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by Jay Matenga (content curator)

Tena tātou katoa e te iwi mīhāna...

This month's whakatauki (proverb) is: "**Whaia e koe ki te iti kahurangi; ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei.**" (Seek the treasure you value most dearly; if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.).



In 2002 I was a relatively new mission leader sitting around a table with twelve much older and more experienced leaders from the USA, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia and Australia. Our international leader introduced the concept of a BHAG—a "big, hairy, audacious goal". This odd term became popular in the late '90s from "Built To Last", the book by Collins and Porras investigating successful organisations. Most mission leaders present were uncomfortable with the idea of inventing a stretch goal for our international organisation. Various metrics and arbitrary numbers were suggested and summarily dismissed. Something rather 'safe' was eventually agreed upon but it did not create a sustained singular vision that focused the organisation.

Our proverb this month suggests that it is helpful to lift our attention to a grand accomplishment, to serve something much larger than ourselves. Think of what was required of Hillary and his team to summit Sagarmāthā (Everest). A compelling vision can rally tremendous resource to achieve previously unimagined feats—for good or ill. I think this was at the heart of Matthew's intention to place Jesus' commission at the end of his gospel. This is a particularly powerful BHAG that leaves his readers in no doubt about the lofty mountain Jesus expects us to bow to—the Kingdom of God. It is an imperative that, by inference, anticipates that all nations will bow to its King.

While we take the submission of all creation to Jesus as an eschatological reality, in Matthew's commission we are clearly commanded to prepare people for that reality, by leading them to be disciples of Jesus in intimate relationship with our triune God. This is God's BHAG but it can seem too overwhelming. It helps for us to consider what aspect of it we are called to be responsible for. We all have unique contributions to make, as individuals, as groups (churches and organisations), and as the Church (in all its manifestations) represented from a nation. This is fine, so long as we keep the 'end game' in mind. We are all working towards the same objective, bowing to the same lofty mountain.

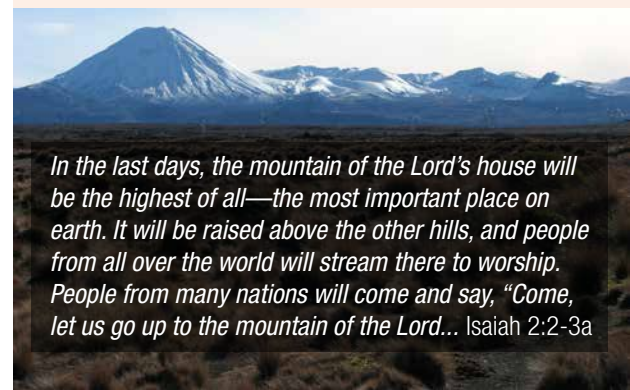
I truly believe we are stronger together, as the Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, with organisations serving as conduits for the Church to serve in mission from and within this nation. In all of our parochial struggles it's easy to lose sight of the big picture. We need to recover a vision of what path to the peak we ought to be taking as we move onward and upward...

Together: On Mission.

Jay

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In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship. People from many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord..." Isaiah 2:2-3a

EQUIP

PARTNERSHIP: EMBRACING THE REALITY OF GLOBALIZED MISSION

PART TWO of a three part series by Eldon Porter



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This is the second of the serialized version of Eldon's article, "Partnering with the Majority World in the Global Paradigm." Last month, in the first of the series, Eldon explained what has caused the paradigm shift in missions and then he looked at four macro issues that are redefining how missions is done. In this edition he discusses the new formal and informal mission structures. In the next edition, he moves on to look at the challenge of transitioning an agency into current relevance where partnerships can best flourish. There are some critical issues that all agencies are wrestling with and he highlights what seem to be some trends taking place in this transition process. Eldon then concludes with recommendations on how an agency may become globally friendly.

3. New mission structures.

It should not be surprising to find new kinds of mission structures in the global paradigm, given the vastly different contexts out of which and in which mission is taking place. The first three listed below are formal structures while the last one is a grouping of informal and less structured methods. Note, some of these represent potential partners that span both the western and the majority worlds.

3.1 Sending and receiving.

Traditional western agencies typically had administrative structures supporting both the sending and receiving of missionaries. The sending office

mobilised, recruited, typically granted membership, trained, provided member care, receipted and managed support and ministry fund donations, represented the agency before the sending church, etc. On the field the agency provided some kind of support for orientation of new missionaries, ministry supervision, accountability for use of finances, field member care, etc. An agency was considered to be "international" if it had sending offices in more than one country.

While agencies with these sending and receiving structures still exist, we see them undergoing significant changes. Many of these agencies are utilizing their sending capacity to send out their own missionaries who serve in areas where their agency does not serve, seconding those missionaries to serve with others. We are also seeing these agencies allow their field offices to receive missionaries who are sent directly from sending structures in locations where their agency does not have a sending office.

In the new paradigm, an agency's capacity to send missionaries to serve anywhere in the world where their cause is relevant and receive missionaries from anywhere in the world into their supervised ministry context is being understood as the new definition of an international agency.

3.2. Just sending.

There are also mission structures that only send missionaries. These structures fulfil the responsibilities associated with the sending of missionaries but look for

others able to serve in the receiving of their missionaries. While some of these existed in the old paradigm, primarily in Europe, today we see this model expanding across Latin America and into Eastern and Central Europe.⁴

There are two trends taking place with these sending only structures. The first is that rather than serving as the "sending office for their partner," they now want to send out their own missionaries to serve in the context of an established partnership, with their missionaries maintaining dual membership. And the second trend is that these sending structures are increasingly sending their missionaries to work under national-led ministries and not just to serve with other mission structures.

3.3. Just receiving.

The newest mission structures are those that only receive missionaries sent or seconded from others. These structures have no "sending offices." They are exclusively field led and strive for excellence in their capacity to work closely with the national church in the receiving of missionaries. They talk of "creating pull" to attract partners that share their core values. They partner with different kinds of sending structures (churches or other agencies) in providing the services necessary for effective ministry on the field.⁵

3.4. Informal structures.

I observe three different informal but very clearly defined ways that missions is being done, all of which are in some way

related to the global diaspora movement. These are all potential ministry partners in the new paradigm.

The first are *situations where religious persecution is driving Christians from their homes* and into new areas. We see this happening with believers coming out of Central Asia (the “stan” countries) and from Iraq and Syria. In both situations **we find pastors from the regions following their church members through WhatsApp and ministry visits, encouraging them to see themselves as missionaries.** This is similar to the mission movement of the early church in Acts.

The second example is *the situation where for economic reasons large numbers of people (including believers) move for employment*, sometimes into closed countries. Examples of this are the Filipinos and Indians employed in oil rich countries. Pastors from the Philippines are sent to shepherd these young people, encouraging them to live for Christ in their work places. Some consider them to be the most significant mission force in those countries.

The third example is *those involved in business as mission*, the vast majority of whom are not members of any formal mission structure. There are many vibrant networks servicing these individuals.⁶

All of these new mission structures pose unique partnership opportunities for a traditional western agency. An understanding of the nature of each structure and the related mission force better enables an agency to explore new and dynamic partnership models.

4. The strategic role of networks.

Networks are perhaps the most strategic tool available to facilitate global engagement and collaboration. They are becoming recognized as the best platform from which to provide

leadership and the best space or context that enables global engagement. These are not organizations but rather **formal or informal groupings of totally autonomous entities that come together around a common purpose.** There is a wide variety of different kinds of networks, what some call associations or alliances.

From a historical perspective, globalization has altered the primary value of networks. In the past an individual or organization was generally motivated to associate with a particular network in order to establish his or her identity. Someone would say, “We are members of the World Evangelical Alliance and not the World Council of Churches.” But today individuals, ministries, and organizations choose to associate with a network in a variety of ways to be more effective in ministry. Well-run networks seek to accomplish this by facilitating the sharing of information and by providing services that allow individual parties to meet and explore ways they might collaborate. The fact that huge sums of money are spent in an effort to attend network meetings illustrates their perceived value. Unfortunately, many network events are just that—a gathering—and don’t take full advantage of their potential leadership role.

There are two basic categories of networks within the evangelical world. The first are those that are defined by geography. This category of networks can be divided into three groups. The first is the evangelical alliances or the associations of evangelicals related to a specific geographic region. The second group are those networks representing the mission movements originating from the countries and regions that have an established church [e.g. Missions Interlink, ed.]. The third category are networks of mission efforts focused on unreached or under-reached people in a

specific geographic area such as those focused on Central Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa, and the many country-specific networks.

The second basic category of networks is those that are issue specific. These tend to be more organic by nature. These networks span any issue when it is felt that collaboration would be beneficial. The Linking Global Voices website provides an extensive list of some of the most active issue-specific networks.⁷

There seems to be growing intentionality on the part of traditional agencies as they engage with networks. Some assign key individuals to serve in a leadership role in a particular network for the purpose of expanding the influence of an issue they consider strategic. Others encourage their members to get involved simply to build relationships, learn what others are doing, and to explore potential partnership opportunities.

⁴ Examples of these are: DMG, www.dmgint.de; FEDEMEC Costa Rica, fedemec.net/; PAAM Panama, misionespam.wordpress.com/; SAMM Paraguay, misionsamm.blogspot.com/; and ProVision Chile, provision.cl/.

⁵ PMI, or Pueblos Musulmanes Internacional, is an excellent example of this model, www.pminternacional.org/.

⁶ Some of the networks serving this group are: BAM Global, bamglobal.org; OPEN Network, opennetworkers.net/; and ICWM, marketplaceleaders.org/icwm/.

⁷ Linking Global Voices lists issue-specific networks: linkingglobalvoices.com/issue-specific-networks.

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MISSION IN MANY VOICES: POLYCENTRIC & POLYPHONIC

by Ruth Wall, Chair of the International Missionary Training Network



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In October 2016 the WEA's Mission Commission hosted a Global Mission Consultation in Panama and around 300 mission leaders met to discuss the theme of **Polycentric Mission**. From the plethora of words—at plenary sessions, round table and small group discussions—Dr. Samuel Escobar led a small group of four, all members of the IMTN, to try and capture something of the 'essence' of what was being articulated over those days. Here is what we presented to the Consultation...

“As members of the Mission Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance, we have gathered in Panama City, Panama, 3rd-7th October 2016, to hear from God's Word and from one another, to pray and worship, and to meet together in order to understand and respond to the current obstacles and opportunities for global mission.

With thankful hearts for all that God is doing to further His mission, we celebrate:

- The warm welcome we have received here in Panama from sisters and brothers in the Latin American Evangelical Community.
- With evangelicals in Latin America, the significance of centennial commemorations of the Panama Mission Conference, held here in 1916.
- The contribution to our programme of indigenous Christian leaders and our co-hosts, COMIBAM, in this centennial year.
- In particular, the unprecedented movement of God's Spirit and of

God's people, often unpredictable and apparently 'messy', across this continent over the last one hundred years.

- The ongoing contribution of Latin American missiology to the global conversation, particularly noting the gift of the term '*misión integral*' to global evangelical missiology and we welcome the potential for further self-theologising from within this context as a way of enriching our understanding of what God is doing in mission in our time.

- **The embodiment within the Mission Commission of polycentric connection** [from multiple centres of power], **movement in mission, and a polyphonic** [multiple voices heard] **missional conversation that anticipates a greater unity of heart, soul, and purpose.**

- The continuity of themes emerging in this consultation with those that were explored at the meetings of the WEA Mission Commission at Iguassu, Brazil, in 1999.

- An emerging self-critical understanding within the evangelical mission movement that demonstrates a renewed hopefulness and which avoids paralysis.

In the various sessions of this Consultation we have noted:

- An ongoing engagement with **mission understood as 'from everywhere to everywhere'** and welcome the momentum imparted by our discussions of 'polycentric mission'.
- A widely spread sense of insecurity, even fear, among members of our evangelical communities in the face of

religious opposition, violence and insecurity.

- The deep concern with many **young people who are leaving the churches** in unprecedented numbers.

- That the **emerging mission movements** in some parts of the world appear to have reached a plateau.

- That, in many instances, the default mode for **missionary activity is still one in which the powerful direct and control** mission to the powerless.

- A renewed emphasis on **missionary self-emptying as a more biblical approach** over and against a 'win-win' mentality.

- The global movement of God and the global movement of people at a time in history which some have described as **the 'age of migration'**.

- The limited vision of the evangelical mission movement in adequately understanding and addressing the issues of power and control involved in **engaging the indigenous peoples of the world** (including those of North America, Latin America, the Sami of northern Europe, the Roma of Central Europe, aboriginal people in Australia and Maori in New Zealand) and in recognising the movement of God's Spirit among them in many places.

- The need for further reflection on what it means to **suffer with others who are persecuted for their faith** as they engage in mission in challenging contexts.

The Word of God, through the book of Jonah, has been a mirror for us, reminding us that when the world is crying for help the church is frequently found sleeping, insensitive to the despair and the need of the people. **God may use the storms of life to wake up His people and re-sensitize them as they realize that disobedience severs relationship with God**, the depth of which can only be expressed with the poetry of the Psalms. This mirror that makes us aware of our condition as a disobedient people, also proclaims powerfully to us the love, concern, and compassion of our God who can revive and send us again as His messengers to a world in need. It also calls our attention to the love, patience and forgiving disposition of our God, a love so deep that we can only contemplate it, without always understanding it.

In responding to the theme of 'polycentric mission' we encourage:

- Caution in simply replacing 'mission from everywhere to everywhere' with 'polycentric mission'. It is important to continue struggling with the implications of both, acknowledging our inadequate success with the former and avoiding the rush to move on to the latter in the belief that the new and the novel will rescue the missionary enterprise.
- Caution in collapsing 'polycentric mission' into merely organisational, territorial, denominational, or ethnic categories without recognising its limitless potential for calling us to ever deeper unity in Christ.
- Generosity in acknowledging the gift to our evangelical community of connecting with parallel, polyphonic conversations underway in other global gatherings of

fellow disciples, including the Lausanne Movement, the Conference for World Mission and Evangelism, and other relevant, mission-focused bodies.

- Further reflection on what each of the local and regional voices in the conversation brings uniquely to the global mission conversation as we explore together a more complete expression of the unity for which Christ prayed (John 17:20-23).
- A recognition that the lived experiences of feeling, or of being treated as, either inferior and superior, are consequences of our human fallen nature which the gospel addresses directly. Andrew Walls describes this as, 'The riches of a hundred places learning from each other'.
- A wide recognition that Christianity is both a local and a global faith. There remains the need for the local church to engage its local context in interdependence with polycentric and polyphonic global mission in the service of the greater unity of the Church and its united endeavours in mission.

Above all, in light of the theme of this Mission Commission consultation, we celebrate the potential revealed by attention to the concept of 'polycentric mission'. In welcoming the insights of those who have suggested that this could be extended to incorporate closely related concepts, we encourage deeper and ongoing reflection upon the theme. This would include a polyphonic mission conversation, poly-directional mission, poly-generational, cruci-centric or Christo-centric mission, and unity in mission.

Taken together with the notions of polycentric mission and 'mission from

everywhere to everywhere', these closely-related ideas point to the relativising of all centres of influence and power in light of the claims of the cross and of Christ. This extends over all competing loyalties, whether ethnic, cultural, national, political, generational, denominational, or organisational, and offers a re-centring of a united polyphonic missional conversation.

Thankful of all that the Lord of the nations has shown us over these days together, we leave members of the consultation with questions rather than a final summary statement, inviting others to add their voices to an ongoing global conversation.

- How are we to remain faithfully and self-critically open to the transforming influence of the Bible upon our mission practice, as it is read in context?
- How can we encourage patterns of missionary spirituality that equip and enable us to practice the radical love of others so that we can better hear and understand their alternative and diverse voices in a global, united polyphonic chorus of worship and witness?
- In what ways can we ensure that our exploration of polycentric mission in this consultation continues to inform our understanding of contemporary mission practice and theology?
- In what ways might a trinitarian understanding of mission ensure the adequacy of our expressions of the polycentric and polyphonic nature of global mission?

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MISSION TRAINERS UNITE!

Alongside Missions Interlink Australia, MI NZ is seeking to develop a new Mission Trainers Network for the region. Dr. Darrell Jackson (Morling College, Sydney) is coordinating the network in Australia, the purpose of which is to keep everyone in touch with the latest training opportunities across the missions community in Australia and elsewhere. Mission Trainers in Aotearoa New Zealand could either link up with the Australian network via Darrell or, if a mission trainer was available to facilitate, we could start our own network and link with IMTN Australia to represent the South Pacific region collaboratively.



Dr. Darrell Jackson

The Mission Training Network is for all those who have responsibility for mission training full-time or alongside other responsibilities, either within an organisation or as a mission educator within a tertiary training institute. A contact database for trainers is currently being compiled in anticipation of lively participation from a large number of participants, and we would love you to nominate those within your organisation who have some responsibility for training. For the time being, expressions of interest can be emailed to: jay@missions.org.nz.

Note: This network would be specifically focused on mission training, and therefore different from the Association of Mission Studies, which focuses on the study of Christian mission (e.g. **AAMS**, or the currently inactive **ANZAMS**).

RECORDING HIS-TORY

by Elise Cooper with Wendy Bytheway (GRN)



Elise Cooper (pictured with husband Darren) is a missionary serving with Global Recordings Network (GRN) Australia as International Administrative Assistant. GRN has offices in over 30 countries and in the reports that cross Elise's desk are many stories that demonstrate the amazing work of God to draw people to Himself.

This year Global Recordings Network (GRN) celebrates a 77-year legacy of recording Bible messages and stories. However, like an iceberg where only 10% of it is evident above the surface, a GRN recording represents a much bigger picture than initially realised.

Recordists are the GRN front-line in a spiritual war to make the Gospel available to people in their heart languages. These languages may not have a written form or the people may be oral communicators. The recording process involves dangerous situations, tedium and discomfort. (Compare this process however with the translation of a New Testament which takes anywhere from 5 to 20 years and the strategic value of audio recordings becomes clear.)

GRN recordings in over 6,000 languages testify to the diligence and passion of recordists to follow Christ's call to the ends of the earth. In sensitive countries they work unnamed for fear of reprisal or threat to their ongoing work.

Recordists travel long distances for many hours in order to find language groups that have no materials in their language. Accidents are commonplace on dangerous roads and vehicles often require maintenance mid-journey. Jonah, the Nigerian team driver, often fixes their van in very dangerous and uncomfortable places. Their recently replaced van had 268,000 miles on the clock when the odometer broke 10 years ago. A Congolese recordist writes, "Where I am based, to reach these rural areas . . . it is not easy! There is no taxi for transport we just pay the lorry and climb like a mountain. [sic]"

Away from conveniences of home and in harsh climates one recordist shares about the vulnerability to illness, "the nature and conditions under which we travel all the time either come with malaria from time to time or back pains." Another recordist referred to a state of "physical brokenness" felt when on recording trips.

To ensure authentic recordings, native speakers are recruited as language helpers. Working so closely together, recordists often develop good relationships with language helpers who may not be believers. On one occasion, the recording team in Thailand attended a wedding where the wife in one family said she wanted to receive Jesus. The team encouraged the whole family to consider following Jesus.

Following recording is the long and often tedious task of editing. This entails many hours of listening, re-listening, and checking the recording against the script most often in a language that they do not know. Many would echo this sentiment from one recordist's report, "I still feel like there is an overwhelming amount of editing to do."

Why do GRN recordists go to such great lengths to capture these recordings? A Filipino recordist speaks of the lessons he gained, "The greatest lesson I learned during the trip is that when you are in the midst of many trials, accusation, disappointment, and delayed functions, God's grace through our Lord Jesus Christ must be in all of my actions, decisions, words and approach to all people I work with, for God's glory!"

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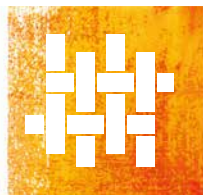
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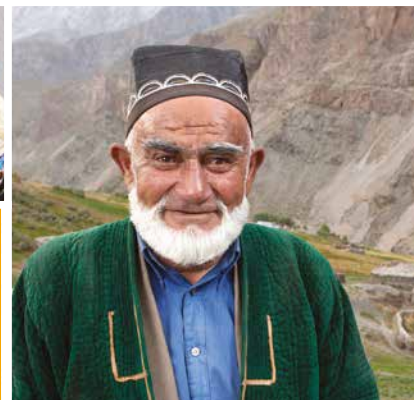
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AN UNCHANGING GOSPEL FOR A CHANGING GENERATION

by Karl Udy (Tandem Ministries)



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Karl is interested in forming a Tech Cluster with other members of Missions Interlink NZ interested in digital ministries, technology and communications.

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In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul said, “To the Jews I became like a Jew to win the Jews, to those under the law I became like one under the law... to the weak I became weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.”

The question I want to ask is, “How would Paul reach 21st century young people with the gospel?” And the answer should be obvious—he would become like a 21st century young person. What does that entail? This is a challenge facing anyone reaching out to the almost 2 billion young people in the world today with the gospel. I have observed **four areas that are key to understanding this generation and communicating the good news of Jesus Christ to them**. This generation is a visual generation, it is a narrative generation, it is an online generation, and it is a mobile generation. It is our collective challenge to bring the unchanging gospel to just such a generation.

A Visual Generation

Whereas the previous generation preferred to interact with information as text, **the current generation much prefers visual forms such as animation and video**. I remember being surprised one time observing my 12-year-old son researching something on the internet. Whereas my first choice for the information would have been Google, his was Youtube.

You will have noticed the gradual replacement of text with icons on appliances such as washing machines,

stoves and TVs. Take for example the widely recognized Power Button (⏻) which has replaced the ON/OFF buttons of the previous generation. This is accompanied with a rise in visual forms of media such as comics (including manga) and animation.

There is also a trend of young people reading fewer and fewer books. Recent studies have shown that half of all university graduates will not read a single book after graduation. This is a challenge for us as we seek to communicate the gospel message to an audience that is primarily visual when for centuries the written word has been the primary medium of communication. However, it can be done, because it has been done before—stained glass windows in churches were originally a teaching aid for a largely illiterate population.

A Narrative Generation

As humans we were made to tell, and to respond to stories. Stories have the ability to communicate to the whole person—to challenge the intellect and to invoke an emotional response. In previous generations, especially those of the ‘modern’ era, we have largely communicated in a propositional manner, arguing points in a logical step-by-step format.

While logic is important, this form of communication is not going to penetrate the hearts of this generation as effectively as if the same argument were wrapped up in a story. And this is why so much of the Bible is in story form. When Jesus wanted to explain that God called us to love all of the

people around us, not just the people we are comfortable with, he told a story (Luke 10:25-37).

God made us to be storytellers, and everyone has a story to tell. **We need to find a way to connect the stories of people we meet with Jesus’ story.**

We need to listen attentively to hear and understand someone’s story, we need to tell the stories of how God has changed our lives, and we need to connect all of these stories to the story of how God is reconciling the world to himself through Jesus Christ’s death on the cross.

An Online Generation

The development of the printing press by Gutenberg sparked a printing revolution. A few hundred years later, steam and coal power fired the Industrial Revolution. Last century the invention of cars and aeroplanes gave us the Transport Revolution. Today, as a result of the internet, we are in the midst of an Information and Communication (or Digital) Revolution.

In July 1776, the American Declaration of Independence was signed, however it was more than a month later before news of it reached Great Britain. My generation grew up accustomed to reading newspaper accounts of what happened yesterday. In 2011, people in New York found out about an earthquake on the East Coast of the USA on Twitter before they felt the shock waves! **The internet has made global communication instant, almost free, and commonplace.**

Continued over...

Gone are the days of missionaries waiting for a hurried and expensive phone call back home once or twice a year. Now many of them can use Skype or Facetime to communicate with their families or friends almost as easily as if they had never left their home country. The internet has also made a mountain of information available to the masses. People no longer buy encyclopaedias, they use Google and Wikipedia. It has also introduced new challenges in discerning authenticity and reliability of information. Beyond the current media hype about "fake news", we face the real situation that while Facebook and Instagram allow the gospel to spread along natural, relational channels extremely quickly, those same channels allow misinformed ideas about Jesus and his church to likewise spread just as quickly. These are opportunities and challenges that cannot be ignored, and will irreversibly alter how we communicate the gospel message.

A Mobile Generation

People today have more access to a mobile phone than to a toothbrush! The

mobile phone has become the fastest and most widely adopted personal technology device in our lifetime. Most technology never gets adopted by more than 50% of people. Most people in the world do not have a TV, or a personal computer, or a home phone. In the past century the only technology to break this barrier and become nearly ubiquitous was the FM radio. Now mobile phones have surpassed FM radio to become the most common technology device in the world. They have also become integral to our lives. I will be finding out exactly how integral over the next few weeks as I fast from my mobile phone for Lent!

Mobile phones have become the one thing you don't leave home without. (Sorry American Express, you can't compete with mobile phones.) Around the world, the mobile phone is the screen people interact with the most, and it's dominance is only increasing. So we need to communicate the gospel in such a way that makes use of this opportunity, both to reach people whom we otherwise could not reach, and to interact more meaningfully with those that are within our reach.

How are you dealing with the challenges of engaging this generation with the gospel message? What are some of the other issues that you or your missions agency are facing with our changing world? I'd love to hear from you to learn more. Contact me here, and let's continue the conversation:

karl.udy@tandem.org.nz



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WHAT

Easterfest is a four day community festival that provides a pilgrimage opportunity for NZ Christians to gather together in a public setting and celebrate the reason for our faith. It also provides an opportunity to express the gospel to our increasingly secular society.

It is free to enter and the majority of events are located in public settings so that it is accessible to all. Easterfest is hosted by 10+ local churches. The program consists of art, music and family events. These range from Easter services across denominations to key community events such as Stations - creative art installations, Family Fun Day and a Sunday Concert with varied genres. A youth art exhibition, apologetic talks and music in public spaces also feature.

WHY

The cornerstone verse of this event is John 17:21: Jesus prayed "May they be as one." There's power in unity and we've seen God's blessing through His provision and His presence in our gatherings. Easterfest is about building a critical mass of people who all believe in the authority of Jesus Christ and the hope we have in Him. NZ is ideal to achieve this due to it's small population. A gathering of a few thousand can make the National TV news (2016). Psalm 102 says "and so the Lord's fame will be celebratedwhen multitudes gather together..."



Middle Earth meeting Heaven



A national gathering for a Christ-centred Easter



WHERE

Taupo is located in the central north island of NZ with a population of 25,000 that doubles in summer. Known as the 'events capital' Taupo is a popular destination for both domestic and international visitors. Easter is the busiest commercial weekend of the year.

WHO

Easterfest NZ Trust was formed in 2015 as a charitable entity. Ownership of the Festival lies with the combined Ministers Group. A governance group (of 3) is assigned for monthly oversight of the Festival Team and is accountable to the Ministers Group. A 'statement of faith' was agreed as a founding document.

HOW

Easterfest is made possible through: key partnerships with the national Christian broadcasting group (Rhema Media and World Vision, sponsorships; in particular, support from the local Council (the governing body), donations, church support and successful grants. The ongoing effectiveness of Easterfest will be a result of being able to maintain the following components:

- Unity of the Church
- Centrality of the gospel
- A clear vision & focus
- Effective volunteer base
- National exposure
- Local impact

2016 KEY FACTS (inaugural event)

Approximately 5000+ participants
Approximately 1000 of those were out of towners
12 churches participated
45 partners, sponsors and supporters
114 volunteers
Over 100 performers across events (excl church services). This included four national acts and one international

(Flood the Stone - Canada)

9 local cafes participated
1000+ visited the Family Fun Day
We broke even in 2016 with modest budget of \$25,000.
No paid staff.

GOING FORWARD

We would love to cater for 10,000+ participants.
To grow our sponsorship base so that we can continue to run a free festival that impacts people for Christ. In order to go forward, we would need NZ\$40,000 pa to ease pressure or \$80,000 pa which would enable us to employ staff.
We are hoping to build on the unity of the churches and go far beyond Easter into shared service projects, resources and outreaches throughout the year.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

In order to build a sustainable evangelical event we need:

- Partnership with an organisation/s to assist us with project/event management expertise and manpower.
- Finance – permanent funding support to ensure appropriate infrastructure, future planning and the ability to provide quality content and program.

MORE INFO

www.easterfest.nz
coordinator@easterfest.nz



INTRODUCING: RACHEL

Rachel McKay of Interserve picks up the MINZ Member Care Cluster mantle.

We asked Rachel Mackay to introduce herself, and here's her response...

2017 has started at a sprint for me. I am hoping it will slow a little to fit my old-dog-walking pace, but there is much to happen yet. This will be a learning year for me in bringing together member care personnel from all round New Zealand, in diverse roles with a range of titles, all committed to tending and encouraging our people in mission as we all seek to serve our Lord in His *missio Dei*.

Who am I? Rachel Mackay.

I was born by the mighty Waikato River but grew up in sunny Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty. Life as an adult has been mostly lived in Auckland, always close to Maungawhau (Mt Eden).

Occupations

Work-wise I have held a variety of roles. Over the years I have taught at primary level and tutored children with learning differences such as dyslexia. I have been an office manager, personnel director and payroll clerk, spiritual director and church group co-ordinator. I have left out a few 'bits 'n pieces' roles but truly have been blessed at the opportunity to work in such different positions.

Malcolm, my hard-working husband, has been the steady main provider for our family with his work in IT as a software developer for the past 30+ years. His commitment has allowed me to be involved with organisations which are ministry-focused such as Interserve NZ, SPELD and my church, Greyfriars Presbyterian. Throughout all my work responsibilities I have been blessed to have his willing help.

Family

I grew up in a big family and my whanau is a significant part of who I am. I have quite a few I am attached to. One niece thinks of me as a committed member of the "aunties network". This is a lived-out part of belonging in my life. And I am a very proud Grandma of 3 delightful children who live in Whakatane, so I now live the dream with frequent road trips!

Travel

I started my overseas experience in 1967 when I went on a circumnavigation of the globe with my mother on passenger ships. I met amazing people and saw fantastic sights as we all do when we venture abroad. Since then I seem to have managed a few more round-the-world trips. My focus is more often visiting people. I wonder if this travelling is part of being a New Zealander. We, or our forebears, had to journey to these far-flung islands. Voyaging is somehow part of us.

Faith

My faith journey began in earnest as a young married mother of 2 boys. Our family was wounded and God graciously helped

both Malcolm and I to turn to Him. We have sought to grow more Christ-like ever since. One of the most joyful learnings was understanding and deeply knowing that God accepts me as I am. Even with my broken bits, my weaknesses and my strengths He is ever-present in my life, no matter what.

Member Care

All this history shared so far has played a part of shaping me for the role of **Missions**

Interlink NZ Member Care Cluster Co-ordinator. My heart has been formed to care for others and I like hearing the stories of other voyagers. This is a role I look forward to holding but I must admit the position is one I put my hand up for very tentatively. After the past three years appreciating and learning and connecting with the amazing energetic Richelle Webb, I couldn't see what I could offer. Richelle has blessed us with her commitment to gather us member care types from various organisations. We get together with her warm invitation, warm chocolate brownies and her enthusiasm. I have been blessed with the way Richelle has shared her knowledge and experience. We will miss her when she flies away later this year.

Who I am doesn't have a short answer. I am someone who belongs to different communities and different groups and my identity has always been in connection with other people. This is why I am excited to be the co-ordinator for the group of member care people.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata (What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people).

My hope for the Member Care Cluster is for it to continue as a space where we can share our knowledge, our connections, our challenges, and our successes in our work with people. These people are not a homogeneous group. We need to work alongside them in diverse ways, in their various locations, coping with the rich mix of different life stages. They are like all of us, disciples on the way to growing more Christ-like. They also have their own struggles, challenges, joys and hopes. Member care is how we support and encourage and share with them through the ups and downs they will face.

What I long for is to see our committed group coming together to support each other and their people, to share resources and experiences, to gather new ways and new approaches, to listen and talk together. With the grace of God it is possible.

Rachel can be contacted on: Rachel@interserve.org.nz



HE HAD NO RIGHTS

by Karen Lewis (Africa Inland Mission)

He had no rights;

No right to a soft bed, and a well-laid table;

No right to a home of His own,

a place where His own pleasure might be sought;

*No right to choose pleasant, congenial companions,
those who could understand Him and sympathize with Him;*

No right to shrink away from filth and sin,

to pull His garments closer around Him

and turn aside to walk in cleaner paths;

No right to be understood and appreciated;

no, not by those upon whom He had poured out

a double portion of His love;

No right even never to be forsaken by His Father,

the One who meant more than all to Him.

His only right was silently to endure shame, spitting, blows;

to take His place as a sinner at the dock;

to bear my sins in anguish on the cross.

He had no rights. And I?

A right to the 'comforts' of life?

No, but a right to the love of God for my pillow.

A right to physical safety?

No, but a right to the security of being in His will.

A right to love and sympathy from those around me?

No, but a right to the friendship of the One

who understands me better than I do myself.

A right to be a leader among men?

No, but the right to be led by the one

to whom I have given my all,

led as is a little child with his hand in the hand of his father.

A right to a home, and dear ones?

No, not necessarily;

but a right to dwell in the heart of God.

A right to myself?

No, but, oh, I have a right to Christ.

All that He takes I will give;

All that He gives will I take;

He, my only right:

He, the one right before which

all other rights fade into nothingness

I have full right to Him;

Oh, may He have full right to me!

He must increase, but I must decrease. (John 3:30)



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Please contact John Hitchen, jhitchen@laidlaw.ac.nz or by phone 09 835 3622





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When 30 Days began in 1993, it was a small group of people who believed that God was challenging them to look at the Muslim world through the eyes of a loving Father and see them as He does.

There has been lots of encouraging feedback from participants around the world, who share how praying through 30 Days has changed their understanding of Muslim people, and helped them have an attitude towards Muslims that is a better reflection of the heart of Christ.

It can be challenging to hold a clear perspective on Muslims at a time when Islamic extremist groups dominate global news. With this in mind, the 30 Days International team decided to focus the 2017 edition on a part of life that we are all connected to in one way or another - **family**.

This Ramadan our prayer focus will be on family life - the place where most people first learn about faith, where our values are formed and where we are influenced in more ways than we realise. We hope you will learn how different Muslim cultures express family traditions in different ways and discover what you have in common with Muslim families. We pray these discoveries will inform your prayers and help us to share the wonderful message from 1 John 3:1,

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

Please join us!

To order **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World** for adults or children visit **www.marn.org.nz**



PRAYERLINKS

Prayer Fuel for Missions

BIBLE LEAGUE

Pray for our **Church Planters** in places where there are no local churches and for **growing churches** eager to share the Gospel with others in their communities. *Praise God* for the growth taking place in newly planted churches in **Peru**. Former Church Planter Training students requested *prayer* for **buildings with larger spaces** to gather in. Also these new churches are planting other new churches. *Ask God* for **resources and land** to build many churches in communities where there are none (Genesis 13:17).

CLTC

Christian Leaders Training College in the highlands of **PNG requires a person who has the ability to work with nationals in mentoring and training who has technical skills in any of the trades**. *Please pray* that such a person will be found. Contact Russell Thorp by email for more information: (missionsdirector@gc3.org.nz).

FEBC

Our annual **"Write to a station"** is on now. *Please pray* that the exchange will truly encourage both the staff in Indonesia, and our NZ supporters (1 Thess 5:11). *Please pray* for those who attended the recent tour of **Paraguayan harpist Eduard Klassen**—that his zeal for missions would bear much fruit in and from New Zealand; that those who attended the concerts continue in their mission partnership journey.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES

Praise God for acting National Director, **Janeen Mills'** return from overseas. *Pray for* good health, protection and wisdom as **ISMNZ workers**, volunteers and international students begin semester 1.

INTERSERVE NZ

We are excited that Andrew Mulcahy has joined our NZ team as **Operations Manager & 2iC**, a wonderful and

timely addition. *Please pray* that his involvement would lift our work to new levels and allow us to bear more fruit where it is truly needed, i.e. amongst those in the hard places and where hope is scarce. *Please also pray* for a few other **part-time office roles in personnel, communications and admin** that need filling and/or reorganizing – for the right people and solutions to emerge, and for the team here in Aotearoa NZ to prosper.

MARINE REACH

Marine Reach is counting down to the departure of the Pacific Hope; off to Vanuatu in April. We are so *thankful* for **the teams and individuals** who are coming on outreach—more than 115 people over 4 outreaches. *Please pray* for the teams as they prepare to serve with medical, dental and ophthalmic skills and as general volunteers. This year our first ophthalmic surgery is taking place—cataract surgeries—with thanks to Rotary for the special equipment! We are URGENTLY *praying for doctors for the June and July outreaches and qualified crew*, to cover last minute changes. Anyone interested can please email us: info@marinereach.com.

MISSIONS INTERLINK NZ

We are working on the logistics for a **missions administrators gathering** in Auckland some time before the end of June. *Pray for* the location of a suitable venue and the preparation of programme content that will provide practical blessing for all the missions community. *Pray too* for ongoing **discussions with business partners** regarding member discounts and other benefits for the missions community in Aotearoa NZ.

NZ CHRISTIAN NETWORK

Pray for the upcoming **National Christian Leaders' Congress** (Lower Hutt, March 21-23)—a once every three years event. *Pray that* visiting guest speaker Dr. Rosalee Velloso-Ewell will travel well to Aotearoa and that her word,

and those of other presenters, will be well received. *Pray for* the **church and ministry leaders** in attendance, that they will leave with a strong sense of hearing from the Lord for our nation and a deeper sense of unity for God's glory.

OMF NZ

Please *thank the Lord* with us that a **family have finally gone out to Japan** after finding it a challenge to raise the prayer and financial support needed. Please *continue to pray* that we, as a team, would **hear and respond to the God-given opportunities** we get. *Pray* that we may have the **'ears' to hear and discern** where we are to invest our limited time/energy/resources.

THE NAVIGATORS

Please pray for all our **NZ Navigator University Workers** that the Lord would give them divine encounters and discussions with many young people on campuses, and that these young students would get involved with us as we disciple and help them understand the Gospel and become labourers for God, living and discipling among the lost—for a lifetime.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Please pray for the following **four wonderful new staff** who have joined our NZ office team, people who have kindly offered their time, gifts and experience to fill critical personnel roles. **Rexey Buce** working remotely from Manila in the Philippines, serving full-time as our Social Media Coordinator. **Kirsten Mills** as Mission Inquiries Coordinator. Kirsten served in Papua New Guinea. **Karan Allen**, part-time Administrative Support role for Member Care. Karan served in Papua New Guinea for many years in a translation program. **Viv Holt**, part-time in Member Care. Viv and husband Mark served in Thailand many years in a linguistic program.

SPOTLIGHTS

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SPOTLIGHTS cont...

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