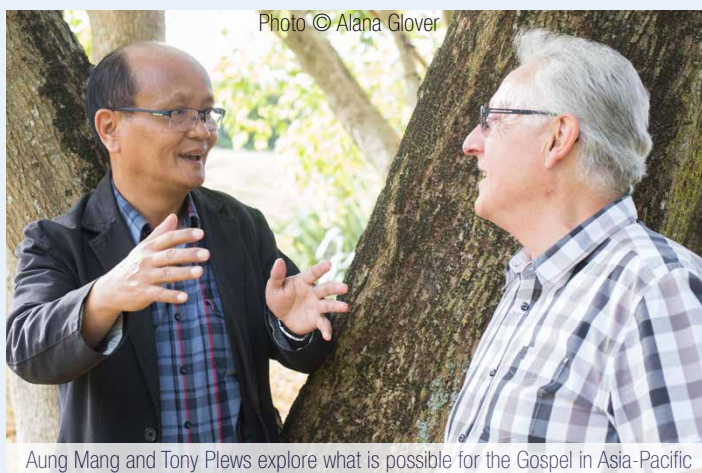


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Aung Mang and Tony Plews explore what is possible for the Gospel in Asia-Pacific

# OAC vacancy

## National Administrator

O.A.C (Outreach And Church) Ministries, formerly known as Open Air Campaigners, is an evangelistic organisation by nature with a mission statement to reach the nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to equip the church to do the same.

Our vision is *'by example and through equipping, to ignite the Christian community to proclaim the gospel'*.

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OAC's evangelists aim to work alongside the church to reach out to the community through evangelism training and practice, children's programmes, youth programmes, preaching or assisting in whatever evangelistic needs each church has.

**OAC Ministries is seeking a National Administrator for a strategic new role being created to centralise the administration of OAC on a nationwide basis;** to assist, facilitate and implement the restructure of the organisation, to be progressive and proactive in fulfilling its mission.



The role includes the responsibility to follow the vision, goals and direction of the OAC National Council via the National Director. It is a servant management role, to enable the ongoing work to occur in a positive and professional way consistent with Biblical principles. The role is a professional strategic one involving administration, finance and marketing and is based at the National office in Auckland. Conditions of employment, remuneration and hours to be negotiated.

To indicate your interest please send or email your CV and any other information to: **finance@oac.org.nz** or post to:

**National Administrator Position**  
**OAC National Council Treasurer**  
**26 Valley Road, Te Puke 3119**



# A HOBBIT MISSION!

What do Hobbits, coffee, cake, and the Gospel have in common?

**The Dew Drop Inn Cafe and it's for sale!**

This Hobbiton-themed mission-business in Matamata is the innovation of Margaret, a keen evangelist entrepreneur. For health reasons Margaret (in the middle of picture below) needs to pass ownership on. She would dearly love for the mission to continue.

The world is coming to Matamata's doorstep daily. The door is open as never before, providing opportunity for sowing gospel seed into the lives of a flood of eager international travellers. Sowing has been happening since this little place opened, and lots of conversations arise while visitors linger.

The cafe doubles as a costume venue where patrons can dress up as Hobbits for free and take their own photos against a backdrop (pictured) while their cafe order is being prepared.

Margaret has invested a lot of resource and loving attention into making Dew

Drop Inn a destination cafe. In Matamata it is situated across the street from the public rest stop, and a ring's throw from the famous Hobbiton Gateway House (iSite) on Hetana street, the town's tourist hub. Check out [the Trip Advisor reviews here](#).

This business-as-mission would thrive in the hands of an energetic Hobbit fan who is an entrepreneur and genuinely loves people. An outside-the-square thinker could take the cafe to a whole new next level.

Margaret is eager to discuss the possibilities. She can be contacted at the shop weekdays, and by phone: 07 888 7560.



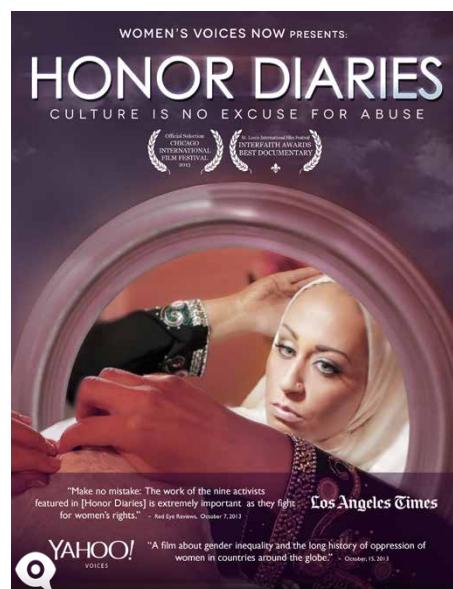
## THE HONOR DIARIES

**"culture is no excuse for abuse"**

Honor Diaries is the first film to break the silence on 'honour violence' against women and girls. More than a movie, it is a movement to save women and girls from human rights abuses around the world.

The film brings together nine courageous and highly articulate women of different ages, all from Muslim majority countries (from Muslim, Sikh and Christian backgrounds) to examine the concept of Honour and how it affects the lives of women from Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African backgrounds - both in their own countries and in the West. They speak about their personal experiences and of threats against them, and talk of their efforts to change the situation of women in their country of origin and in the wider world. Although this DVD covers some very serious issues, the overall tone is positive, encouraging women to work together for reform.

The DVD is available in NZ for \$30 from [MARN](#) (click [here](#) to order)



### Spiritually Aware Member Care

**19 June - 1 July 2016**

**70 Grahams Road, Kangaroo Ground, Vic AUSTRALIA 3097**

**with Stephen & Jocelyn Head**

**URGENT:** Expressions of interest are still being sought for this up-coming Spiritually Aware Member Care course being held at Kangaroo Ground, Victoria (AUSTRALIA) in June. They need a minimum of 15 people attending to run this course. Since Stephen & Jocelyn are going from New Zealand to lead it, the organisers would appreciate people contacting them about their interest ASAP. To register your interest, email [Sandy Wade](#).

Click [here](#) to download the latest course brochure in PDF format (includes course costs, excluding airfares).

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## NZ POST RATES ARE GOING UP JULY 1

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Drop **Pauline** an email to stock up:  
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## PACIFIC2NATIONS AGM

The P2N team warmly [invite mission leaders to their AGM](#) to catch up on the latest P2N developments and plans for the future

**LIFE CHURCH, MANUREWA**  
**Friday May 13, 2016 from 11am**

For more information **contact** Lui Ponifasio:  
[pastor@lifechurch.net.nz](mailto:pastor@lifechurch.net.nz)

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"Come [meet over breakfast with Kiwis unveiling God's glory in Central Asia](#) through agri-business and health services. We're also commissioning 12 Kiwis heading there for two weeks of prayer and conversational English tutoring."

**AUCKLAND Saturday May 14, 2016**  
**8:00 - 9:30am RSVP May 8**

For more information **contact** Honour:  
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## SERVANTS : RE-IMAGINE

The Re-imagine Internship is a fresh format within Servants. It comprises a structured group briefing at the beginning, [an immersion experience](#) in the middle weeks, and a group debriefing at the end. Find out more here:

<http://servantsasia.org/re-imagine-internship/>

**NORTH INDIA Jul 14 - Aug 13, 2016**

For further information **contact** Paul Mather:  
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## DAVE ANDREWS: CHRISTIAN MUSLIM ENGAGEMENT

Dave Andrews (from Brisbane) has recently written on [the sacred nonviolent struggle for justice](#). He is visiting Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin early in May. For background about Dave's approach to this subject visit his [website](#).

**CRAVE CAFE, AUCKLAND**  
**Sunday May 8, 5.30pm – 7pm**

For further information **contact** Paul Mather:  
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**CAREY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND**  
**Monday May 9, 7:30 - 9:00pm**

To RSVP **contact** Mike Crudge:  
[mike.crudge@carey.ac.nz](mailto:mike.crudge@carey.ac.nz)

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## MYANMAR MISSION: SUPER-SIZED CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, THREATS

Dr Aung Mang, evangelist, church-planter and Chair of Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology, will be [sharing about the opening doors for the Gospel in Myanmar to inspire us to action](#). Visit the [Leadev-Langham website](#) for speaking locations and more.

**VARIOUS NZ VENUES April - May**

For further information **contact** Ruth Osborne:  
[admin@ldl.org.nz](mailto:admin@ldl.org.nz) or phone (09) 376-5190.

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## STUDENT LIFE LEGACY CONFERENCES

Student Life, a student ministry of Tandem Ministries, are holding their [Legacy Conferences in Ngaruawahia and Queenstown](#) on **1st-6th July**. Student Life is a group of students who are on a journey towards truly discovering the person of Jesus and what it means to know him and follow him. For more information check out their [website](#).

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## NZCMS MISSION INTERNSHIP

NZCMS has rebooted their Haerenga internships. Check out the new details on their [website](#).

For more information **contact** Jon Slack:  
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# SPOTLIGHTS<sub>cont...</sub>

## EUROPEAN MISSION EXPOSURE

**DISCOVER** the latest in church planting and other ministries in Europe, and what's happening with refugees and others! Formerly a missionary in Eastern Europe, Margaret Willan, a mobiliser for the European Christian Mission, will be sharing with supporters and interested others in **Southland and Otago June 3 -19**.

For more details **write to Margaret at:**  
P.O.Box 19 295, Avondale, Auckland 1746

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## ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

**Returning mature female missionary needs accommodation** from **June/July to late February** in the Central/West area of Auckland. Independent living preferred as she may be studying, but all options considered.

For more information **contact Suzanne** by phone: 021 481 088.

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## EMPLOYMENT REQUIRED

Daisy Wang is looking for a **permanent part-time position, preferably near Mt Albert, in a mission or ministry organisation providing accounting or accounts support expertise**. Daisy has accounts and administration experience to support her Graduate Diploma in Commerce (Accounting) and Graduate Diploma in Freight and Logistics. A NZ Citizen, Daisy is competent in either English, Mandarin or Cantonese.

For a CV or more information **contact Daisy:**  
[wlh2001auck@yahoo.com](mailto:wlh2001auck@yahoo.com) or 021 174 4426

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For more information **contact Mark Fox:**  
[mfox@maf.org](mailto:mfox@maf.org)

## HOUSE SITTING OFFER

Wycliffe mission leaders will be returning to Mexico in September for 6.5 weeks. They would like to make their **home in Katikati available to a single person or married couple** (not suitable for children) who are back on "Home Assignment", or perhaps recently returned from the field with no permanent abode. They also have a very friendly Siamese cat to be taken care of, and house plants to be watered. The home is adjacent to a golf course and 5 minutes' drive from a Countdown supermarket.

**Fairview Estate KATIKATI**  
**September 9 - October 22, 2016**

For more information **contact David Foris:**  
[david\\_foris@sil.org](mailto:david_foris@sil.org)

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Min. 8 people. For enquiries **contact Freda:**  
[info@perspectives.org.nz](mailto:info@perspectives.org.nz)

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Christian Leaders' Training College in Papua New Guinea seeks **expressions of interest for a Technical Services person and an experienced Business Manager**. CLTC has a business that helps fund its teaching programmes in the Highlands of PNG.

For more information **contact Russell Thorp:**  
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