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## EDITORIAL

with Jay

Tena tātou katoa e te whānau...

**Tihei mauri ora!** (Lit: the sneeze of life!) Maori proclaim this statement before a talk, claiming the authority to speak. How appropriate that it also be used before declaring the truth of Scripture—the very breath of God in written form that is meant to manifest itself through us, His people.

*"He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'"*

(Acts 17:25b-28 NLT)

It seems all the nations of the world are in an identity crisis at the moment. Faced with the inevitable consequences of the post-WWII globalization project, nations are struggling to recalibrate who they are as they stare down the barrel of combustible cultural complexity. We need to see God's design in this. He created the nations for Himself, and commissioned us to disciple them; as people within them choose to abdicate their tiny thrones to become vassals, fully allegiant to God's ever advancing Kingdom under Lord Jesus.

I am becoming increasingly convicted that there is a *national* flavour to the way we are commissioned to disciple nations—not at all in a condescending or colonialistic sense, that's not discipleship, but in an educative and enabling sense. My working theory is that not only has God created nations, He has invested a particular deposit of grace within nations, with which its nationals are to 'go' and bless the whole world alongside others contributing their unique national/cultural gifts to the process.

Let's pretend that has some credence for a moment. What would God's grace-set for Aotearoa NZ look like? What are our unique traits? What do we do well (somewhat naturally)? What grace is evident in our history, pre- and post-colonisation? What shape has the gospel taken since it was planted in this land, the story of Christ in *our* midst? This is the gospel we have the responsibility to share with the world—alongside the gospels of other nations—to be a light, especially to nations in which the gospel has yet to take root...

>>STAY ON MISSION>>



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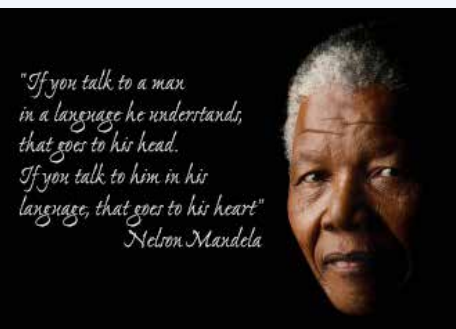
## SPOTLIGHTS

### MI EVENTS 2016

- July 11 MI Subscription Renewals invoiced out.
- July 18-21 Jay in Sydney, sharing at ConNEXTions (MI Australia's annual conference)
- July 28 MI **Trainers Cluster** Meeting @ Laidlaw from 2pm, with special guest Roland Muller.

# MISSION AS MANAAKITANGA

by Jay Matenga.



July 4—10 is Maori Language Week in Aotearoa NZ. It is an appropriate time to take a glimpse into the other reality we live amongst in this land. Anyone who has sought to minister cross-culturally will attest to Nelson Mandela's adage, "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." And it's in the heart, the seat of our affections, that reality lies.

Last year, as I was gathering data for my doctoral research, I had the privilege of sitting with Christian Maori to interview them about their lived experience of *whanau* (family). All respondents were gracious and generous with their stories, many of which were etched with more than a little pain. While investigating *whanau*, I was also exposed to many other manifestations of *kaupapa* (the principles of) and *tikanga* (the practice of) Maori. A strong thread that wove through the narratives was that of *manaakitanga*: a composite of *mana* (dignity, esteem, honour, inherited spiritual vitality, power, authority, influence, status, charisma, etc), *aki* (to encourage, increase, urge on, induce, incite, exhort, etc), and *tanga* (the suffix that turns verbs into nouns).

Willie Ngarimu<sup>1</sup> is a former soldier turned teacher at the *kura kaupapa* (Maori immersion school) in Ruatoria. Willie identified *manaakitanga* as a strong value or ethic within the concept of *whanau*. He shared, "there are so many common elements within that word *manaakitanga*... To be humble and to show humility... to lift

up someone else's mana rather than your own... when you are dealing with people, be respectful to them... I always keep going back to the Bible, "*do unto others as you would have them do unto you*" (Matt 7:12) and that is *manaakitanga*, you know, where you go somewhere, *you'd want people to lift you up, build you up and that's what you do to people, you don't want to be trodden on or whatever.*"

*Manaaki* is loaded with meaning. By quoting Willie, I am increasing his mana. *Manaaki* is respect, hospitality, generosity, support, care... blessing. The Good Samaritan showed his *aroha* (loving kindness) to the stranger through acts of *manaaki*. God's posture towards us in Christ is *manaaki*. *Manaaki* is an expression of love. Furthermore, *manaaki* helps us 'see' the *imago Dei* (image of God) in all people and respond to them meaningfully and respectfully, with due deference. *Manaaki* ought also to compel us to invite them in, to dwell with the Prince of Peace in the Kingdom of Peace. It is here (and here alone) that *manaaki* is experienced in fullness, where one's true worth is valued and the fullness of who we are created to be as people and as a community can be realised.

Is this sounding somewhat familiar? Is this not mission? I can't think of an English equivalent that can do justice to this single word. "Blessing" comes close, but its meaning has depreciated over time; "grace" might fit. Either way, *manaaki* now sits in me as a major frame of reference for a reality that I hope will take hold in our missions community.

<sup>1</sup> None of my research respondents wished to remain anonymous. I honour their generosity by quoting them.

## CALLING MISSION TRAINERS

Laidlaw College, July 28 from 2pm | RSVP by July 25 to [info@missions.org.nz](mailto:info@missions.org.nz)

If you're involved in any sort of training of people for cross-cultural ministry, whether locally or globally, you are especially invited to this free event.

If you are not directly involved in training but would appreciate sitting in on the session you are most welcome to join us too.


Missions Interlink is rebooting the Mission Trainer's Cluster and we are grateful to WEC International for loaning Roland Muller to us for the afternoon. See other Muller events on the next page if you can't join us for this session.

Roland is very experienced in mission, particularly in Middle Eastern contexts. He knows what it takes for people to adjust to life in Muslim contexts and, by implication, any context that can be considered an "honour culture". As we seek to train more Kiwis to serve cross-culturally, we need to be able to equip them with resources to adapt to group-oriented or collectivist cultures that have a strong honour code—not dissimilar to the Maori perspectives of *mana*.

RSVP is necessary, we will advise of specific location on Laidlaw's campus to all notify us they're coming.

# EQUIP





# Reaching Muslims for Christ

## **The Messenger The Message The Community**

**A Day with Roland Muller**

**Sat 30 July 2016  
9AM-3PM**

Cost \$10 (lunch & tea included)  
Plus koha for speaker

## **Eastwest College**

21 College Drive  
Gordonton  
(10 Min from Hamilton)

Register for a place by  
writing before 22 July to:  
[office@eastwest.ac.nz](mailto:office@eastwest.ac.nz)

Most of us struggle with evangelism, especially with those very different to ourselves. In this seminar Roland Muller, with 35 years of experience in Muslim ministry, will introduce useful steps Muslims take in coming to faith. You will learn how to analyse and then use different tools at different stages as your Muslim friend moves from not interested to becoming a follower of Jesus.

Many Muslims reject the gospel because of one or more of three key things:

- the validity of the messenger who brings it
- the way the message is communicated
- the viability of the Christian community

Muller demonstrates that once these barriers are addressed and overcome, many more Muslims will readily come to faith.

He will explore what it means to become a credible messenger, who brings an understandable message in the cultural context of the listener.

Muller will also address issues that affect how Muslim background believers integrate into churches, and how we can build attractive faith communities for people from other world views.

Muller's books have been used to train missionaries across the world. Join us for this unique opportunity!  
See: [www.rmuller.com](http://www.rmuller.com)

# Block Courses

## Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills (SYIS)

**Date:** July 4 - 8

**Trainers:** Martin Campbell, Lyn Woodford & Joanne Brown

**NZ\$630 including lunch & morning tea**

This workshop is designed to enhance the knowledge, attitudes and skills of Christian workers in how they relate to family, co-workers, friends and those from other cultures. Participants work and share together in pairs, small groups and in the whole group. They observe the skills then practice them with each other.

The best principles of adult learning are followed so that maximum learning and skill building take place.

## Biblical Theology of Missions

**Date:** June 27 - July 1

**Trainer:** Gordon Stewart

**(5 credits • level 5)**

**NZ\$315 including lunch & morning tea**

This is a study of the mission of God as revealed in the Bible; an examination of the Biblical basis for world mission. It considers both the Old and New Testament as missionary manuals, focusing on God's love and concern for the nations and his desire and provision for the redemption of all peoples.

## Church Planting Across Cultures

**Date:** September 12 - 23

**Trainer:** Dr Ron Barber

**(10 credits • level 6)**

**NZ\$630 including lunch & morning tea**

This course studies cross-cultural church planting strategies that have developed during the Protestant mission era, assessing both their strengths and weaknesses. Particular attention is given to the development of church planting movements and the exploration of a biblical ecclesiology appropriate to cross-cultural church planters.

## Children in Crisis Module 1 - Trauma & Crisis Care

**Date:** September 19 - 23

**Trainer:** Becky Bee

**(5 credits • level 5)**

**NZ\$315 including lunch & morning tea**

This foundational class provides an understanding of the impact that trauma-produced losses play in the life of a child. It examines effective intervention principles which promote healing and facilitate closure to a child's traumatic experiences.

There are two other courses in the Children in Crisis series -

Module 2 - Street Children

Module 3 - Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Children.

(The college offers one of these courses per year.)

## Tools for Language Learning

**Date:** October 10 - November 4

**Trainers:** Leslie Foster & Lyn Woodford

**(20 credits • level 6)**

**NZ\$1,260 including lunch & morning tea**

An introduction to the nature of languages and to self-directed language and culture acquisition. The focus is on planning a language learning programme, with practice in working with a native speaker of another language. Participants also study phonetics along with a basic introduction to grammatical and semantic analysis for language learning.

To find out more download a  
[registration form](#)

or

email us [Eastwest college](#)  
call 07-824-3417

# Summer School 2016: Webinars

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These FREE web-based seminars are available **LIVE in British Summer Time**. You can sign up for Redcliffe webinars by clicking the links at the bottom of each panel above, or visit [www.redcliffe.ac.uk/events](http://www.redcliffe.ac.uk/events). It's important that you sign up ahead of the webinar, so that they can ensure a prompt start to the session. Redcliffe delivers its webinars online via a small app or plugin called Zoom. The first time that you join you may be required to download a small, free piece of software on your laptop, tablet or smartphone to help you connect to the webinar. Alternatively, you can use a phone to listen in to the audio stream. Details will follow in an email, once your registration is complete.

## Church Planting

(8:00pm NZT)

Wednesday 13 July, 09.00 BST *Part of the MA in Contemporary Missiology, observing a specialism in European Mission*

For some church planting is the primary means by which the Kingdom of God grows; for others it is divisive and inherently imperialistic. What are the theological foundations for church planting in today's Europe?

Register: <https://redcliffe.zoom.us/webinar/register/b8242feacf20446f8c34be5db4a05ad8>

## Introduction to Complexity

(8:30pm NZT)

Wednesday 13 July, 09.30 BST *Part of the MA in Global Leadership*

We believe that complexity offers many insights for how to lead organisations and navigate change. This session introduces some of those key insights and presupposes no knowledge of complexity but will a good introductory paper is available here [http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.plexusinstitute.org/resource/collection/5fd4acef-7b50-4388-a93e-109b0988049f/intro\\_to\\_crp\\_suchman\\_acfb945.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.plexusinstitute.org/resource/collection/5fd4acef-7b50-4388-a93e-109b0988049f/intro_to_crp_suchman_acfb945.pdf)

Register: <https://redcliffe.zoom.us/webinar/register/08d00999de0c323ad746f627e8486654>

## Third Culture Kids

(8:00pm NZT)

Wednesday 13 July, 09.00 BST *Part of the MA in Member Care module, 'The Mission Worker as a Person'*

The session assumes a working knowledge of the basic issues relating to TCKs. Marion Knell will focus on life-time issues for TCKs, appropriate responses, tools a resources, skills for teaching about TCKs and informing the wider community.

Register: <https://redcliffe.zoom.us/webinar/register/720c6b5e9513934e7510d14dfea9e911>

## Change and the Place of the Leader

(8:30pm NZT)

Thursday 14 July, 09.30 BST *Part of the MA in Global Leadership*

Theories acknowledging complexity in organisations often leave the leader looking impotent and powerless. This session considers what the role of the leader can be whilst genuinely accepting complexity and unpredictability. It is useful but not essential to have joined the prior session: *Introduction to Complexity* (above).

Register: <https://redcliffe.zoom.us/webinar/register/618cfcb32bbd679d4ac87b605f06faf5>

## Leadership Theories

(10:15pm NZT)

Monday 18 July, 11.15 BST *Part of the MA in Global Leadership*

To be able to understand how leadership is changing we believe it is vital to understand where it has developed from and how that has shaped the leadership of today. This session will explore those roots and foster a discussion of influences.

Register: <https://redcliffe.zoom.us/webinar/register/3flacldfa69824c134538d7d4481ef37>

## Leadership: The Dark Side

(8:30pm NZT)

Wednesday 20 July, 09.30 BST *Part of the MA in Global Leadership*

Most people instinctively know what the term toxic leader means but understanding how toxicity develops, our own susceptibility to it and what its effects can be is vital in developing our awareness of the issue and our own self-awareness. This session introduces some of those key insights and presupposes no knowledge of complexity but will a good introductory paper is available here <https://emj.redcliffe.org/editions/the-toxic-mission-organisation-fact-or-fiction-issue-2-october-2004/the-toxic-mission-organisationfiction-or-fact/>

Register: <https://redcliffe.zoom.us/webinar/register/6ce2e4aa4372b49d34538d7d4481ef37>





# Cultural Self-Discovery for Effectiveness in Cultural Diversity

## A 2-DAY WORKSHOP

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SEPT

9<sup>30</sup>am – 4<sup>00</sup>pm  
each day

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(finishes 19th August)

**Student: \$40.00**



PRESENTER:

**Dr Sheryl Tagaki Silzer**

SENIOR ANTHROPOLOGY CONSULTANT SIL INTERNATIONAL  
ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TALBOT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Dr Silzer is the author of *Biblical Multicultural Teams: Applying Biblical Truth to Cultural Differences* (WCIU Press, 2011) and is currently working on a book on Asian Churches in the US.

She writes, trains, and consults in areas of cultural self-discovery, cross-cultural relating and intercultural teams, drawing on her own experience of growing up as a Japanese-American and living and working cross-culturally, together with research leading to her PhD in Intercultural Studies (*Fuller*) and extensive experience of working with multicultural teams around the world.

Register and pay online at [www.carey.ac.nz](http://www.carey.ac.nz) | Email enquiries to [events@carey.ac.nz](mailto:events@carey.ac.nz)

## One participant said...

*"I thought I already had cross-cultural awareness, but I learnt so much from this workshop. It opened up new ways of understanding my own responses to people and situations, and their reactions to me. The insights I gained are going to be so valuable as I relate to people in my very diverse neighbourhood."*

It is recommended that participants in the workshop purchase Dr Silzer's book, **Biblical Multicultural Teams: Applying Biblical Truth to Cultural Differences** (WCIU Press, 2011). It is currently available from on-line bookstores for around \$10.

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## Bridges of God: Friends of Friends Fellowship

In Leviticus chapter 19 verse 34 we read *'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.'*

God's heart for the new migrant to the land was to help them become a native among the indigenous people. Aotearoa/ New Zealand now has 46,146 Muslim background people living here (2013 census). In addition to Muslim residents there are 12,000 Muslims studying in our educational institutions. Many of them live with Kiwi families where they observe Christian living.

Our new Neighbours are used to strong community life, generous hospitality and a people-oriented culture in contrast to our Kiwi time-oriented culture.

In the last few years a pioneering movement called Friends of Friends Fellowship (FFF) has been birthed that seeks to support the communal needs of Muslim migrants. A typical fellowship provides a weekly gathering for Muslim seekers with

a small team of Christians to worship, pray, study holy scriptures and talk about Isa/ Jesus in a contextual way. Prayer includes not only personal needs, but also for peace for families and nations in war torn Islamic nations.

Food, hospitality, post ramadan and birth of Isa feasts, picnics, hiking, visitation, birthday celebrations, are all aspects of the FFF experience. Deep friendships develop with our new friends as they call us their new family in New Zealand. When their parents come to visit them they bring them to FFF to show them their wonderful new godly friends.

FFF is a safe, caring, generous and kind-hearted place for our new migrants to explore life and faith in NZ free from the negative stereo-types of the media. The acceptance and love they experience helps them to no longer feel like strangers residing in our land, and they start to become natives among us.

### LET'S PRAY

- ◆ Pray that our new 'Neighbours' will experience a new revelation of who Isa/ Jesus the beloved is. (1 John 5:6)
- ◆ Pray that more Christians will respond to the call of the Spirit to join or pioneer an FFF to make more safe communities for our 'Neighbours'. (Acts 10:17-20)
- ◆ Pray for the support and spiritual protection of the FFF labourers (Matthew 9:37-38), and for the new believers who are the fruit of this ministry.

For more information about FFF visit [www.ourneighbours.co.nz](http://www.ourneighbours.co.nz)



FFF Training Seminar - Sharing the Vision

## 2013 CENSUS RESULTS

The number of people affiliating with the Muslim religion has increased 27.9 percent since 2006 - from 36,072 in 2006 to 46,146 in 2013.

Region	2006	2013
Northland	201	270
Auckland	23,688	31,158
Waikato	2,166	2,937
Bay of Plenty	669	642
Gisborne	69	96
Hawkes Bay	441	753
Taranaki	231	393
Manawatu-Wanganui	924	1,305
Wellington	3,708	4,008
Tasman	57	45
Nelson	78	90
Marlborough	72	57
West Coast	51	66
Canterbury	2,838	3,075
Otago	729	1,065
Southland	144	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,066</b>	<b>46,146</b>

Of those who affiliated themselves with Islam:

- more than a quarter (25.7%) were born in NZ
- 21.0% were born in the Pacific Islands
- 26.9% were born in Asia
- 23.3% were born in the Middle East and Africa.

Please  
pray...  
for the  
Muslims  
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nation



## 2016 MOSQUES IN NZ

### Auckland [32]

Birkenhead  
Glenfield  
Central  
Avondale  
Lynfield  
Ak University  
Mt Albert^  
Mt Eden  
Mt Roskill [2]  
New Lynn  
New Lynn - Shi'a  
Onehunga  
Ponsonby  
Sandringham  
West  
Glen Eden  
Kelston  
Ranui  
Westgate  
East  
Dannemora  
Glen Innes

South  
Mangere [2]  
Manukau  
Manurewa  
Otahuhu [2]  
Pakuranga  
Pakuranga - Shi'a  
Papakura  
Papatoetoe  
Pukekohe  
Wiri - Ahmadiyya

### Nationwide [28]

Whangarei  
Hamilton [2]  
Te Aroha  
Tauranga  
Rotorua  
Te Kuiti  
Napier^  
Hastings  
Taupo  
New Plymouth  
Hawera  
Taihape  
Wanganui  
Palmerston North [2]  
Porirua  
Lower Hutt  
Wellington [3]  
Blenheim  
Christchurch [3]  
Timaru  
Dunedin  
Invercargill

^Fundraising for building

### Islamic Prayer Rooms

There are also many prayer rooms located in secondary and tertiary educational institutions, airports, community centres, other public buildings and in some work places.

NB All Sunni mosques unless noted.



# SYRIA: WHO SAYS?

by Dr. Riad Kassis PhD, Director of Langham Scholars

We normally travel from Lebanon to Syria using private means of transportation, but my daughter and I decided to use public transportation on this visit for safety (**an Arabic proverb states: “Place your head with other heads when you could face beheading!”**). It is also a good opportunity for my wife to enjoy some time for herself.

The road we traveled on was Damascus-Homs road. Homs city, after Hama, became a very tense city due to armed and militant protesters. Fortunately, our driver has already decided to avoid passing through Homs. As I wrote these words, Homs was almost 42 miles north. Along the highway on my left was a big statue of the late Syrian President standing on a hill waving his hand. A couple of miles back, we passed by an ancient church situated on the right side of the highway in a pre-dominantly Muslim Sunni city.

Our driver's name was Abu Ibrahim (i.e., father of Abraham). He is a Syrian Greek Orthodox Christian who is proud to claim that his Christian lineage dates back more than 2,000 years. A miniature of Virgin Mary was at the center of his steering wheel. Before we took off in Damascus, I offered Abu Ibrahim a cold Coca-Cola. He thanked me warmly as he drank the whole can in two sips on an August afternoon in this Damascus summer heat.

Next to me was a bearded man. When he got onto the bus, he opened his Quran and began reciting and reading Quranic verses. Now and then, he would take a break to chat with Abu Ibrahim for a couple of minutes. His truck was broken midway between Damascus and Homs, so he went to Damascus to get a spare part. As soon as he reached his truck, he gave Abu Ibrahim the fare and bid him a warm farewell.

Trivina, my daughter, was sitting in a single seat at the front of the bus with earphones plugged into her iPod. She was also reciting and mumbling words but in English, far away from reciting any religious verses. When I asked her to lower her voice, she responded by saying, “Who Says”? (She was listening to Selena Gomez singing the song, “Who Says”?)

I said to myself...

- Who says that in one day you cannot share a Coca-Cola, be inspired by a song on your iPod, interact with an Orthodox Christian or a Reformed evangelical theologian, and engage with a devout Sunni Muslim in Syria?
- Who says that the violence of protestors and the counter violence of regimes are the solution for the Syrian crisis?
- Who says that western sanctions against Syria are the solution for a better Syria?
- Who says that people of various beliefs are unable to ride on the same bus or live in the same country?
- I say that western and Arab countries should encourage genuine dialogue between the opposition and the regime. Sanctions are affecting ordinary citizens in serious ways, while the leaders of the regime have all the means to escape any suffering.
- The Bible says: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21).
- Experience says that violence leads to more violence, destruction, and loss

of precious lives. Martin Luther King, Jr. has so eloquently said: “Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars... **Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.**”

- History of the Middle East says that Muslims, Jews, and Christians are able to co-exist peacefully. In fact, an honest reading of history of the Middle East clearly supports this notion. The pressures exercised by extremists of all sides should not intimidate such co-existence.
- History of the Middle East also says that extremist regimes could cause enormous oppression and persecution to minorities particularly Christian minorities. This is why Patriarch Bishara ar-Rai of the Maronite Church, after talks with President Nicolas Sarkozy in Paris, said that Lebanese Christians feared that Syria might descend into civil war, or that “we end up with a regime which is more extreme and more fanatical. The Patriarch urged the West to be cautious in backing regime change without thinking about what might happen to minority communities in the aftermath. “The West



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He has recently released a reflection on Habakkuk called, “**Frustrated with God**” (available from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)), injecting hope into questions like, “why do the innocent suffer?”

**Dr Kassis is visiting New Zealand this month hosted by LeaDev-Langham, speaking in Auckland and Tauranga. Find out more: [www.leadev-langham.org/news-room](http://www.leadev-langham.org/news-room).**



wanted democracy in Iraq, and this democracy has claimed many lives. The lives of Christians in Iraq and in Egypt are now more difficult than they were in the past” (**Source: UK Church Times**).

When we reached our destination that is located in a pre-dominantly Christian area, I was deeply impressed seeing people, particularly the youth, resistant to being subdued by fear and intimidation. They were going for summer folklore parties, sipping coffee in cafes along roads, attending church on Sunday, and some of them even watching globalized music videos on giant screens.

The day before writing this I had a chance to briefly address a group of Syrian Christian university students. I admonished them that they are called today to be first-class citizens, to prove their love to their country in word and deed, and to witness to the powerful message of Jesus Christ of peace, salvation, and reconciliation.

**Would you please join me now in an earnest *prayer* for Syria and Syrian Christians?**



# INTO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Kirk Lauckner of *The Navigators* in the USA invites us to audacity—to believe that the Gospel is transformative today and that God's Spirit is at work in the uniqueness of our own individuality and that of our neighbourhoods.

Being new to our city, one of the most formational practices that has become a part of my weekly rhythm is simply to walk and pray through my neighbourhood. There is something deep and transformational that happens when we walk the streets of our community while conversing with God. I would like to invite you to make a 30-day "practice" by walking and praying through your own neighbourhood.

## 30 Days of Praying Through the Neighbourhood

### Day One:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighbourhood, this "place" I call home. *"The Word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood."* (John 1:14 MSG)

### Day Two:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Do I know the names of my neighbours? Lord, help me to learn the names of those living by me.

### Day Three:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Lord, thank You for the gift of a new day! May You surprise me as I walk these streets and enjoy this time with You. May a "divine appointment" happen today!

### Day Four:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

When was the last time I was invited into my neighbours' home? When was the last time I had a neighbour over for dinner? Lord, would You give me the time and capacity to practice hospitality? Is there someone we could invite for dinner within the next month?

### Day Five:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Lord, help me to be faithfully present in my neighbourhood. May I intentionally say "yes" and "no" to the right things so I have more time for my neighbours.

### Day Six:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

What promises am I praying over for my neighbourhood? While I am walking

today bring to mind specific scripture that speaks to loving people, the neighbourhood, and the expansion of the gospel.

### Day Seven:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Are there other Christ-followers in my neighbourhood? Who else can join us? Lord, would you please help me identify "people of peace" or people who care deeply about my neighbourhood.

### Day Eight:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighbourhood, this "place" I call home. *"The Word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood."* (John 1:14 MSG)

### Day Nine:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Lord, help me to see my neighbourhood with Your eyes. May my heart break for those things that break Your heart.

### Day Ten:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Today while walking I will bring along a bag and pick up trash along the way. Lord, thank you for Your creation; help me to steward and care for the beauty of the earth You have made.

### Day Eleven:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Today I will give thanks! As I walk I will focus on the blessings that God has given me. Much like a river that is overflowing, I will allow "thanks" to well up inside my heart. Lord, thank You my neighbourhood, my home, food, and the daily comforts that I so often take for granted. Thank You!

*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."* (Col 2:6-7)

### Day Twelve:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Today as I walk I will pay attention to the buildings, the businesses, non-profits, schools, and churches. What is already happening in my



neighbourhood and how may I join in and help these organizations? Lord, please lead me as I consider how involved I should become in my neighbourhood.

### Day Thirteen:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Today I will pray at a park or playground. When was the last time I intentionally visited our community centre? Lord, I long to be a "known character," one that is recognized, loved, and respected. Use me in this "place".

### Day Fourteen:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Today I will pray for labourers to flow out of the neighbourhood. *"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask The Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"* (Matt 9:36-38)

### Day Fifteen:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighbourhood, this "place" I call home. *"The Word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood."* (John 1:14 MSG)

### Day Sixteen:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Today I will meditate on these four words: Soften, Centre, Listen, and Respond. Lord, may you keep my heart soft and open, centred in Christ, listening to your Holy Spirit, and responding in love.

### Day Seventeen:

#### WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN

Today I will invite a friend to join me as I walk. (The relationship with this person will determine whether we pray together or simply walk while praying silently.) *"For where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them."* (Matt 18:20)

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**Day Eighteen:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

*"The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" (Gal 5:14)*

**Day Nineteen:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

Who are the neighbours that God is moving and drawing me towards, nudging me to take that next-step from "acquaintance" into "relationship"? Lord, will You help me move towards friendship with my neighbours, going beyond simply knowing their names.

**Day Twenty:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matt 5:14-16)*

**Day Twenty-One:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

When was the last time we had a party at our house? Who could we invite? Who could help us? *"Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them."* (Luke 5:29)

**Day Twenty-Two:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

How can my devotion to God best fulfil the command to love my neighbours? *"You must love the Lord your God*

*with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."* (Matt 22:37-40)

**Day Twenty-Three:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighbourhood, this "place" I call home. *"The Word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood."* (John 1:14 MSG)

**Day Twenty-Four:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

Today as I walk I will ask God to give me a picture of what our neighbourhood could become. Lord, please increase the vision for my neighbourhood.

**Day Twenty-Five:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

Today as I walk I will pray for insight on how I can "link" with other neighbourhoods within my city.

**Day Twenty-Six:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

"The number-one obstacle to neighbouring well is time. Do you currently live at a pace that allows you to be present in your neighbourhood?" (*The Art of Neighbouring*, by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon)

**Day Twenty-Seven:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

*"From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole*

*earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live."* (Acts 17:26-27)

**Day Twenty-Eight:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

"Remember that God is and has been at work in your neighbourhood. Part of leadership is attuning yourself to the breath of God as He brings new life to the dry bones of your place. Live in the freedom that comes from knowing that God loves your neighbourhood far more than you ever will. You can actually trust God's love for your place." (*The New Parish* by Paul Sparks and Tim Soerens)

**Day Twenty-Nine:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighbourhood, this "place" I call home. *"The Word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood."* (John 1:14 MSG)

**Day Thirty:**

**WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN**

*"I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."* (Matt 28:20)

Thank you for taking the time to WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN. Perhaps this will stimulate you to a lifetime practice of prayer for the "place" where you live. Whether you reside in the heart of a major city, in suburbia, or in the middle of the countryside, God has people who live "Next Door to Everyone." Love deeply and give your life away for the sake of the Kingdom!

 **THE NAVIGATORS**  
in Aotearoa New Zealand

**So what exactly do the Navigators 'do'?**

The Navigators are about helping people follow Jesus in all the places they go, in all the different stages of life, and with all the people they live amongst. But for the Nav's, it's not enough to just help them with their own walk with God; they want to equip and encourage them to help others walk this life of faith too.

All over NZ, the Nav's are building relationships with people from all walks of life: students, immigrants, mums, corporates, people in prison – anyone who is interested in learning more about living purposefully.

**So what does that actually look like?**

- They spend time discipling people one-on-one
- They run small groups
- They develop leaders
- They hold events to encourage, equip and connect people
- They provide resources
- They connect people as they move cities
- They talk to people who don't believe in God, inviting them to explore Jesus and His Good News.

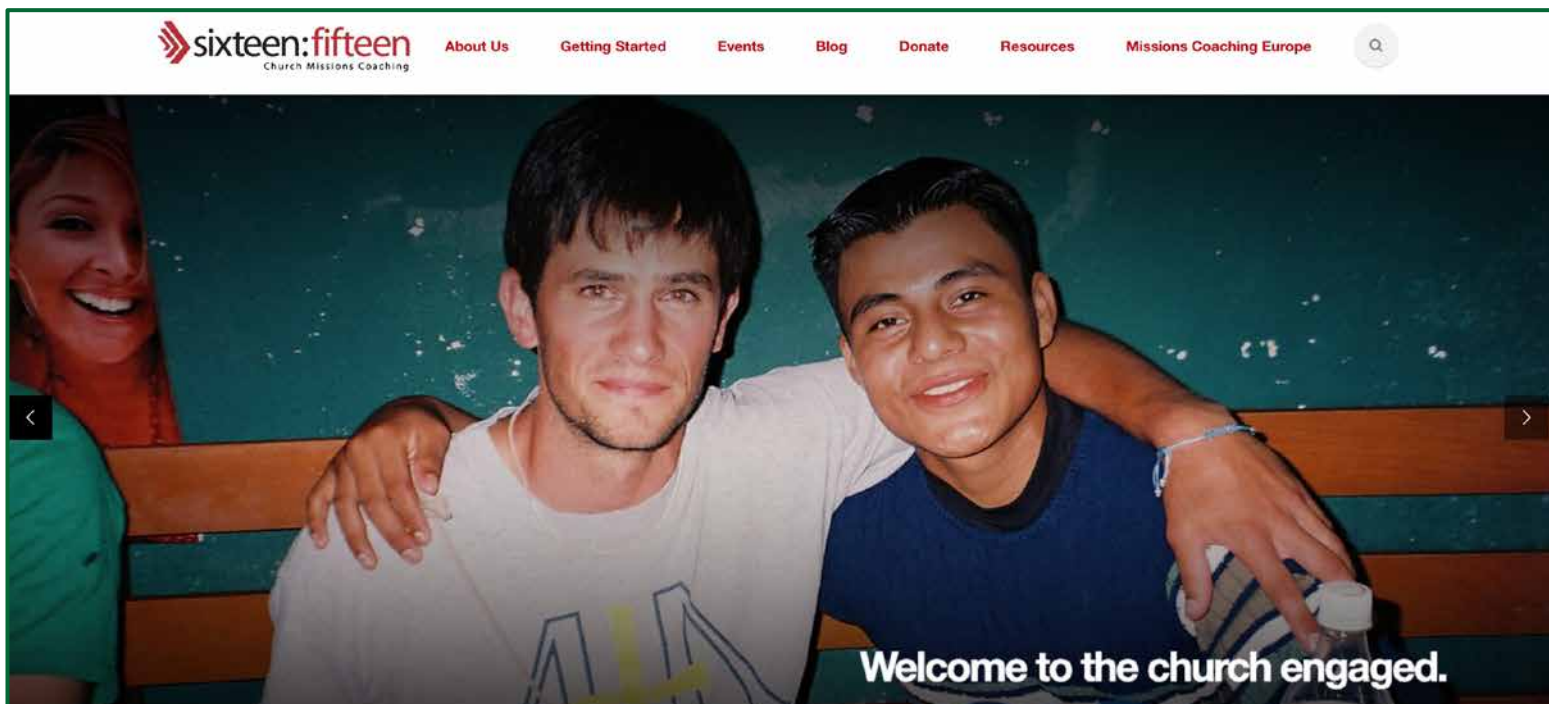
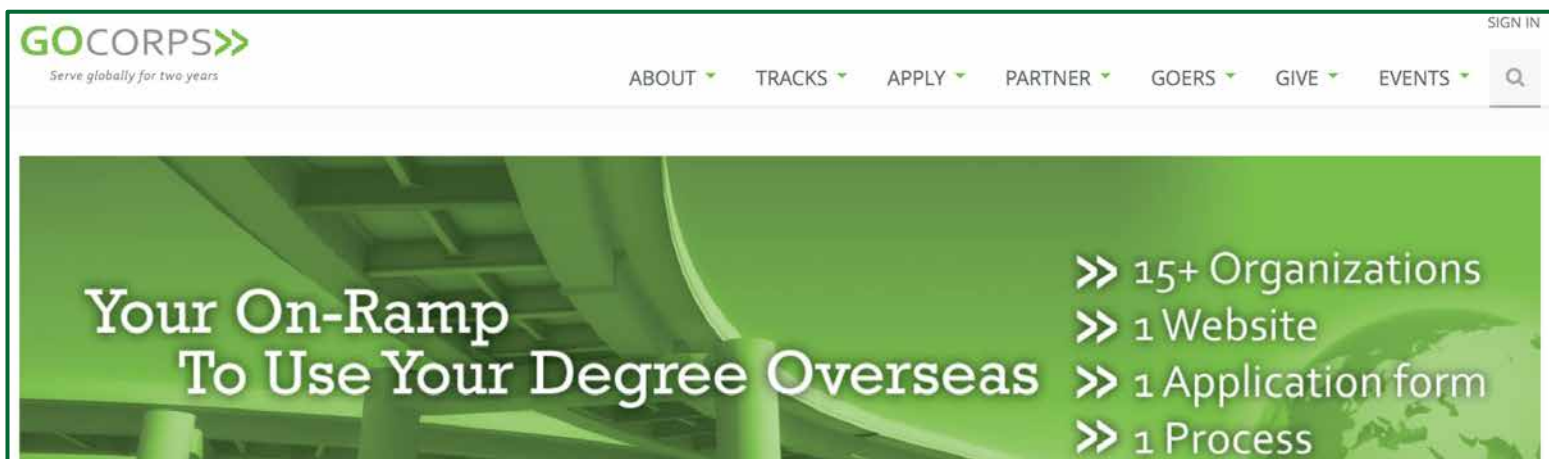
We live in a fast changing world and we need to keep adapting, but there will remain some things that don't change: the Nav's commitment to getting the good news out to where people are, and the sharing of our lives so that this good news can take hold in the lives of others and can be 'caught' by future generations.



# MOBILISATION INNOVATIONS

Four online US-Based mobilisation initiatives to stimulate our creative juices! Click each image to view...

# GO





# ART IN TRAUMA CARE

by **Pramila Rajendran** (WEA Mission Commission, Bangalore India).

Pramila initiated the Membercare Network for Indian Missions and brought missionary care awareness for over 20 years. Pramila has a bachelor degree in Anthropology and Criminology and Masters in Pastoral Theology and Counseling.

Recently I attended a course on use of Arts in trauma healing. The whole purpose of this course was to equip participants with various expressive therapies in art form for healing traumatized people, whether they are children or adults.

To use local arts for trauma healing one has to meet local people to know their community, make relationships with them and get to know the local arts such as music, dance movements, songs, poetry, lamentations, paintings, pottery, and various significance of colours. Thus, knowing the details of local arts and their meaning helps communities to identify artistic elements to help in their trauma. The Bible also talks of the uses of Music—songs, instruments, instrumental, drama, dance, oral verbal arts and visual arts.

Some symbols that are very positive in one culture symbolize a curse in another. Thus we need to be careful how we initiate one culture's art into another culture.

Traumatic memories are stored differently in the brain. The arts help uncover or show these memories that may not be able to be verbalized. Art helps access the memories stored in parts of the brain, which, when talking about an event, sometimes cannot be accessed. Art is an expression of creativity. How do they speak about pain, how do they express joy, how do they tell stories, how do they remember things from the past? This is amazing to ponder on.

Some people suppress their cultural arts for various reasons: religious motives or oppression from other cultures. Thus, if we need to focus on a healing group then we need to know their culture, religion, ethics and arts. "Local artistic expression is embedded in culture." says Brian Schrag in his manual, *"Creating local Arts Together"* [CLAT].



We need to discover and learn various world views. Figuring out how the arts fits into daily life means we have to understand the daily life of the particular culture. **We have to think about the culture and the arts how they fit together.** In using local arts we should have ideas of how to plan things out. How do we decide what to use and what not to use? Knowing the purpose behind something is very helpful for knowing how to use arts in the community and with individuals for trauma healing.

We need to look into the heart of the people and their needs.

We must attempt to truly see the group, seek to know them and understand how to use various arts that will help them come out of pain, grief and sorrow.

Research what resources are available to you in the local area when you decide to use local arts for a healing group so that you will know what to do with people who are experiencing trauma. Don't bring things in from outside of their culture, use what is right in front of you and them, that they have access to. Don't underestimate their ability to be creative.



Pramila with husband K. Rajendran

**We need to stop looking at culture and language as a barrier and start looking at it as a bridge for building relationships.** We are all human and we all long for relationships. And we need to value diversity. Don't homogenize but instead nourish diversity as we work with traumatized people, or even if they are not traumatized.

Thus, we can summarize dealing with trauma through arts with these points:

Meet a community and its arts—find the essentials that we need in order to understand the community we are involved in:

- What do we need to know in order to understand trauma healing?
- What are their art forms?
- What are they used for?
- Can we use it for something else? Can it be altered?
- In a multicultural context, what do they have in common? How do they differ? What do they all relate to well?

So, use Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Dance / Movement Therapy, Drama Therapy and Psychodrama, Poetry Therapy, Play Therapy, Sand Tray Therapy and Expressive Therapy.

The ultimate goal is peace and healing of the traumatized person through their own local arts. The "Creating Local Arts Together" method can be integrated in expressive therapy by restoring music, culture which is lost, forms of local arts, and work together towards healing of the person. But before these two are integrated for the therapeutic healing we must always take care to look at the pros and cons of local art and its benefit to a person's healing.



Letters to a Missing Woman is a metaphorical story challenging the discourse of the *quick fix* "change" that society demands. By opening up an inside view/experience through art, poetry, prayers and metaphor, the complexity of "change" as an odyssey is revealed.

*"To be born in soul again and again is a positive experience, but it also involves pain."*  
— Thomas Moore.

**A Women's Workshop** is being planned for **July 23rd, from 10am - 2 or 3pm @ St John's College Library (Auckland)**. This workshop is available at the **discounted rate of \$60 per participant**.

For women in change and recovering their sense of self. It includes a guide through the story, group work, individual guided engagement with the installation, writing one's own letters, and creative activities. **Contact Maree Aldridge** to register: [areadventure@gmail.com](mailto:areadventure@gmail.com).



# FLOURISHING TEAMS

BEST PRACTICES IN STEWARDSHIP OF PEOPLE

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## RETENTION STATUS

There is significant variation seen over a 10 year period.<sup>1</sup>

10yrs

High retention agencies keep 78% of their people.

78%

Low retention agencies keep 38% of their people.

38%

## STRENGTHS

94%

of field workers say their work serves a valuable purpose.

87%

of workers are stretched to improve and grow in their work.

87%

feel that their current assignment is a good match with their skills and gifts.

## AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

48%

say their leader has helped them identify growth areas and resources to improve.

42%

say their supervisor regularly asks about the condition of their soul.

38%

say their organization helps ineffective field staff become effective.

## ECOSYSTEM

Let ideas flow from the field.

Let values flow from headquarters.

A healthy mission agency ecosystem has nutrients flowing both ways.<sup>2</sup>

## AREAS OF ATTENTION

21%

said their ability to have balance in life had gotten weaker.

66%

of field leaders indicate that personal spiritual vitality is "stronger" or "much stronger" since they took their field leader positions.

**Spiritual Vitality and Family Life need continuous attention.<sup>3</sup>**

## RETENTION FOCUS

Most significant areas to focus on for retention of staff

INVOLVEMENT IN DECISIONS

62%

My organization seeks the suggestions of staff.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

85%

Leaders in my organization model fairness and integrity.

PERSONNEL PRACTICES

72%

My organization recruits and selects highly qualified field staff who are called and gifted for cross-cultural work.



## ACTIONS IMPACTING THE FLOURISHING AND RETENTION OF MISSION FIELD STAFF

If You Are

### A Mission Agency Leader

Help staff create personal development goals and give specific feedback about work.

Grow in spiritual vitality, reflecting Christ's compassion and trustworthy character.

Ask for suggestions to improve the team, department or organization.

If You Are

### A Mission Field Worker

Ask your supervisor for specific feedback and help in developing goals.

Grow in spiritual vitality, reflecting Christ's compassion and trustworthy character.

Speak up about positive ways to improve your team.

If You Are

### Seeking to Serve in Missions

Ask about specific staff supervision and development practices.

Grow in spiritual vitality, reflecting Christ's compassion and trustworthy character.

Observe how field staff and leaders interact.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

## GIVE

*The relaunch of Missions Interlink's group benefits scheme.*

**Manaaki means to elevate the 'mana' (value, esteem, honour, spiritual vitality, etc) of another person, to invest in their wellbeing, and by doing so you actually increase your own, "Give and it will be given to you..." (Luke 6:38).** This is a value we want to promote in our missions community because we believe it is core to who we are as a people from Aotearoa NZ "on mission".

In their **2004 article** to the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS) titled, "*Tangata Whenua or Manuhiri: Aotearoa/NZ's Contribution To A Globalized World*", Cathy Ross and Kirstie Macdonald observed,

There are certain personality traits associated with Kiwis abroad. We are recognised as easy-going, casual, flexible, adaptable, hardworking, down to earth, willing to get our hands dirty, open to change, prepared to take risks, and willing to experience new things. Because of these things, people are actually very open to working with Kiwis in an overseas environment.

They also list things such as being innovative and having a sense of "spirituality of place".



Each of us could add to that sort of list, but manaaki should be towards the top because it covers a lot of territory. More than material generosity, manaaki depicts generosity of self to enhance the esteem of another. Kiwis intuitively go out into the world with this attitude and it is noted by those we go to live amongst and alongside. Lived out by Christians, it is an expression of the gospel that has developed in this land.

And so, we re-launch our group benefits scheme to reflect this generosity of heart and spirit. **Allow us to present: the ManaakiCard**, which will be distributed to all our members when they renew their subscription in July. Resulting from our partnership with the **CSC Buying Group**, it lists codes for 10 suppliers offering immediate discounts<sup>1</sup> at the point of sale: **Noel Leeming, Office Max, Bunnings, Placemakers, Carters, Blackwoods Protector, Hertz, Repco, Auto SuperShoppes**, and **Beaurepaires**. It also features 5 "on account" relationships offering significant benefits to members<sup>2</sup> of Missions Interlink. For some businesses we order for you; for others, you create your own account under our group category.

Beyond the card, we are negotiating a number of other partnerships, including a group insurance package that will dramatically reduce premiums for our members.



### He waka eke noa

All in the canoe without exception  
An example of collaborative synergy

The ManaakiCard and other group purchasing advantages are not the only benefits to formally belonging to our missions community. **As the evangelical missions association, we are the point of collaboration for all mission organisations and missions passionate people in Aotearoa NZ** and we create significant synergy by pulling together in the same direction.

- **Shared Initiatives.** The community works together on missions promotion, training events, re-entry retreats, visiting speakers, administrator's forums, etc.
- **Cross-Pollination.** We can learn much from each other's experience and the community has a long history of freely sharing struggles and successes, innovations and frustrations.
- **Professional Opinion.** Missions Interlink seeks professional and legal advice on issues common to our community. For example, non-resident taxation, superannuation, and (more recently) health & safety implications. We

are also a member of the InterChurch Bureau, which lobbies on behalf of the Church and missions.

- **Mission Promotion.** This BULLETIN keeps our community (and beyond) informed of mission from and within Aotearoa NZ. We also provide members with cost effective advertising rates.
- **Best Practices.** We have a growing cache of best practice resources that set the bar for missions practice, which saves members from reinventing wheels.
- **Online Community.** Our Facebook page features up-to-date news of Kiwi

mission interest, and our website hosts a contacts database of all our member organisations, and other resources.

- **Encouragement & Support.** Very few understand the challenges of a call to mission like the missions community. Whether you're a sending church, mission organisation, or individual in mission, Missions Interlink is available for consultations and 'neutral' advice on any number of mission issues. If we can't help, we'll help find someone who can.

Our **subscription details** can be downloaded **here**. To enquire about membership **contact us**.

<sup>1</sup> Discounts vary by product and the supplier reserves the right to determine the discount, if any.

<sup>2</sup> "Members" includes the staff, Board members, volunteers and field workers of member organisations.





**CSC BUYING GROUP**  
**NEW ZEALAND**

*Building Richer  
Communities*



## WHAT IS A BUYING GROUP?

Buying groups operate similar to a collective. Basically the group pools together its combined purchasing power to negotiate discounted pricing schedules with suppliers. Members still purchase directly from the supplier however they can access the price schedules set up by the group.

## WHO IS CSC BUYING GROUP?

CSC Buying Group is a Cambridge based Not for Profit organisation, launched in 2003. Our vision is to "create richer communities".

- We reduce the everyday business costs for SMEs making them more sustainable. SMEs are the backbone of our economy so play a major part in the wealth, employment and overall wellbeing of our communities.
- We also provide financial support to help build a vibrant and sustainable community sector. 400,000 people use Christian Camps each year - schools, sports groups, community groups, ministries, etc. Helping to teach our kids to cook to break the fast food cycle. Activities like this help make our communities richer.

## THE POWER BEHIND MANAAKICARD

The ManaakiCard is Missions Interlink's (MI's) new member benefits card, made possible by the CSC Buying Group. With the ManaakiCard, MI members can access discounts available at the point of sale from any of the suppliers shown on the card. ManaakiCards are automatically distributed to MI members annually. Contact MI for membership information. If MI membership is not an option, businesses, organisations and corporates can join CSC Buying Group to access the discounts offered from all CSC's suppliers and receive a CSC discount card.

To find out more information visit our website [www.csc.org.nz](http://www.csc.org.nz)

# SPOTLIGHTS

## WAIKATO MISSIONS CLUSTER

Join other missions leaders from around the Waikato for a time of **sharing and prayer** about mission life.

**Kings Finance, 1 Greenwood St, HAMILTON  
July 12, 2016 @ 10am-11:30am.**

For further information **contact Anne King:**  
[anne@faithoutreachnz.org.nz](mailto:anne@faithoutreachnz.org.nz)

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## WINDOW OF HOPE

Love Syria is a ministry offering refugee women, children and families a window of hope, love and a life worth going on with. Join LeaDev-Langham to meet 'Esther' and 'Trelise'; two courageous women ministering daily under life-threatening conditions in the Beqaa Valley.

**Papakura, AUCKLAND  
Friday July 15, 2016 @ 7.30pm  
Mount Albert. AUCKLAND  
Saturday July 16, 2016 @ 7.30pm**

For more information **look on the web** here:  
[www.leadev-langham.org/news-room](http://www.leadev-langham.org/news-room)

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## UPCOMING PERSPECTIVES COURSE

The well known **Perspectives** course continues to run after almost three decades - and it still **changes lives for mission**. Here's the next one about to begin...

**Liberty Church, 96 Lansford Crescent  
Avondale, AUCKLAND  
Starting July 17, 2016 @ 6:15pm**

For more information **contact Freda:**  
[info@perspectives.org.nz](mailto:info@perspectives.org.nz)

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## GC3 RISING SUN MISSION EXPO

All are invited to **an afternoon of mission electives and speakers**. We have a great line up of mission presenters from local mission to those involved cross culturally overseas. We are excited! So join us, network and be encouraged.

**Eden Community Church, 72-74 View Rd  
Mt Eden AUCKLAND  
Sunday July 31, 2016 @ 2 - 5pm**

For more information **phone Pearl Thorp:**  
09 834 0035

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## PROFESSIONALS IN MISSION

Interested in **the realities and opportunities of using your profession in cross-cultural mission?** Join Roland Muller, alongside experienced WEC NZ missionaries, for an interactive evening of "how-to's". Koha will be received.

**Cafe Agora (CBC), 13 Kent St, Frankton,  
HAMILTON  
Tuesday July 26, 2016 @ 7:15-9:15pm**

Contact WEC NZ for details: 0800 46 46 86

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## SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH SHAME-BASED CULTURES

Utilising Islam as a case study, Roland Muller will share how we can **communicate more effectively with those of an Honour-Shame background**. Koha will be received.

**Bethlehem Community Church, 183 Moffat Rd,  
Bethlehem, TAURANGA  
Wednesday July 27, 2016 @ 7:30-9:30PM**

**Eden Community Church, 72-74 View Rd,  
AUCKLAND  
Thursday July 28, 2016 @ 7:30-9:00pm**  
Hosted by WEC, SIM, Interserve, OMF & GCiM  
Contact WEC NZ for details: 0800 46 46 86

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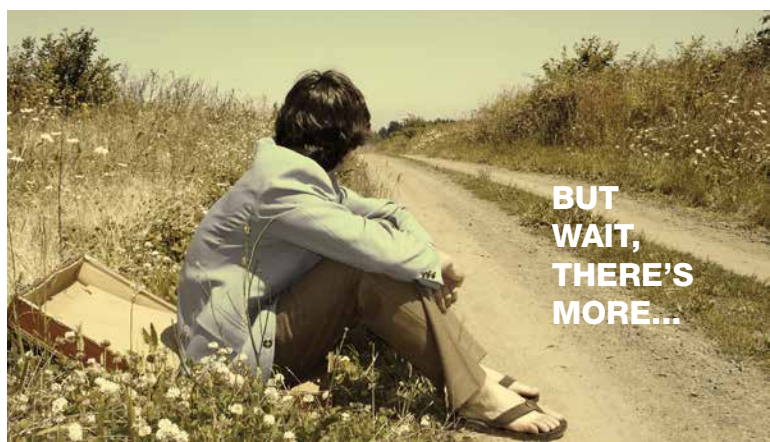
## THE SACRED CITY

Utilising archaeology, satellite imagery and ancient manuscripts Dan Gibson claims that **Muslims are praying in the wrong direction**. Be among the world's first to view a special pre-screening of the soon to be released documentary. Koha will be received.

**Central Baptist Church, 33 Charlemont St,  
HAMILTON  
Friday July 29, 2016 @ 7:00-9:30pm**

Contact WEC NZ for details: 0800 46 46 86

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**BUT  
WAIT,  
THERE'S  
MORE...**



# SPOTLIGHTS continued...

## NZ AID SHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Marine Reach's Pacific Hope is in Vanuatu, currently at Ambae Island, conducting the first of 5 two week outreaches this year in various locations around Vanuatu. The team of volunteers will give free medical and dental treatments as well as eye checks and primary health care education. **We need medical AND non-medical volunteers to join the upcoming outreaches.** Already over 700 people have been helped over the past month in Vanuatu!

For more information **look on the web** here: [www.marinereach.com](http://www.marinereach.com) or **contact by email:** [info@marinereach.com](mailto:info@marinereach.com)

## SERVANTS HUI

Interested in exploring or supporting workers who live among the poor in Asian cities? Come and join us for **a weekend of reflection, challenge, fun and worship** together. Open to all.

**Kiwanis Lodge, HUIA**  
**October 7 - 9, 2016**

For further information **contact Paul Mather:** [hingmather@actrix.co.nz](mailto:hingmather@actrix.co.nz)

## SHARE THE LOVE!

Do you like what we're doing with the BULLETIN? **Share the love and encourage others to sign up?** It's the best source of missions news in New Zealand and it's FREE. **Make sure your missions staff and church mission team members receive it.** If not, sign them up!

Here's the shortlink to our sign-up page:  
<http://ow.ly/Y9qOY>

## LETTERS TO A MISSING WOMAN

Be guided through an intricate art installation that speaks powerfully to women in the midst of change and recovering their sense of self. The workshop includes group work, writing ones own letters, and creative activities.

**St John's College Library, 202 St. Johns Rd, Meadowbank, AUCKLAND**  
**July 23, 2016 @ 10am-2/3pm**

For further information **contact Maree Aldridge:** [areadventure@gmail.com](mailto:areadventure@gmail.com)

## PNG POSITIONS OPEN NOW


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:** [ruthorp@gmail.com](mailto:ruthorp@gmail.com) or phone 021 481 088.

## UPDATE: NZ RELIGIOUS WORKERS VISA

If you want to live in New Zealand permanently and you're already in New Zealand on a valid Religious Worker Work Visa you now may be able to apply for residence. You'll need to have an offer of continuing work and sponsorship from the religious organisation that's sponsoring you now, and 5 years' religious work experience and/or training.

For more information **visit this NZ immigration website.**



*You take care of the earth and water it,  
making it rich and fertile.  
The river of God has plenty of water;  
it provides a bountiful harvest of grain,  
for you have ordered it so.  
You drench the plowed ground with rain,  
melting the clods and leveling the ridges.  
You soften the earth with showers  
and bless its abundant crops.  
You crown the year with a bountiful harvest;  
even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.*

*The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush  
pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy.  
The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep,  
and the valleys are carpeted with grain.  
They all shout and sing for joy!*

**Psalm 65: 9-13**

### Kai

verb: to eat, consume, feed oneself  
noun: food, meal

# ABOUT US

Executive Officer **Jay Matenga**  
Administrator **Pauline Wood**

## Executive Team

Andrew Marriott (Chair), Phil Richardson (Vice Chair),  
Nigel Webb (Treasurer), Johannes Balzer (Secretary).

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Designated representatives for: The NZ Bible Society,  
Chinese Church Support Ministries (CCSM), Eastwest  
College, Global Connections in Mission, Interserve,  
Missionary Ventures, OM, OMF, Pacific2Nations,  
Pioneers, SIM, WEC, World Vision, Wycliffe, and  
YWAM, with individual member: Phil Richardson.



Connecting the missions community  
from, in and to Aotearoa NZ  
for God's glory everywhere, always.

## Our Vision

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