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EDITORIAL

with Jay

Tena tātou katoa e te whānau...

This month's whakatauki (proverb) is: "**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini ke**" (My strength does not come from me alone but also from others). Our world spends so much energy on the question "who am I?", when we are better to ask "who are we?".

In NZ Herald's July 30 Review section, journalist **David Fisher** attempted to address afresh the "who are we?" question as it applies to quintessential Kiwiness. He concluded his epic road trip journal believing there is less certainty of who we are now than our classic Kiwi narrative would suggest. Basically, he says, "we are decent people". Aotearoa is summed up as "good". However, he thinks that should be interpreted as, "morally righteous. 'Who We Are' is a force for good. In short, New Zealanders are the Jedis of the world." Nice one mate. Says a lot for our national concepts of religion and spirituality.

Along the way he also met individuals who felt our place allowed them to dare to dream, to hope and live, unshackled from the heavy burden of entrenched culture. "We are small, flexible and independent enough to change our destiny if we choose." We can see beyond the No.8 wire.

We are diverse and the stronger for it. Our bi-cultural Treaty provides the basis for our increasingly multi-cultural reality. Although it could be much better, I believe our unique ability to harmonize difference is core to our mission to the world as a nation. As the people of God in this nation we should be leading the way, with the ministry of reconciliation (in Christ) at the forefront of the grace God has given us to share, from and within Aotearoa NZ.

The recent "Black Lives Matter" campaign in the US was met with the response, "All Lives Matter", especially from white Christians. While in a sense true, it doesn't do the issue justice. If we read **Galatians 3:28** in context we see that Paul isn't speaking of *becoming* the same (denying difference) but rather being *treated* the same. When racial prejudice is fully considered, whether in the US, NZ or elsewhere, oppression is obvious. Those of us in Christ Jesus cannot ignore it, especially in our midst. Whether we are Maori, any version of European, blessed to be from a Pacific Island or an Asian ethnicity, homeless or mansioned, we *are*, together, in all our rich diversity, one in Christ. That means treating each other with due respect and helping as we're able. We are stronger together and it's the unity possible within the Church of Aotearoa that will be our blessing to the world.

Together: On Mission



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MI ACTIVITIES 2016

- Tuesdays Jay tutoring Majority World Theology evening class @ **Laidlaw Manukau**.
- Sept 2-3 Jay in Tauranga planning to attend **Engage** evangelism conference.
- Sept 12-15 MI at **Laidlaw Henderson's** Mission Week.
- Oct 1-11 Jay attending **WEA Mission Commission's** Global Consultation in Panama & book launch.

DISRUPTING MISSION

by Christina Baird, PhD.

IDEA



Christina is Director of **bread and pomegranates**, providing supervision, coaching, training and support for Kiwis in ministry, mission and other people-centred vocations.

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In my kitchen drawer I have an excellent and quite expensive corkscrew. It's a very good corkscrew very well designed and it works well, but it stays in my drawer, covered with other more useful kitchen utensils, and gathering a layer of dust. Now that 95% of wine produced in New Zealand is sealed with a screw-cap it doesn't matter how good a corkscrew it is, it is no longer a useful tool.

As I reflect on my time in the mission sector alongside my exploration of "disruptive innovation", the question that keeps rising to the surface is, "are mission agencies a corkscrew in a world that is using screw-caps?"

It doesn't matter how well managed and governed mission agencies are, if they are not looking ahead and reading and understanding changes in society and the church, then they are still making very good corkscrews for people who have no use for them. **This makes traditional mission agencies ripe for disruption.** Most NZ mission agencies were established to support a particular model of mission that began early last century; it was also based on a particular model of the church as a strong and established part of society. Mission agencies care deeply about mission and they have obviously changed with the times in how they do mission. However, some of the ways that mission agencies are structured, and the systems and processes involved, haven't changed for a long time. The result of this is that it is difficult for them to move with the

speed and flexibility that the current pace of change requires.

I think disruptive innovation offers the missions sector some insight into how it can prepare for the future. I can see that traditional mission agencies have many of the characteristics of the established companies described in the book, **The Innovators Dilemma**. In Clayton Christensen's theory, established companies invest most of their energy and attention into listening to and meeting the needs of their existing customers. I see this in mission agencies, as there is an increasing pressure to pour (increasingly limited) resource into member care and other supporting functions. The existing workers and donors put pressure on agencies to spend more resource on care, while not as much value is put on releasing resources into finding and understanding new 'markets'. The supportive and donor base of most agencies are locked into past models of what mission looked like and it can be difficult to educate them about the need for change. There is also a pressure from the Boards of mission agencies. As resources become scarcer they can be less willing (if able) to experiment and to weather the failures that experimentation involves.

In disruptive innovation, new companies are the ones with the freedom and flexibility to imagine and create. They are not bogged down in existing structures and procedures that are designed to support existing customers. They have the courage to experiment and are willing to risk

the failure that is always a possibility in experimentation. Disruptive theory tells us that disruptive companies have quite different values and quite different structures to the established companies.

The time is ripe for new entrants into the mission sector, there is a large section of a globally connected generation that are not engaged or educated about mission. New entrants would be free to experiment with new structures, new systems of funding, and specifically new ways of talking about mission that expresses faith differently and inspires the coming generations. This goes much further than simply making mission *relevant* to a new generation; **it involves a completely fresh design of mission systems, procedures and structures.**

It is easy for established companies to deny that disruption is occurring; they can still focus on the 5% of people who refuse to embrace screw-caps. But it is time to change. I sense we are on the cusp of a great disruption that will require substantial shift at all levels of what mission agencies do. They need to realise that the task of the day is no longer to design and make better corkscrews but to experiment with ways that they can activate people to open their wine in a world of screw-caps.

I am keen to hear where you see disruption brewing? What are the exciting new things that are happening? Feel free to comment on **my blog** or email me at the address above.

PREPARING FOR HONOUR

with Roland Muller

EQUIP

“Today we find ourselves living in a global community where it is important to understand many different cultural backgrounds and situations. Few missionaries work in a mono-cultural situation. The philosophies of Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Post-Moderns, Agnostics, and many others influence those among whom we minister.”

—Roland Muller

In partnership with **WEC International**, 16 people involved in cross-cultural ministry gathered at Laidlaw College on July 28 for a Missions Interlink Mission Trainer's Cluster with Roland Muller.



An infectious storyteller, Muller regaled us with tales of his encounters with people from Muslim backgrounds, his lived experience among honour cultures. Time flew by, and over a two hour period we considered what was important to learn prior to attempting to minister in an honour culture.

We explored many **aspects of cross-cultural orientation**. A whiteboarding session yielded these:

Missiological Awareness

- ✈ Understanding the history/chronology of the Bible
- ✈ Good knowledge of Christ/salvation
- ✈ Understanding of spiritual warfare
- ✈ Insight into fruitful/fruitless practices
- ✈ Awareness of the “hot issues”
 - Contextualisation & syncretism
 - Indigeneity & insider movements
- ✈ How to “plant”/nurture a new faith community
- ✈ How to disciple a new believer

Cultural Awareness

- ✈ Knowledge of Islam (or the culture being entered)
 - History, worldview, beliefs, practices, key obstacles to the gospel.

- ✈ Cultural understanding (who am I, who are they)
- ✈ Perception of key Christian words/concepts in the host culture
- ✈ Basic things to avoid
- ✈ Willingness to learn a language
- ✈ Ability to relate with local youth
- ✈ A reason to “be” there (authenticity)

Personal Awareness

- ✈ Genuine faith
- ✈ Good character (incl. patience/perseverance)
- ✈ A strong call to work there
- ✈ Disciplined devotional life
- ✈ Maintenance of one's own spirituality
- ✈ Adaptability/flexibility
- ✈ Preparing for “self shock”
- ✈ Ability to work in (multi-cultural) teams

The list was far from complete but already overwhelming. Questions arose:

1. What do we include in training?
2. How do we deliver the training?
3. When do we deliver the training?
4. How much do you need to know before you start to relate to people of another culture, let alone an honour culture?

Roland's response was, “The more you know the better.” The trainer's job is to help jump-start the student as much as possible. But then he flipped it, “START with what you know and start simply... plonk them into the middle of a multi-cultural area and send them out into the street to meet people.”

Roland drove his point home: “I have a **three rule church planting model**: **Rule #1, visitation**. You can't plant a church from your office. **Rule #2, visiting**. You've just got to get out there. **Rule #3, visit**. It's busy and can be hard on young missionary families but

you have to be in their homes, to have opportunities to share your faith.” He then illustrated ways he trains people by serving together in various practical ministries that naturally allow them access to peoples' homes from which relationships emerge. Learn by doing, by getting out there.

In Roland's experience of Muslim ministry, Arabs are very emotional people, and once God touches their heart they weep. We need to allow opportunity for theological resistance to dissipate and God to manifest Himself to them. Roland has found that Muslims rarely feel guilty—but they do feel shame and fear, which are manifestations of sin too.

Finally, he recommended two strategies he called: “**crummy evangelism**” and the “**not-so-good method of church planting**”. To have a bird eating out of your hand you need to earn its trust. You cast the crumbs out and slowly lead it towards you, one crumb at a time. That is a good metaphor for genuine friendship style evangelism. The not-so-good method is about needing to work within a team, because it's *not so good* to go it alone. Roland then went on to explain how he passes “contacts” on to local team mates (Arabs) to follow-up. Those team mates then become the leaders of new churches that form around multiple disciples coming to faith.

Roland shared much more with us and with others at different events in Auckland and Hamilton. Most of what he shared is mostly easily accessed through his books. He particularly highlighted, **The Messenger, The Message & the Community**.

Roland Muller's other resources can be found online at his website: <http://www.rmuller.com>

Block Courses

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.

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January 3 - 27, 2017 (4-week intensive)

Course Coordinator: Dr Geraldine Ryan

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Skill in designing and teaching class activities

Requirements:

- Teaching experience is helpful but not necessary
- Commitment to cross-cultural ministry
- Minimum qualifications - successful completion of a course at level 5 NZQA standards or above OR NCEA English level 3.

Location of Course:

Eastwest College of Intercultural Studies

21 College Drive Gordonton (near Hamilton)

Accommodation at the Eastwest College site is available for those who require it.

Course Costs

Course Fees : \$1,100

(Includes morning & afternoon teas)

Accommodation *: \$400

A non-refundable deposit of 33% of your costs will be required within 1 month of notification of acceptance

The course is approved by the NZQA (Essentials of TESOL Certificate, 116230) giving you a recognized qualification for teaching overseas.

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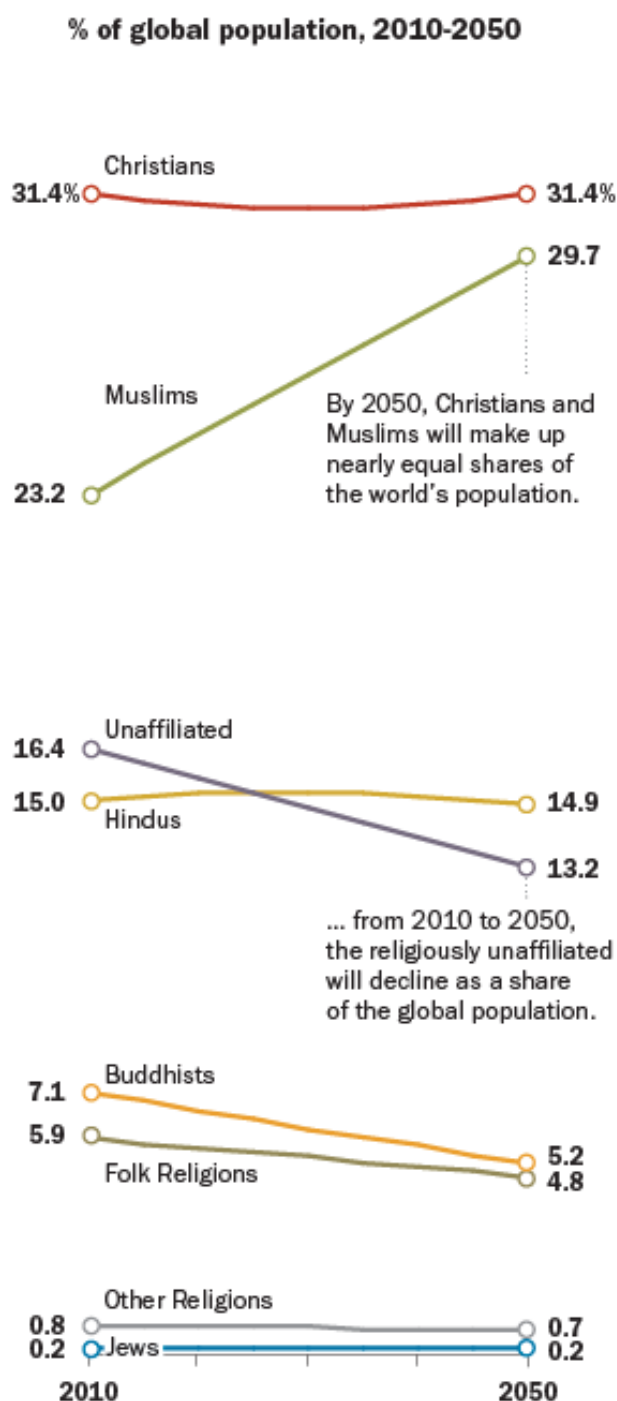
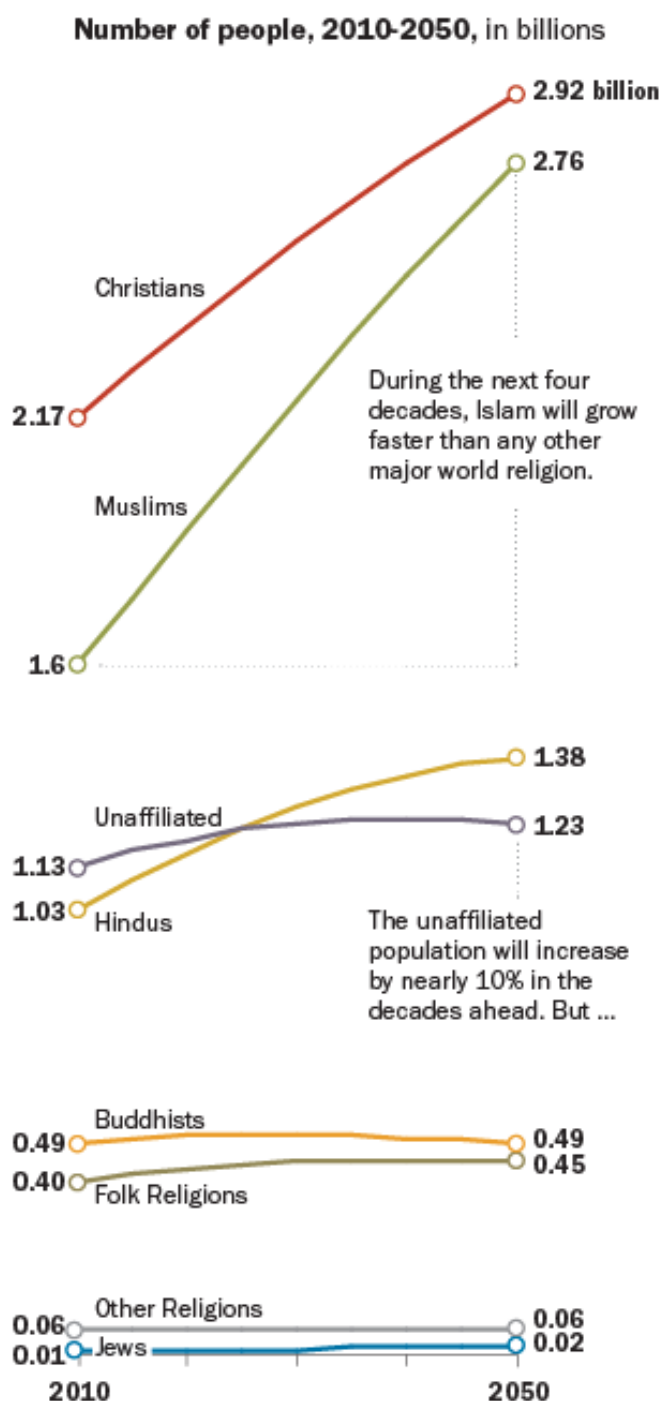


"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go!" Luke 10:2-3

PRAY

Projected Change in Global Population

With the exception of Buddhists, all of the major religious groups are expected to increase in number by 2050. But some will not keep pace with global population growth, and, as a result, are expected to make up a smaller percentage of the world's population in 2050 than they did in 2010.



Source: The Future of World Religions: Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050

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Sean Marston

The Board of INF NZ are very pleased to formally announce that Sean Marston has joined INF New Zealand as our **Director**. Sean started with us on the 18th June and is currently working with us an average of 2 days a week. He comes from a background of involvement in sending mission agencies. He is based in Auckland but it is expected that he will travel from time to time around New Zealand and abroad, especially Nepal. Sean's email is director@nz.inf.org.

Initially Sean is focusing on getting to know INF, our council members and their various INF involvements, our sendees, seconding agencies and those who support INF NZ, to begin with in the Auckland area. Please join us in welcoming Sean to the INF worldwide family!



Robert Lovatt

After nearly 30 years serving with Wycliffe in several different countries we are now heading back to New Zealand for this next chapter of our lives.

In October 2015 we sensed strongly that after 15 years of service in the Asia Pacific Area it was time for us both to step down from our current roles: Leanne as a middle-school teacher at Faith Academy, and myself as Director of Strategic Initiatives.

These have been some of the best years of our lives with many wonderful blessings, and very fulfilling roles and responsibilities. However, we felt it was time to step down, even though we had no idea what God had for us next.

But in His perfect timing, many months after our initial step of faith, He revealed to us the next chapter in our journey with Him. That was to return to New Zealand and serve with Wycliffe NZ as their new **Director** for this next season.

We can truly say that throughout this season of waiting and hoping, there has been joy in the journey!



We are looking for an enthusiastic and passionate (part-time) person to assist our Candidate Coordinator. This will involve meeting and mentoring potential candidates with thorough administrative processing. You will also have opportunities to share more widely about OMF and our work.

You will be a mature Christian with some experience in leadership and have good administrative skills. You will want new experiences and opportunities to grow and challenge you. You will be a self-starter, but also work well in a team environment with an international agency.

For further information and a full job description, please contact Christine Harding, Director of OMF, on NZ.ND@omfmail.com in strictest confidence.

Applications close 9th September 2016

VACANCY

Assistant Candidate Coordinator

Do you have a heart for East Asia's Billions?
Does Hudson Taylor's life inspire and challenge you to pursue a "no ordinary life?" Do you enjoy building relationships, sharing about God's mission and helping people find their 'fit'?



HUIA COME HOME

This one-day seminar, presented by Jay Lucas, is designed to provide inspiration and hope by telling both the brilliant and tragic story of Christianity in Aotearoa. Looking at our history helps us to see our cultural uniqueness which serves to create a meaningful local society and fruitful mission to the world.

Part 1: An Introductory Metaphor & Recovering Our Memory

In this first session we will be introduced to the early history of Christianity in Aotearoa and be challenged to value and know our story. We'll learn the positive and negative sides of our story, and in particular how the gospel took root within Maori society in an incredible way.

Part 2: The Treaty - The Story

New Zealand is unique in that a Treaty signed 175 years ago still forms the opinions of every New Zealander. Why is that? Other nations have treaties, yet fail to remember them. The story of the Treaty of Waitangi is also the story of Christianity in New Zealand. It is a story that has its roots in the Wesleyan revival.

Part 3: The Treaty - The Fuss

Here we learn two things. Firstly, we will discover the crux of the interpretation issue between the English and Maori texts. Secondly, we will learn why the translator, missionary Henry Williams, interpreted the way he did and how an academic paper in 1972 set the tone for casting blame on the Christian mission to Maori. Maori and Christianity have been feeling the effects ever since. It's important for Christians to understand the story of this sentiment.

Part 4: Worldviews, Biblical Interpretation and A Maori Way

In this important session we further explore the metaphor that was introduced in Part 1 and learn how the way we see the world is the way we interpret the Bible. A lot of Biblical interpretation is established on Western philosophy and misses its scriptural Hebrew roots. A Maori worldview is more similar to the Hebrew and provides for us helpful ways of interpreting scripture and therefore provides better application of our faith in creation. The Huia, an indigenous bird to Aotearoa, provides for us an old, but new, way of seeing life, reflecting a worldview in harmony with our landscape.

Each session is 45min long followed by 15mins for Q&A. There will be a break between sessions two and three. While the above sessions provide the basis for the seminar, the talks Jay provides are not limited to these. He also likes to unpack:

- Culture: What to Celebrate & What to Critique
- Cultural Conflict in the New Testament
- Christianity & Colonisation: How the story of Christianity has been 'in bed' with Western expansion
- A Maori theological framework



About Jay

Jay has worked in full-time Christian ministry since his early twenties, most recently as an associate minister at Edge Kingsland in Auckland. Currently he is working full time with Huia Ministries Charitable Trust, producing resources and speaking itinerantly. Jay brings a creative, prophetic twist to many topics within Christian faith. But he is most passionate about the recovery of the memory of the Christian story in Aotearoa, exploring the missional history of New Zealand and the gospel interaction with the Maori world.

To arrange for Jay to run a one-day seminar for your church or ministry, discuss it with Jay via this email address: huiaministries@gmail.com

PREP FOR MISSION

by Lincoln Rout, Director of International Teams NZ

Two verses are central when I think of the balance we need to maintain in all that we do in the name of mission.

Matthew 28:20 *"Go into all the world and make disciples"* and Acts 1:8 *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

For International Teams this means when we train Team Leaders to prepare and lead teams on Short Term Mission Exposure trips overseas not only is it critical to prepare for a time that can be life transforming whilst overseas but also on return. It is commonly believed that short term mission exposure trips can be good for seeing up to 10% of participants return long term to overseas mission fields. A further 30% will return for another short term trip and there is the real potential that most will continue to have a heightened interest in praying for and supporting overseas mission.

However the greatest potential is the opportunity to see the 90% re-engage far more effectively in local mission. For in all the world that we have to make disciples,

those who we have as our current contacts/neighbours, those in our current Jerusalem, are the ones we need to be witnessing to, and those who respond we need to disciple.

We need to be developing missional leaders in our churches. At the moment International Teams is developing a TAG Team to come alongside Pastors with a view to further support and develop their church's mission focus. In brief. TAG stands for a three step process.

1. Take time to tune into what God has given their church to do in mission, locally, nationally and overseas.
2. Ask questions. What more do they believe God has for them to be doing? What needs to be refined, developed and enhanced? In particular, how effectively are they presenting the gospel given their cultural settings? And then, how are they going to disciple those who respond to the gospel?
3. Go with God. Get on with the battle. Take up all the armour that God has for us and the sword of the Spirit and always pray (Eph 6:10-20). This will be supported by a regularly articulated

vision that is backed up by plans and accountability structures.

For after all, we don't just want our people excited and passionate about what they have seen their church mission partners doing overseas. Rather, as Cam would say after his involvement in STM's to Turkey and Vanuatu, "life couldn't be the same. Not only am I keen to take every opportunity God gives me to witness at work but I'm currently looking to teach my kids' class at church about how they can be involved in mission."



Lincoln Rout



Cam & Jimmy on the job in Vanuatu

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Give your leaders the tools to not only lead their teams effectively but to truly affect life-change in the lives of those they lead.

"As experienced outreach team leaders I found the short-term mission training from International Teams, logical in its learning approach, with biblically relevant material, fun and culturally sensitive and yet still having something for both new and more experienced outreach leaders, equipping us even better to represent God wherever he takes us, making for a better experience all round for those involved".

-Anonymous, working in restricted and unrestricted areas

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm
Fee: \$195 each
Includes lunch, training manual and other resources

Auckland: Saturday, 24 Sept. 2016
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The dates: 1pm Friday 2nd September to 8pm Saturday 3rd September

The venue: City Church Tauranga, 252 Otumoetai Road, Tauranga.

The cost: **\$120 adult** (\$90 early-bird registrations prior to 19th August 2016)
\$80 student (\$60 early-bird registrations prior to 19th August 2016)
Includes tea breaks and Saturday lunch.

Key Speakers:



Don McDonnell
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HOPE TO THE KARIMOJONG GO

by Eva Zhou, AIM NZ



Bruce and Christine Turner are being sent by Gore's Calvin Community Church to serve with Africa Inland Mission (AIM) in Uganda. Late last year they moved to Te Anau to work on a dairy farm so currently attend Lakeside Presbyterian Church. They have three adult children and one grandchild.



Starting early next year, AIM's Kotido Advance Team will work with the mainly unreached Karimojong people in the semi-arid Karamoja region in north-east Uganda. The team, led by experienced missionaries John and Krys Cassels, includes hospital doctors Paul and Helen Shepherd with their three little girls, and physiotherapist Ruth Mahood, all from the UK. After six months of studying language and culture, and building a good relationship with local Christians, manyatta ministry will commence.

The nearly 1-million-strong Karimojong practise trans-humance pastoralism, the men for part of the year living in temporary shelters in seasonal grazing grounds. The women and children live in manyattas—fenced clusters of huts surrounding a central cattle kraal—growing sorghum and a few vegetables. There has often been fierce conflict over cattle, which are prized as God's gift to them, but the region has become more peaceful since the government stepped in to disarm them.

Livestock are seldom eaten, sorghum is often converted into alcohol and frequent droughts and flash floods create severe food shortages. Long-term food aid has led to widespread dependency and a sense of entitlement. Intense pressure is forcing change onto their traditional way of life, but as education has never been seen as important, they are not well-prepared for anything else.

Their traditional religion involves polytheism and sacrificing at spirit shrines. Some have added Jesus into the mix, but the few who have chosen to follow Him whole-heartedly have ended up living in towns and trading posts. Part of the team's mandate is to try to find out why they have so greatly resisted the gospel, and to help Karimojong believers reach out to others in the community.

Bruce and Christine write: "We have always wanted to share God's love and what God has done for us in Jesus, so have been involved in various opportunities to do this in NZ.

"In 2004 we were led to visit missionary friends in Kenya and a pastor in Tanzania who was sponsored by our church. Following that visit, we returned a couple of times to Bukoba in Tanzania to teach in a Bible School and help start a Christian secondary school. We also made several visits to a Kenyan Maasai community, helping them with various community projects. However, we came to realise that it could be far more productive to serve under a missions organisation.

"Last January we joined a prayer safari team with AIM in Uganda, then spent three weeks with Pioneers. Once home,

after much prayer, we decided to apply to AIM for long-term service and were accepted earlier this year.

"We are looking forward to joining up with the rest of the team as soon as finances will allow, but realise that there are many challenges ahead of us. Will you join us in prayer to help us reach these lost, despised and impoverished people with God's message of hope and love?"

You are welcome to join the **AIM 2016 NZ conference** on 20th August 9am at Emmanuel Church, 730 Mt Eden Rd, Auckland to hear more stories shared from Bruce and Christine. For registration and donation to Bruce and Christine please email admin.nz@aimint.org.



AFRICA INLAND MISSION



New Zealand 2016 Conference

Venue: Emmanuel Church
730 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden, Auckland

Date: 20 August 2016 Saturday

Time: 9am to 4pm

Guest Speakers:

AIM International Director, Luke Herrin
Director AIM Asia-Pacific, Len Lesleighter

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THUS SAYETH PAUL

an interview with Paul Windsor



So, what have Paul & Barby been up to since your time at Carey?

It is more than 8 years since we resigned from Carey and just 3 since we left NZ. We've been based at the **South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS)** in Bangalore, where Barby has been the Dean of Women and Families and I've taught Preaching, while also leading the ministry of Langham Preaching worldwide.

Why did you choose to locate your ministry in Southern India?

We wanted to move to Asia somewhere and 'live where we worked', particularly in terms of the Langham work. We both grew up in India in missionary families and SAIACS was keen to have us. It was an easy decision to make.

What is it about your role that most energises you?

The way Paul describes his ministry as a 'grace given' has impacted me for years. I don't deserve my salvation—and I don't deserve my vocation either, so it is a sense of grateful privilege to be able to do what I am doing that sustains me daily.

How do you revitalise yourself after a taxing time away?

It is not easy. My travel schedule remains demanding and this plays havoc with a lot of life's disciplines, like exercise and rest. There is very little to see and do in Bangalore. But Barby makes our apartment a haven which I appreciate. I love coming home. While it may sound odd, one of the main reasons why I persist with writing **a blog** is that I find it revitalises me.

How do you and Barby keep your relationship strong and healthy, in light of your time apart?

We communicate well and have lots of conversations dealing with the affective stuff in life. Barby is a good listener and I am trying to learn from her! We are still finding our stride without the children and grandchildren in our daily lives. My favourite thing to do is to take her with me on a trip and steal a weekend somewhere together—but that only happens a couple of times a year.

What have you learned afresh about leadership from your involvement with Langham Preaching?

My Carey years opened a few trajectories on which I still travel. One that stands out is that **we are made in the image of a Trinitarian team and so building teams and working in and through teams needs to be the way we function as leaders**. In cultures where some variant on the 'big man' theory of leadership is present, this can be an odd way to live.

What is your "method" for engaging with cultural diversity?

We in those 13 days between the anniversaries of the death of John Stott (Jul 28) and my father (Aug10)—in the same year (2011). I think a lot about these two people at this time of the year. A strength they shared was their capacity to **make friends across cultures**. I am convinced that this is the key. So much good flows in its wake—and I long to be better at it.

What is it that you most look forward to when you plan a return visit to Aotearoa NZ?

While there is a cost involved in being away from children and grandchildren, living under God's gracious hand helps us not to sit around counting that cost... and look forward to the times when we are home.



What do you find yourself longing for back in India?

Living there adds a lot of integrity and authenticity to the call on our lives. We want to stay there (visa permitting).

What would you consider to be the top three challenges to global Christianity and mission?

While **being a servant** is essential (John 13), I am beginning to wonder if it is a means to a greater end in mission: authentic partnerships where we serve, but where we have the grace to be served in different ways as well.

I still struggle to imagine God looking down from his heaven and seeing **the borders between nations** to have any significance at all. There is too much petty patriotism. The body-talk in 1 Corinthians 12 has global implications, not just local ones.

When **1 Peter** is taught in the *majority world*, people come alive—but in the *minority world* (i.e. 'the West') I can struggle to find a pulse. Why is this?

Finally; how can Kiwis best contribute to resolving those challenges and contribute to mission in general?

- **Start where you are and start now. Make deep friendships** with God's people unlike yourself.
- **Expose each other's blind spots** as you gather around the Bible together.
- **Focus your lives on Christ**—and as you do so, walk into the world as His gracey-salty, lightly-truthy disciples, intriguing all who encounter you.



COLLECTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES IN NZ

Greetings!

Operation Friendship is a generic name for local church outreach to international students [mainly] via social events.



We are in the process of revamping the **Operation Friendship website** and we are hoping the new website will contain contact information for all tertiary/PTE campuses where there is local church outreach to the international students studying there.

If you would like to be on our new website, please provide the following details:

- **Campus/es** you operate in [e.g. UCOL - Palmerston North; Otago University - Dunedin]
- **Contact** persons name
- **Church** fellowship conducting the outreach
- **Cell phone**
- **Landline**
- **Email**
- **Facebook** account [if you have one set up for Op Friendship in your area]
- **Twitter** [if you have one set up for Op Friendship in your area]
- **Website** URL link to your own associated site
- Plus any other means of electronic communication for the international students to reach you about Op Friendship style events in your area; or Bible studies, courses, English language classes , etc. etc.

It would be wonderful to have a complete list of all the international student ministries in New Zealand in one place. To get listed, please drop an email containing the information listed above, to...

Michael & Freda Simkin: msimkin@clear.net.nz

Blessings in Jesus lovely name!



ADMIN UPDATES

Keeping you informed.

ADMIN



We aim to remain apprised of any changes to regulations affecting our members, and share it in this forum to keep you up-to-date.

As required, we seek legal advice, develop codes of best practice, create templates, and pass on existing guidelines or other information that may be widely relevant to our members.

Membership subscriptions help mitigate some of the cost of these outcomes, but at times, especially with legal opinions, we invite members to donate towards fees that may be incurred. This works well, but it can result in a few carrying the cost for the many.

If you find what we provide particularly helpful, especially if you are not a subscribed member, please **consider making a tax deductible donation** to Missions Interlink NZ (see bottom of the SPOTLIGHT section for details).

If you hear of an issue that may have an effect on others in our community (e.g. charity, tax, liability, immigration, or employment law etc.) please share it with us. If it affects enough members we may even work with our lawyers to obtain an opinion on the matter, in which case we will make it available to the community.

HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK (HSW)

It has taken a while to clarify but we finally have [a legal opinion regarding the implications of the HSW ACT 2015 as it relates to mission organisations](#) that deploy people from Aotearoa NZ into ministry situations (whether here or overseas). As we

suspected in our April 2016 BULLETIN article, our lawyers confirmed that mission organisations that deploy people *should* consider themselves a “PCBU” (Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking) and therefore the leaders of the organisation (governance and management) are liable for the care and wellbeing of their “workers” (the people deployed) in their “workplace” (the ministry location)—insofar as it is “reasonably practicable”.

The [MI Members Memo containing the legal opinion](#) is freely available for [download here](#).

There remains a considerable amount of grey-area around what mission organisations could and won't be held accountable for though. Our lawyer conceded that it depended on “the particular factual matrix”. We recommend members act on the side of caution and provide as much safety, health and security training as practicable prior to deploying people.

To this end, [we are working on an assessment template](#) to establish some best practices for our community. If you already have one prepared (related to overseas deployment) then please share it with us. We aim to create a robust checklist, strengthened by the input of our members. Our assessment will be available ASAP. Watch this space.

For HSW compliance in your local operations, the [InterChurch Bureau](#) has already prepared [a health & safety handbook](#) to guide churches and

charities. Missions Interlink is a member organisation and that editable handbook and other resources are available to [download here](#).

NEW CHARITIES REPORTING STANDARDS TEMPLATE

By now you should be aware of the changes to the charities reporting requirements. If this is your first year having to comply, you might benefit from using [the Tier 3 reporting template](#) we've modified from the optional XRB one available from accountants. It is an excel spreadsheet that helps you report on your entity info and statement of service performance. It is available for [download here](#).

TERMS OF CALL Vs EMPLOYMENT

A couple of member organisations are shifting away from a Terms of Call to a full Employment Agreement for their staff. One organisation sought legal counsel which concluded that their ToC would be considered an EA in effect, so they have decided to transition their staff to EAs to [ensure the working relationship complies with NZ employment law](#). But that comes with all manner of issues around termination on the basis of faith or morality—for EAs it's all about performance.

NON-RESIDENT TAX ISSUES

A reminder that we also sought legal opinion concerning the non-residency status of missionaries, and the definition of a “gift” (as opposed to a taxable donation), back in 2013. That document is still relevant and available for [download here](#).

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Applications close August 10, 2016.

For further information [click here to apply](#) and enter the reference code: 2945771.

MAF INFLIGHT EVENT

You are warmly invited to this special MAF event to celebrate updates and insights into the work of MAF around the world. Come join others with a passion for missions and aviation, in a cafe style venue, to [hear from William Nicol, MAF International's Aviation Director](#).

Manukau City Baptist Church, 9 Lambie Drive, Manukau, AUCKLAND

Friday August 19, 2016 @ 7:30pm

For more information [contact MAF: info@maf.org.nz](#)

LIDLAW BOOK LAUNCH INVITE

Come celebrate the launch of the book, "Living in the Family of Jesus: Critical Contextualization in Melanesia and Beyond", edited by William Longaar and Tim Meadowcroft. [The work has been compiled to honour John Hitchen and explores theological themes raised by the Melanesian context](#). It also sheds light on the incarnational process of encounter, showing that there is much for the rest of the world to learn from the Melanesian experience.

For insight into John Hitchen's contribution to the discussion you can [download his article here](#).

Laidlaw College, 80 Central Park Drive, Henderson, AUCKLAND

Wednesday August 31, 2016 @ 7pm

RSVP is required for catering purposes.

By Monday August 29 **RSVP to:**

[events@laidlaw.ac.nz](#)

TANDEM MINISTRIES' ATHLETES IN ACTION BASKETBALL TOUR

Athletes in Action New Zealand is hosting [an awesome AIA USA basketball team to compete against local teams around NZ](#) on **1st -13th August**! All games and clinics are free! Come out and meet the players and watch a good game of basketball! For more info check out the [Athletes In Action Facebook page here](#).

CHAT WITH CHAAT EVENINGS WITH PAUL & BARBY WINDSOR

Based in India, Paul is International Director of Langham Preaching and previously Principal of Carey Baptist College, and Barby is Dean of Women & Families at SAIACS (South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies).

[Paul & Barby are touring NZ August and September](#) and will share engaging issues pertaining to their life in Bangalore as well as delicious Indian street food.

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

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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 or **contact by email:** info@marinereach.com

WILLOW CREEK'S MENTAL HEALTH & THE CHURCH CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Willow Creek Director Alan Vink expressed surprise at the level of interest in the subject matter around NZ and was incredibly heartened by it. About 65% of those who attended came from Auckland, 27% from BOP and Waikato and 8% from the rest of NZ, including quite a few from Christchurch. **The conference attendance goal was 200, but the actual attendance was 389** (405 had registered). He also praised the benefits of synergistic collaboration that created the event, A similar event will be run next year for both the North and South Islands.

Windsor Park Church, Auckland, June 27, 2017 and (TBC) Christchurch, June 29, 2017. To remain informed about these events, subscribe to the Willow Creek newsletter. **Contact the Willow Creek NZ team here:** office@willowcreek.org.nz.

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

2016 NZ MISSIONS STATISTICS

Our thanks to all who helped us gather fresh membership data this year, whether via our first Annual Missions Survey or supplying us with organisational data by email.

The survey data has not been fully analysed, but on a scale of 1 to 10 it seems people perceive that **interest in mission** from individual Christians and local churches **is around 5**. "Good", but relatively unspectacular and certainly room for improvement.

According to our member responses, **as at May 31 there were 1204 Kiwis serving with mission organisations** (closer to 1500 if we had concrete data for all the Kiwis involved in YWAM).

If you (or your organisation) have renewed your annual membership subscription, new **ManaakiCards** will be distributed this month—enough for one per member registered, plus one to bless someone with.

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so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. (Deuteronomy 11:13b-14)*

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