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EDITORIAL

by Jay Matenga (content curator)

Tena tātou katoa e te iwi mīhana...

This month's whakatauki (proverb) is: "**Whāia te māramatanga.**" (seek enlightenment).**The Bible refers to light in a number of ways.**

Most obvious is the light that helps us see physically. There is also a type of symbolic light, something (or someone) that acts as a beacon to guide the People of God in life and well-being. Then there is spiritual light, that we too often dismiss as some sort of esoteric mystical force that requires special knowledge to fully comprehend. Far from such Gnostic tendencies, the Bible sees spiritual enlightenment as wisdom that comes from understanding the knowledge of God, and in Proverbs we are urged to seek it passionately. Such light illuminates our *mind* as a result of growing in our relationship with God. We come to understand the knowledge of God in the same way we come to understand anyone. In a recent lecture at Laidlaw College, **Dr Curt Thompson** defined the mind as, "*an embodied and relational process, emerging from within and between brains, that regulates the flow of energy and information*". Our whole being is a mind, that God transforms as we worship (Rom. 12:1-2).

The more we commune with God, the more we *should* come to appreciate God and the Holy-Three's heart for creation and the people that inhabit it. This is core to having 'the mind of Christ' (1 Cor. 2:16). Of this we can be certain: God, in Christ, is reconciling the world to Himself (2 Cor. 5:19). This is the essence of the mission of God and the co-mission of God's People. The only thing that will cause this not to be is its completion at the return of Christ and the consummation of the ages (1 Cor. 15:24). So when we hear of missions (plural) shutting up shop and traditional missions resources diminishing, we need to hold on to the fact that mission (singular) continues and will ultimately succeed.

The shut down of Wheaton College's 52 year-old Evangelical Missions Quarterly (EMQ) has now formally been announced. I dealt with some of the implications of this in the GMI article in May's BULLETIN. Rather than despair about the end of an era signified by such things, we need to look out to the frontiers and see what the innovators are doing in mission. We seek to highlight innovative mission thinking in each edition of the BULLETIN—if you have a story to tell, let me know! Simultaneously, we must seek enlightenment from God about such things to discern how each of us, called to mission, should adapt and act. That takes a great deal of energy and effort. It is new territory, but be of great courage for the Lord is with you and goes before you towards the consummation (cf. Deut. 31:6, Matt 28:20). This is the hope embedded in our hashtag: #stayonmission. Furthermore, as we interrelate, we can *positively* regulate the flow of energy and information for mission—for God's glory,

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MANAGE

REPORT: 2017 MMC

by Jay Matenga

From the time the registration desk opened, a happy hum of friendly conversation filled the area around **Missions Management Conference** at the Sudima Hotel near Auckland Airport. 50 mission leaders, 8 contributors and 2 Missions Interlink staff members gathered on Thursday June 1st to explore management issues relevant to our missions community.

During the course of the day we were instructed and armed with resources to help our member organisations #stayonmission. Not every session was relevant for everyone, but our objective was to see everyone leave with *taonga* (treasures) of knowledge they could immediately put to work and, from the feedback we have already received, we are confident they did.

I produced a **Handbook** for the event that contains all of the recent legal opinions Missions Interlink has on file, including issues like tax residency, taxable gifts, missionary superannuation, and employment regulations. Gaze Burt's 'Health and Safety in the Workplace Act' opinion for missions was reproduced, along with some guidelines for missions regarding their "reasonably practicable"

responsibilities to their members as a PCBU ('Person' Conducting A Business or an Undertaking). In this regard I developed a field readiness checklist and a draft "Statement of Compliance" missions can edit and use for their deployed members to confirm that they have been adequately prepared for field service. In entertaining fashion, Simon Greening (Gaze Burt) emphasized how important it is to "get things in writing". A PDF of the Handbook is available free to download for Missions Interlink members. **Contact me** for the link.

Francesca Ephraim from Charities Services kicked off the day's learning by explaining how to maximise the new Statement of Service Performance report now required by Charities

Services. This session is also available as a webinar on **Youtube**.

Rob Cranna from Printlink spoke of changes in the printing industry and some new print-tech wizardry using 'augmented reality'. This was followed in quick fashion by Max Palmer regarding NZ immigration and David Sloane with an overview of CSC Buying Group's full range of discounts available to our members.

After I led a discussion exploring some critical issues, Keith Thomas of Rothbury explained what various insurance policies mean and how they can help. **MI now has a relationship with Rothbury to bring down insurance premiums for our missions community, travel and health cover included.** MI membership is not required. See Keith's ad below.

The day closed out hearing from Western Union (foreign exchange), Simon Greening (Gaze Burt, employment law) and Rutherford Rede (good investment governance).

All in all, it was a great day. If your organisation is an MI member and you were not able to make the event but would like the downloadable resources **drop me a line** for the links and contributor contact emails.



Francesca Ephraim from Charities Services.



Max Palmer discussing NZ immigration complexities.

EMQ WINDING UP



Scott Moreau, Associate Academic Dean of Wheaton College Graduate School, Professor of Intercultural Studies, and Editor of the Billy Graham Center's Evangelical Missions Quarterly.

Dear friends,
For 52 years EMQ has served the

missionary community (including you!) to help make us better at how we reach people with the good news of the gospel. A number of us have sat in the Editor's seat, working hard to bring you thoughtful and engaging articles that would help you feel equipped for the task before you. Personally, it has been a great honour to serve you.

Unfortunately, over the past decade EMQ has had a hard time financially and as much as we have tried to cut costs, we continue to find ourselves in the red each year. So after 52 years, we were forced to make the hard decision to shut down the ongoing production of EMQ. Our last issue of EMQ will be the October 2017 issue.

As you know, we have thousands of articles and book reviews in our archives. We are therefore committed to continuing to make the archives available for you even after we cease publication of current issues. We will send out more information on that in the coming months.

For now, you will notice that we are neither accepting new nor renewed subscriptions. If you have a current EMQ subscription that is set to expire over the next eight months, we will extend your subscription at no charge.

We are also no longer taking article submissions. You will

notice that the last two issues of EMQ will be chock full of articles and that is because we are committed to publishing all the articles we have accepted for publication to date.

We would appreciate your prayers in these days. We know you are grieving alongside us. God has done an amazing work through EMQ for 52 years. And he will continue to do an amazing work through you all. We are overwhelmingly thankful for your support of EMQ over the years and your commitment to seeing our world reached for Christ.

More to come in the following months...

Your fellow servant,

Scott Moreau, Editor, EMQ

INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN OF MISSIONARY RESEARCH MORPHS INTO SAGE

EMQ is not the first mission journal to have to face the new age of communications and make some critical decisions about the future. In February 2016 IBMR's interim editor, Darrell Whiteman, announced their strategy for continuance.

A slight name change saw "missionary" become mission (International Bulletin of Mission Research). Whiteman explained, "This change reflects the global shift in world Christianity, with the recognition that, for some readers, 'missionary' can too easily bring to mind previous centuries of cross-cultural ministries in the context of colonialism. In contrast, the term 'mission' is both ancient and contemporary, particularly as we focus on God's mission in the world.

Furthermore, production of the IBMR going forward is now managed by academic publishing giant, SAGE. Whiteman continues, "The articles and reviews appearing in the IBMR (now online at ibmr.sagepub.com) deal with mission studies and missiology, a broader area of research and reflection than 'missionary research'... (a greater) depth and breadth of God's mission in the world, as well as of the value of careful scholarship to better understand and help us participate in this mission."

IBMR now joins the journals *Missiology* and *Transformation* accessible as part of the SAGE stable—for a price.

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PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION GROUNDING, FRAMING & GROWING

by Christina Baird Ph.D. (Professional Supervisor, Coach, Blogger and Founder of Bread and Pomegranates)

I am not much of a gardener, but I do know that for plants to thrive and grow strong they need fertile, firm ground, a trellis for framing and support and fertiliser to stimulate their growth. As people working in ministry and mission our own selves are the most important resource we have for our ministry. Our faith and Jesus provide a centre for what we do but like plants we also need firm fertile ground, a trellis for support and fertiliser to stimulate our growth. Attending professional supervision (also called ministry or pastoral supervision) regularly provides those three elements that we need to be effective, resilient and growing workers.

Supervision helps create a fertile firm ground for our work by providing a safe supportive space in which we can take the time to reflect well on what we are doing, to examine why we are doing what we are doing and how effective it is. A supervisor can help us look anew at those habits and flaws that we may have become so accustomed to that we no longer notice. Supervision is also a safe space for discharging some of those currents of tension that tend to build up in us as we serve and care for others and to reflect on how the work is affecting us. **Research shows that regular professional supervision helps to protect against stress and to increase workers' resilience.**

Supervision helps create a trellis that provides a frame and a support for our work but doesn't constrain it. Often our ministry roles are very ambiguous, lacking boundaries and limits. We may wonder when we are working and when we are not. We may wonder what best practice and accountability look like. In my own experience, professional supervision has provided a framework for keeping

me acting and thinking professionally and ethically about my ministry. This is despite mission often having a lack of specific standards and ethics to adhere to. Part of the framing that supervision provides is to do with the development of workers' professional identity. This is particularly helpful for those who are changing from a secular career to full time missions positions.

Supervision is like fertiliser to encourage our growth. Through reflection on our work and the assistance of a good supervisor we can identify areas where we may need a bit of a push to step up to the next level. Supervision may help us develop our leadership gifts or it may just give us the prodding we need to see where we can grow in ability, attitude or confidence. Supervision also gives us a safe space in which to practice and review new skills that we may be learning.

Supervision is a misleading name, as we tend to use supervision to mean management, particularly line management. Professional supervision is quite distinct from the type of direct supervision that we receive in our immediate workplace. **Professional supervision is based on a collaborative supportive relationship which allows the grounding, framing and growing work to be done.**

Attending supervision regularly allows the trust and support and collaboration to build over time and increases the depth of the work that is able to be done.

For those of us who work in ministry and mission, having professional supervision outside of our immediate work context provides an added freedom to explore key issues. Often previous sources of support such as church leaders or friends may now be financially backing our ministry, this creates a pressure that may inhibit what we feel comfortable sharing.

In our immediate work context, we may feel pressure to uphold a particular theological position or be struggling with existing leadership. Having a safe supportive relationship that is not directly linked to those contexts allows those tensions to be explored and processed.

As professional supervision has developed over the years, it has placed different emphasis on grounding, framing and growing. Professional supervision began in the late 19th Century among social workers. In these early days its primary focus was on using the framing elements of supervision to provide a way to share agency policies that outlined boundaries for the work (Davys and Beddoe, 2010). From those beginnings supervision soon spread to counselling and psychotherapy with a focus on the grounding aspects, giving attention to the personal issues of practitioners. Then it spread to many other helping professions, although it was mainly focused on the fertiliser elements of growing new practitioners.

Unfortunately, the ministry and mission sectors have been slow to develop a culture that sees regular supervision as an essential and normal part of our practice. As Christians in ministry our commitment to the people that we work with leads us to want to do the best job we can, and to enhance our transformation and theirs. The grounding, framing and stretching elements of professional supervision are an essential contribution to effective and transformational ministry.



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NEW ISM NZ NATIONAL DIRECTOR

by Yvette Butcher (Wellington-based ISMNZ Communications Manager)

Allen Tie, Malaysian-born and a New Zealand permanent resident, is the new National Director of International Student Ministries of New Zealand (www.ismnz.org.nz), based in Auckland. Allen has worked in the corporate sector in East Asia for the last 19 years and is a graduate of the University of Canterbury. With the New Zealand government's target to double international education to \$5 billion by 2025, Allen's timely appointment follows after a lengthy and rigorous global recruitment process.

ISMNZ Chairman, Dr Andrew Butcher says, "The Board of ISMNZ is delighted that Allen has accepted this role and believes he is the right person to lead the ministry at this time. We are particularly impressed by his deep faith and reliance on God; his experience in evangelism, helping believers grow in their faith, and mentoring; and his experience leading teams and organisations. We think his leadership style is well-suited to this role. We also think his experience working with other Christian organisations will be helpful for ISMNZ and we are pleased he understands the needs of returning students."

Allen has a strong personal teaching and training ministry and has worked extensively with returnee students. Allen's expertise is in business operations, discipleship, mentoring, coaching and leadership. He successfully developed teams in start-ups and established new companies. While working as a senior manager at multinational companies, Allen secured contracts with major companies including Dow, ExxonMobil, Shell, Bayer, and BASF. Allen is working toward being a qualified coach.

At 15, Allen became a Christian. While at university, the four years of help Allen received from the Christchurch Asian Navigators provided the deep grounding for his 30

years of serving God in the marketplace. He is married to Swee Lee Goh and they have two adult children. Allen is fluent in both written and spoken English and Chinese.

Of his appointment, Allen says, "**The harvest is not the problem. The call is to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers.**"

I recognise that the work is plenty and the rebuilding of the walls needs foundational leaders—the kind that dares to dream big and think generational, but yet have the security to start small with individuals, and having the discernment to know where to focus and build deep."

Since it began in year 2000, International Student Ministries of New Zealand continues to grow as they disciple international students throughout New Zealand. ISMNZ now regularly works with 150 returnees in 21 nations, impacting them to continually live as Jesus' disciples and influence their communities for Christ in their home countries. Many graduates who transition into new stages within New Zealand are helping ISMNZ to impact international students for Christ and serve the Body of Christ in New Zealand. ISMNZ currently has 25 workers and volunteers across 15 campuses, ministering faithfully to approximately 700 students.

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Allen Tie



DIASPORA MISSIOLOGY LECTURE NOW ON VIDEO

with Dr. Tereso Casiño

Professor of Missiology at Gardner-Webb University and theological adviser to the Lausanne Movement.

Dr Tereso Casiño gave a public lecture to a packed audience at Laidlaw's Henderson campus. It was particularly pertinent to Church and Missions leaders in New Zealand who are challenged by our current changing context and the need to reflect on the theological implications for our mission.

Dr. Casiño has been at the forefront of theological reflection, research and teaching about articulating the Gospel in liminal spaces that so many migrants, refugees, international students and people crossing national borders occupy within societies. 25% of our current NZ population was born elsewhere so the challenge for churches, missions and theological communities is to grow in our preparations for, and engagement amongst, the diaspora (people on the move) in our communities.

Dr. Casiño's presentation helped us understand diaspora and migration and stimulated our thinking in how to engage in mission to, through and from the diaspora. It represents an opportunity to network with others also interested and active in diaspora mission. **Access the lecture by clicking the Laidlaw logo.** The lecture presentation slides are available here: <http://ow.ly/21Lr30cj9yM>



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OUTSIDE IN is a community of churches, colleges, and missions committed to welcoming and supporting migrants to New Zealand. We welcome all followers of Jesus who live by His words, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me," (Matthew 25:40) to join us in our journey in mission.

CONFERENCE: 21-23 JULY 2017

Baptist Tabernacle, Queen St. Auckland City

The goal of our conference weekend is to see the church in NZ motivated, equipped and networked to welcome and reach diaspora communities. In order to meet these goals the following programme is planned.

Hearing and telling stories

Those who have been involved in ministry to migrants, and migrants who have come to faith here in NZ, will share their stories.

Information and skills development

An understanding of the task at hand and an introduction to useful skills in migrant ministries will take place through workshops over the weekend.

Optional church visits

For those who can stay on through Sunday, a number of churches in Auckland will host conference participants in their multicultural seeker friendly services welcoming and engaging with diaspora communities in the city.

Registration

Early bird registration will cost \$45 for students and the non-salaried and \$75 for the general rate.

After 21 June registration will cost \$60 for students and the non-salaried and \$90 for the general rate.

For more information on the programme and registration information, please write to office@eastwest.ac.nz
Visit the Outside In website at www.outsideinnz.org

Keynote speaker

Dr. David Cashin

Professor of Intercultural Studies at Columbia Biblical Seminary and School of Ministry in the USA.

Dr. Cashin will speak from his experiences as a Christian worker in Bangladesh and his ministry among migrants in the USA and Europe.



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TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE

CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON GIVING

by Dr Sheryl Silzer & Leslie Foster (SIL International)



Sheryl Silzer



Leslie Foster

Have you ever wondered what to do when someone gives you a gift? Should you open it right away or should you wait until later to open it? Is just saying “thank you” enough? Should you write a thank you note? Or give something in return? If someone gives you a gift, what does it mean? Does it mean they expect something in return?

Other challenges include knowing what occasions require a gift, how a gift should be wrapped, or even what is appropriate. Some gifts need to be wrapped in red paper. Monetary gifts may need to be in a certain combination of bank notes to indicate good luck or prosperity. As Americans living in Asia, we were both constantly confronted with these questions.

Sheryl's Story

My neighbour, in the Asian town where we first lived, gave me a plate of food one day and I quickly transferred the food to my own containers, washed her plate, and then returned it to her — empty but clean. Later I learned that was not the proper thing to do. I should have...

Leslie's Story

While teaching in a large Asian city, I got involved in a local church there and was the only American in the small home group. A couple of years later, when I visited the same city for a few days, I stayed with a family from the group. As the wife picked me up from the airport, she handed me a red envelope. By that time, I knew enough not to open it in front of her. Later, I discovered...

Why Give Gifts?

Giving and receiving gifts differs between family-oriented and individual-oriented cultures. In family-oriented cultures gift giving is tied to the

relationship between the participants. For families sharing resources is a means of taking care of each other. For friends or acquaintances giving a gift indicates that the person wants to continue the friendship, if they are acquaintances or honour the relationship. The focus is on sharing back and forth as a way of building relationships as well as taking care of each other.

In individual-oriented cultures, the focus is more on the gift itself to mark an occasion that the recipient is celebrating. The giver makes the choice to give. There is not an expectation that the person who receives a gift should give a gift back. Saying “thank you” or writing a thank you note is enough. A person takes care of him or herself by getting the things he or she prefers rather than rely on gift exchanges from the community.

Since individual-oriented people tend to focus on the gift, they tend to consider that family-oriented people just want to get something from them. They only think about the item that is given or perhaps what people want in return. Family-oriented people often consider individual-oriented people to be stingy and that they don't like to share.

Obligation

In a number of family-oriented cultures, a person is born indebted to not only his parents for their care in their upbringing but they are also indebted to others in society. They are expected to give back to show thankfulness by giving gifts as a means to repay the debt for what they received when they were born. In return each person can expect their needs to be met.

Individual-oriented people also think it is the parent's duty to take care of their children. However, the individual-oriented children feel it is up to them

to decide whether or not to return by giving gifts for what they received from their parents.

What Does Scripture Say?

Since our culture shapes our understanding of gift-giving, how do we know what God wants us to do as His followers? The Bible speaks of gift exchanges or sharing in a number of different passages. Here are two from the NIV to consider what God would have you to do in your desire to walk with Jesus:

Hebrews 13:16: “*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*”

Luke 6:38: “*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.*”

People from family oriented cultures feel these verses reinforce their cultural practices of sharing and receiving in return. However, people from individual oriented cultures tend to interpret these verses as an individual choice on where, when and with whom they share.

To hear more stories, or to learn more about different customs of gift-giving, communication, eating practices, or other cultural practices you are welcome to [attend one of the seminars given around New Zealand from 30 July to 20 August](#). See the BULLETIN Spotlights in July and August for details.

If you would like to book a seminar with Sheryl and Leslie or have a consultation, please contact Leslie Foster at the Wycliffe office by phone: 09 262-8440, or email: training@wycliffenz.org.

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CAMBODIAN BRIDGES REACHING CAMBODIAN MIGRANTS TO NZ

by Gordon & Jan* (Eastwest College)



The elderly Cambodian man and his wife sat in the lounge of a Cambodian believer's house, intently watching a chronological DVD presentation of the Bible in Khmer. He later exclaimed that this was the first time in his seventy plus years he had heard this.

Cambodians first started coming to New Zealand in the early 1980s following the genocide under Pol Pot. Now there are over 6,500 living here. They are a hospitable, hard working people but are largely unreached with the gospel. Over four hundred Khmer families live in the Waikato alone.

Upon returning in 2009 from serving two years in Cambodia with WEC we wanted to continue our involvement with Cambodians in NZ. A Cambodian friend and I approached Cambodians in bakeries, inviting them to come to English lessons. To our delight about ten Cambodians came on the first night.

At first we met in a church hall but we now meet in the home of a Cambodian Christian couple each Wednesday night. This couple has a great gift of hospitality which makes people feel comfortable and welcome. Students from Eastwest College help us with English lessons, which not only meet a felt need but have seen bridges built between the small group of Khmer believers and the Buddhist Community. For example, I first met Somnang and Chendah (not their real names) when a Cambodian friend and I helped them shift house. For the last four years they have been coming to English lessons. They started asking questions about

Christianity and have built an enduring friendship with the Khmer believers. They now regularly attend fellowship group meetings and Somnang was baptised last year.

Although our Wednesday night lessons are not a Bible study we do take the opportunity to explain about the significance of Easter and Christmas and have literature available in Khmer. On some occasions the Cambodian Fellowship group invites friends from the English class to a special event. On one such evening I observed two of our students who are Buddhist leaning forward listening with great interest as some Khmer Christians shared their story of coming to faith in Christ.

Cambodians are very group oriented and relational. A huge barrier for them is the fear of being isolated from their own people and also Buddhism is part of their identity. We continue to pray that the seeds that have been sown over the years will be watered and bear fruit.

Are there ways you can love and serve people who are on the margins of society to build bridges and sow seeds that will point them to the Saviour?

After serving in the local church for many years Gordon and Jan with their two teenage sons spent two years in Cambodia. They are now on staff at Eastwest College helping others prepare for their journey in missions.

**This article was first published in Go Into, a publication of WEC NZ, in 2016.*

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MILLIONS OF BELIEVERS – THOUSANDS OF CHURCHES – DOZENS OF LANGUAGES – ONE VOICE

Bill Harding discusses new developments in MAF

When he was in our Manukau office recently, we took the opportunity to sit down with Bill Harding to ask him for his perspective on some of the new developments taking place in MAF. From New Zealand, Bill has been International Development Director and Legal Counsel since 2012, and is currently MAF International's interim Chief Executive. We started by asking about some of the challenges and opportunities he sees for MAF.

Well, in terms of challenge, we have to be concerned that the church overall is in decline in the countries from which MAF has traditionally drawn its staff, funding and prayer. Our operational ministry and the remote communities we serve, depend upon the 'three P's'—people, prayer and pounds, by which we mean missionary staff, prayer support and donations. Although in many places the Western church, our traditional base of support, is shrinking, in other parts of the world its rapidly expanding. We still need the support from our traditional areas, but we also need to engage the areas of growth as we look for our next generation of recruits, pray-ers and financial support.

We see opportunity as we look at the incredible growth of the evangelical church in Asia, along with the growing economic power and aviation activity there. Accordingly, as part of the long-term strategy begun in 2012, MAF International is building bridges into Asia, developing relationships with the church and aviation groups and establishing a presence the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia and India with a view to gathering resources for MAF's worldwide ministry. Each of these places has its own set of challenges and opportunities, but we have seen God at work there in awesome ways.

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Abdiel David (left) is working alongside Bill as Asia Development Executive in Cairns. He and his wife Neeta are from India.

Jacophin (centre below) is an Indian pilot recruit.

Bill Harding (right) is heading up the effort to connect with the Asian churches.



This article originally appeared in MAF New Zealand's *Flying for Life* magazine in April 2017. Story and photos by Bill Harding, MAFI's International Development Director (and interim CEO).

One of our strategic aims is to “Become truly International” and this includes learning to adapt to different cultural norms and ways of seeing the world. In the past we drew on Christians primarily from Commonwealth countries and MAF International has traditionally been quite monocultural. It’s a challenge to make the effort to appreciate and accommodate different cultural perspectives and to learn from each other.



Bill with the MAF Singapore board

Why is Asia so important to MAF?

There have been a few incidents which brought home to me the difference between what’s happening in the church here and what is happening in Asia.

I was sitting in a large shopping mall restaurant in Manila and asked my host what the queue of people standing three deep along one side of the mall was for—a new shop opening I guessed? “No”, my host said “that’s just the line-up for the 4:30pm church service!” It turns out that one of the local evangelical groups plants an 800-seat church whenever a new mall is built, by leasing a large shop area in it! The mall owners love all the people the church brings in and the congregation loves to hang out in the mall where they go to church.

Then in Singapore, MAF International’s leadership team was meeting in conference centre and one day a huge queue of people snaked past the meeting room door, down the stairs and into the lobby. Intrigued, we asked what these hundreds of people were lining up for and were told they were converts lining up to be baptised in the conference centre swimming pool—and they do this every few months.

And then we once went to a church in Hyderabad, India which is attended by 150,000 people every Sunday—its auditorium feels more like a football stadium than a church!

The Asian church is growing, vibrant and mission-oriented. It’s well documented that the majority of the world’s missionaries are now sent from non-Western countries.

How is MAF responding?

With an eye on the future, MAF’s strategy has been to establish an International Development team to make contact with church and mission leaders in those Asian countries which are easily accessible and have a large evangelical Christian community together with an active aviation industry. We’ve presented MAF’s ministry and se-

cured the help of volunteers in the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia and India and in each place have developed a MAF presence through local volunteer structure, promotional activities and social media.

What is MAF doing in the Philippines?

The main focus of the board of MAF Philippines is making MAF’s ministry better known in the Christian community and seeking missionary recruits. MAF Philippines has a developing relationship with a local aviation academy, makes presentations, hosts promotional dinners and has secured local help for social media promotion.

There has been a rapid expansion of an educated middle class in the Philippines, together with an explosion of evangelical Christianity. Over the last 20 years a unified strategy of evangelism has led to around 20,000 church plants and now between 10% and 20% of the 100 million Filipino population is evangelical Christian. That’s over 10 million people! There is a large aviation industry in the Philippines from which to draw missionary staff and Filipinos are very familiar with the concept of sending family members overseas to work.

How about Singapore?

The church in Singapore is expanding rapidly and now has up to 500,000 Christians. With very high educational levels and economic strength, Singaporeans are a major influence in the region and have a key role in funding and sending missionaries. Now, MAF Singapore has an office, a full-time manager, regular prayer support and promotional and fundraising events. It has an ambitious vision for providing prayer, recruits and financial support for ministry worldwide.

How is MAF doing in Malaysia?

MAF Malaysia has been established and MAF presentations have been made in churches and youth mission conventions.

Tell us about MAF in India

The population of India is so staggeringly large, that even the small percentage of it who are Christians number over 100 million. Among these are many with qualifications and experience in aviation, IT, finance and so on. God has miraculously connected us to Christians whose influence has enabled vision-casting events with pastors and Christian leaders. Digital and printed publicity has been used along with face-to-face presentations in India, including dozens of presentations made by incoming Indian missionary staff in the course of their Ministry Partnership programmes.

How is this impacting on recruitment?

By the end of 2017 we expect to have about 10 Asian staff and their families serving as missionaries in MAF International. So far we have several Indian pilots operational and one Singaporean pilot preparing for service, along with qualified aircraft engineers and managers. We have a number of applicants in process including a Burmese pilot who came into contact with us at a seminar on Remote Area Operations which MAF staff led at an aviation academy in the Philippines.

What are the challenges for these Asian churches?

They vary from place to place. For example, in India one of the issues is that many churches are unfamiliar with being mission senders rather than mission recipients. Consequently these churches need help to develop a vision for ministry in remote parts of the world and to see that—whilst there is much need in India itself—someone in their congregation may have been specifically equipped by God and called by Him to serve overseas.

What challenges do missionaries from Asia face?

India and the Philippines are still developing economically, so missionaries from those countries cannot be expected to raise as much financial support as others raising funding in rich countries. For example, Prabhu, now a missionary pilot with MAF comes from a rural area of India where the average annual salary is about \$1000. He won a government grant to fund the cost of gaining his Commercial Pilots Licence and his service with MAF reflects his determination to give back to God what he believes God has graciously granted him.

Can you explain what “enabling rather than doing” means?

MAF International’s strategic shift “from doing to enabling” means emphasising enabling or enhancing others’ ministry, rather than always trying to do everything ourselves.

Continuing the rebuilding work begun after the 2015 earthquake in Nepal is consistent with this. MAF is working with local air operators there to enhance Nepalese safety and effectiveness and to build rapport with local authorities.

This approach is reflected in recent research into provision of help for medical missions in the remotest parts of India and in the initiatives in Myanmar which have begun with airstrip development work. A team of volunteers from Singapore recently helped the MAF team in Myanmar with airstrip surveys. It was great to see an Asian operational initiative benefit from Asian resourcing! We hope this is just the beginning. +



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A team of volunteers from Singapore helped the MAF team in Myanmar with airstrip surveys



Abdiel presenting the vision and goals of MAF at a meeting in India

FEBC New Zealand Grows Board Expertise

FEBC New Zealand is delighted to announce the appointment of Jon Horne to its Board of Trustees, bringing years of financial and charity insight to the mission at a key time of growth.

After more than 20 years in commercial and NGO roles, including eight years as General Manager and Finance Director of TearFund, Jon's calm personality and considerable experience is a key addition to the mission at a time of strategic growth and vision.

FEBC New Zealand is following a strategic plan and enjoying a season of significant growth. Jon's personal input and business acumen are welcomed as the governance team prayerfully look ahead and review funding management plans.

Jon says "I am really excited about joining a team so passionate about sharing the joy and love of God to so many, in such hard places to reach."

Executive Director Matt Perry welcomes Jon's appointment, adding "Jon could not have arrived at a better time. With our increased awareness around New Zealand and growth in supporters, alongside a complete review of our international contributions to the stations, Jon's faithful and wise input is crucial."



Jon Horne brings faithful expertise at a key time for FEBC



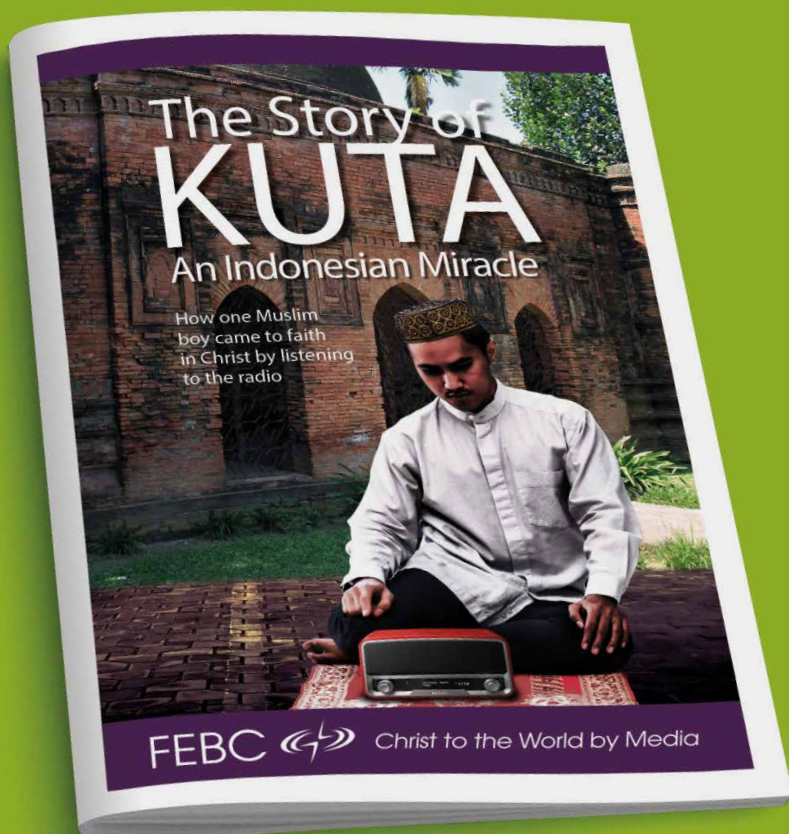
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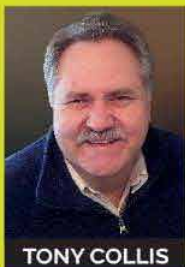
PROGRAMME

FOR YOUTH AND YOUTH LEADERS

- 5pm Keys to reaching out as a youth ministry
- 5.30pm Keys to reaching out at school
(How to represent Christ well)
- 6pm Dinner for youth
(and others if you desire. Host arranges).

FOR ALL MEMBERS AND LEADERS (INCLUDING YOUTH)

- 6.45pm Welcome
- 7pm The Conversational Approach (*Jesus talked with people*)
The Holy Spirit Approach
(*Jesus had an ear open to the Spirit*)
- 7.30pm How to strengthen your church's outreaching culture
- 8pm Tea break
- 8.20pm Mobilising members as intentional disciple-makers
A vision for united gospel effort in our nation
- 9pm End



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overcoming burnout and depression,
and finding joy in God.

ELLEN ROSENBERGER

When I boarded a plane to Nicaragua in 2004, I was young and full of energy. As a single missionary teacher, my primary role was pretty clear to me: preparing and teaching my classes. Along with that, I was also investing in my students through mentoring and Bible studies, helping begin a youth service with my future husband, participating in various after school and missionary community activities, and building friendships with other North American single teachers.

Simultaneously, I was learning about the culture, which I found was similar yet different from Bolivia. I had time to travel around Nicaragua and learn about this beautiful country. I enjoyed getting to know the Nicaraguan staff members at my school, and I lived with a Nicaraguan family. I was welcomed as part of their family. The parents affectionately addressing me as "mi hijita," and everyone in the family calling me "Elenita." I loved attending their church and doing activities with their family. As a single I had the time to juggle all of those activities and roles.

Then when I got married, my role changed a bit. Now I became a wife. My life wasn't just about what I wanted to do. Now I had the role of wife and helper to fill. That season of life found me working side-by-side with Luke in youth ministry. The youth program we had started together was thriving, and we were making improvements each year.

One of the main things we did together, besides running youth group

activities and retreats, was investing in the student leaders, teaching and empowering them to lead their peers. We poured our time and hearts into these kids, regularly opening our home to them. We recognized their incredible potential, not only within the youth group but beyond their high school years. Both of us felt much fulfillment in our roles in youth ministry and we enjoyed the closeness we felt by working alongside one another.

Then along came our first child, David. Now I became a missionary mom, and as I picked up that new role, I relinquished another: fulltime missionary teacher. However, I maintained my involvement with youth group on the weekends while teaching one daily worship class.

Something had to give when our second child, Emily, was born. I was having a hard time being wife, mom, and worship teacher. I couldn't fill all of these roles anymore. Or not in a healthy way, at least. I knew that I desired to be at home full-time to be able to focus my energy and time on my two young kids. This season was very stressful as I felt pulled in two different directions by the demands of motherhood and the responsibilities of teacher and youth leader.

Now that we have three kids, I am thankful to not have any teaching responsibilities and to be able to be fulltime mom at home. If you're a mom on the mission field, our joys and struggles are probably similar. I'll talk more about the missionary mom role specifically later in the chapter.

That was a peek into some of the different roles and hats I have worn on the mission field and how those have changed over the years. I can't claim to know what it's like to be a missionary in the role of a church planter, school administrator, or even a fulltime working mom (I couldn't even handle one class!). But I have seen how missionaries juggle many different roles on the mission field and how those roles can affect how they think of (and judge) themselves.

Ministry can become inseparable from identity. It may feel like "you are what you do." If your identity is so tied up in what you do, then when the ministry is struggling or failing, you will believe that you are failing. Don't believe that the state of your ministry is a full reflection on who you are.

I've also seen many times that people's identities are so tied to their ministry that they couldn't possibly leave, even for a short break or furlough, because they would lose who they are. A missionary said to me once "I wish I could take a furlough" to which I responded "Well, you can." But in the mind of this missionary it seemed impossible to leave the ministry even for a short time.

I have been so caught up in my own role on the mission field that it can become my identity. What I do can become who I am. And I can lose sight of who God says I am. First and foremost, I am a child of God, loved extravagantly by Him and bought with the price of His perfect Son's death.

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Everything else is secondary. My worth and my identity are found in Him and in what He freely gives to me in salvation.

In my experience, I've observed missionaries under the pressure to fulfil their roles, whatever those roles might be, to the best of their ability. And then some. They feel pressure to perform and be the best version of themselves so that others see that they are fulfilling their role as missionaries excellently and perhaps flawlessly. Perhaps this is also so that supporting churches will be satisfied that they are worthy of their investment. This quest for the elusive achievement of perfection can become intricately intertwined in our identity.

When we base our identity on ourselves, our work, or our experiences instead of basing it on who God says we are, our own created identities will fall short. Why? Because when my identity rests on me it is faulty. With God, it is sure. If I form my identity on my experiences it is unstable. With God, it is stable. When I allow my circumstances to define my identity, I will find that it is temporary. With God, it is eternal. When I rely on my own flawed estimation of who I am to determine my identity, it will pale in comparison to God's perfect vision and declaration of who I am.

As we accept God's identity for us we will experience joy and freedom. With truly knowing and living in our blessed position as children of God come joy and peace. Our mission work will be more full of joy and less striving. We'll work out of joy and not out of obligation or under pressure. We will no longer need to pretend to be the perfect missionary. Our understanding of our identity will surely spill over into our communication back to and our interaction with churches. We'll be focusing on who God is and what He is doing in us and around us, rather than on who we are and what we are accomplishing for Him.

I have also seen the detrimental effects of elevating missionary roles above family. Missionaries can get so involved in their ministry roles to the neglect of their families. This is played out in mild to extreme ways.

My dad's parents were Bible translators in Mexico. Since there were not adequate schools available and so that my grandparents could continue their translation work, my dad and his

sister were sent away for schooling. They spent much of their elementary years with a host family in the States, and attended a boarding school for all of high school. My dad recalls a time when he was in elementary school, copying math problems into his required weekly letter to his parents. He did this because he didn't know what else to say.

I'm not implying that boarding school is bad and should be avoided at all costs. I have many friends who went to boarding school and are thriving adults, but I have a few friends who still are affected by their boarding school experience. In my dad's case, he loved his parents, and he knew that they loved him. But his relationship with them was strained because of the lack of time and nurturing that he needed as a young child.

My dad's childhood experience definitely affected the choice that my parents made to send their kids to a school where they could still live at home. I remember so clearly that when there was not a second grade teacher yet for my brother's class, my parents would not even consider sending him to the boarding school a day's drive away. It was that important to my dad to be there for his kids, to know them, and to invest in their lives.

I understand that Bible translation is important. And I realize that there were not as many schooling options back then. But I also know that God created the family, and He gives children as a blessing, not "as a hindrance to ministry. In my opinion, when the role of parent and the role of missionary come into conflict, the role of parent should win out.

I heard in a sermon once that if you want the most effective ministry, look for who is in closest proximity to you, those people who are in your everyday life. Who is that? Your family. Those are the greatest opportunities for ministry. Sure, you can pour hours into a young person's life or lead conferences and Bible studies. But at the end of the day the people to whom you are ministering go home to other people. Your ministry is your family. And when it isn't, your family suffers for it.

Elevating ministry over family greatly affects marriages. When marital relationships are strained or even to the point of non-existence, sin can so easily

creep in. I've been saddened to see a few marriages in shambles because of infidelity. In some cases the extramarital affair was with one of the very people to whom the missionary came to minister. I wonder if these heartbreaking situations could have been avoided if the marriages had been held in high priority, over and above any ministry role.

Bob Pierce was a passionate evangelist and founder of World Vision and Samaritan's Purse. In college I read his biography *Man of Vision* written by his daughter, Marilee Pierce Dunker.

Marilee writes, "My father travelled for ten months out of every year for twenty years. There is no doubt that his long absences took a great toll on his health, put a strain on my parents' marriage, and left my sisters and I without the benefit of truly knowing our daddy. But the greatest tragedy of our lives was the sudden death of my older sister, Sharon, in 1968. She was only 27."

This story left me conflicted at the incredible tension between his worldwide evangelistic success and the tragic effects on his family. Their father's presence in others' lives brought much fruit and change, but his absence in theirs left heartbreaking results. I believe our role, first and foremost, is being a child of God and then living that out as we relate to and minister to our family and then others.

My husband has continually impressed me with how seriously he has taken his role as father. His jobs as teacher and youth leader are really important to him, to the point that I believe it may have seemed they defined him. He is passionate and committed to everything that he determines to do.

However, I have seen a shift in Luke, a shift in his thinking. The priorities he places now on spending time with and investing in his kids speak of his understanding of what's most important. Is it worth it to be the best teacher and the most involved youth leader at the expense of healthy and strong relationships with his kids? He doesn't think so. But that means sacrificing what was once a source of pride and accomplishment and instead finding greater joy in teaching and investing in his kids.

Back to the role of missionary mom. What are the expectations of a missionary mom? That others have of

me? That my husband has of me? That I place on myself?

First off, I don't think there is one blueprint for this. Each family is different and each woman is different in her giftings and personality. It is so easy to fall into the comparison game. Looking at others to determine who is the most supportive wife. The wife who is helping in ministry alongside her husband. The wife who is thriving in the host culture and is fluent in the language. The mom who is involving her children in ministry.

But this comparison game gets us nowhere. It only breeds judgment, guilt, and self-condemnation. What

I'm learning to do is view my roles of missionary wife and mom as a gift and a privilege, not an unattainable or guilt-inducing obligation.

I'm learning to view my role as being first a wife and mom and then being a missionary. And further, God is moving me to live in the freedom of recognizing that I have the incredible privilege of being first a daughter of His and then a wife and mom and missionary. He loves me more than I can ever imagine and not because I am a missionary. Not because I am a wife. Not because I am a mom. But because, and only because, I am His child. Not because of what I do, but because of who I am.


Finding our identity in Christ sounds so cliché, but it is true. He is the only one on this earth who can satisfy, and no amount of striving to be the perfect missionary wife or mom will bring us peace. So, be you. Be free from expectations and obligations in the role you think you have to play. Be confident in who He says you are. Be assured of His love for you no matter your performance or other people's estimation of how you are filling your role. And be thankful that He gives us so much freedom in how we can creatively and joyfully fill the best role of all: simply being His child.



The Rosenberger Family

Ellen & Luke Rosenberger served with **Missionary Ventures International**. They were ministering in Managua Nicaragua from 2005 until mid-2016 when they relocated to Colorado where Luke is currently studying an MDiv at Denver Seminary. Ellen has a Bachelor of Arts in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. She has a passion for helping people grow in their personal and spiritual lives. She is a talented musician, who loves leading others in authentic worship of the one true God, who delights in His people. They now have baby #4 in addition to those pictured.

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10-45-11-45 Ethics.
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12.00-1.00 Supervision.
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CLTC NZ

Praise God that Phil and Jill Tait are settling in to their new responsibilities. Phil has the role of Vice Principal of Education (involved with the Banz, Lae and Port Moresby campuses) and Jill as the Health Promotions Officer. *Pray for* them as they utilise their strengths in agriculture, theology and nursing, towards developing holistic community facilitators.

FEBC NZ

As Christ's ambassadors we are called to go and appeal to people to be reconciled to God. The Holy Spirit is at work acting on people's hearts and moving in their lives. It is this work we want to especially pray for. Reflecting on Luke 8:15, please *pray for our listeners* to hear with all their attention, to be of good heart, to consider what they hear, and to hold fast to the powerful truths that are being broadcast through radio and internet technology.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES

Praise God for the appointment and arrival of **Allen Tie** to lead ISM NZ into the future. *Pray for* Allen and his family as they settle in NZ. *Pray too for* the upcoming 2017 ISMNZ **Vision 20/20 National Student Conference** 30 June - 3 July. *Pray for* prepared hearts of participants (international students) nationwide.

INTERSERVE

We are *grateful* for another wonderful Interserve Day and connected events. Please *pray that* as a missional community, and in our partnerships with churches and others, we would grow in **effective, appropriate witness** to our amazing Lord. Please *pray as* we are still looking for **another Personnel Team member**, and for **2-3 new board members**. And please *ask for* grace, encouragement, and new hope for a **team in Central Asia** impacted by murder and terrorism. *Pray for* all mission **workers in dangerous locations** to stay close to Jesus, be salt and light, and shine in the midst of much heartbreak and darkness.

MARINE REACH

The **MV Pacific Hope** escaped Cyclone Donna by sailing to Fiji, returning to Vanuatu with supplies from the WHO. These were delivered to the northern islands mid-May. We *give thanks* for the crew's safety. Please *pray for* the **medical outreach** to the badly hit Northern Islands. The outreach runs from June 17th-July 1st.

MISSIONS INTERLINK

Praise God for how well our **Missions Management Conference** went. Thank you for praying for our events to be a blessing to the missions community. *Pray for* the **MI Council** as we meet again on June 14 to review our strategic priorities and set a bold budget for 2017/18.

NZCMS

Please *pray with us* as we further develop the training side of our **Haerenga Mission Internship**.

Pray that all the right pieces will come together so that this 'training package' will be able to impact many young leaders in the coming years.

ONE MISSION SOCIETY

Praise God for the recent visit of **Sash and Natasha** to NZ. They were well received and the ministry of Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary was ably profiled. The cost of training a student minister at MECS \$1200NZ per annum and OMS is eager to help provide sponsorship. *Pray for* the existing students and for donors with a vision to reach Russia through the ministries of **well-trained Russian Christian leaders**.

WEC INTERNATIONAL NZ

Praise God for more people serving in our **Mobilising Team** and many ideas about how best to engage people for mission. *Pray for* wisdom and godly discernment to apply the right strategies for God's glory.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Praise God for opportunities to minister to the church in NZ through **the Revelation 7:9 Tour**. Peter and Angie Seow, from Malaysia will be touring parts of the South and North Islands from June 9-July 3. This tour is designed to encourage and bless the church through worship with a focus on Mission and the Word of God. Please *pray for Peter and Angie* as they prepare and minister through this tour; and for the churches involved; and for the people who will come to join in worship for all that God is doing to extend His kingdom here on earth. May God be glorified.

SAMPLES ONLY

2017 30 Days of Prayer (USA version) in PDF format is still available for download from the worldchristian.com website for US\$2.50.

DAY 1 JUNE 6 Global concerns What about terrorism?

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7)

Today, fear is the spirit of this age: Fear of terrorism! Fear of Muslims! Fear of the future! Islamophobia is an accusation thrown at anyone who criticizes Islam and Islamic regimes. Some people think that Islamophobia is unwarranted. On the other hand, Muslims claim that Islam is a peaceful religion and the terrorists are hijacking it. But the perception of Islam as a peaceful religion

has been shattered by the reality of Islamic extremist attacks.

As we watch terror attacks unfolding in the news, what we see are the works of the evil one. Terrorism, murder and injustice create in us a spirit of anger for the innocent loss of life. But Jesus says, be angry and do not sin. Does my anger lead me to action? Am I willing to share the gospel of Christ that changes lives?

After the attacks in New York on September 11, 2001, a young Christian in America took a step of courage despite his anger and fear. He began a conversation with a Muslim colleague, which led to a friendship, which in turn led to sharing the gospel of Christ. This is what Jesus calls us to as His followers.

The Bible admonishes us not to be afraid. God has given us the Spirit of power to overcome fear, the Spirit of love to show compassion to our Muslim neighbor. If we believe that Jesus is the hope for our planet today, we believe He can change the hearts of even terrorists. The gospel is the new ideology that creates peace.



HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you have adopted the spirit of fear rather than the Spirit of love regarding Muslims.
- Pray for the Spirit of God to overcome your fear and enable you to show His love to Muslims around you.
- Pray for those who are involved in terrorism, that Jesus will reveal Himself to them and they will be transformed.

If we believe that Jesus is the hope for our planet today, we believe he can change the hearts of even terrorists



DAY 26 JUNE 21 Global concerns Night of destiny

Laylat al-Qadr is the night when Muslims believe the first verses of the Qu'ran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It occurs on one of the odd-numbered nights during the last ten days of Ramadan, most commonly the 27th night. (This guide begins on the first full day of fasting, so it is the 26th day but the 27th night of Ramadan.) It is said that God did not reveal the exact date, so

Laylat al-Qadr

Laylat al-Qadr is translated variously as the Night of Decree, Night of Power, Night of Value, Night of Destiny, or Night of Measures.

that His servants would perform extra acts of worship throughout the ten days and so gain reward from them.

There are different beliefs and traditions surrounding Laylat al-Qadr. Some Muslims believe that on this night the fate of creation for the coming year is determined, and that prayers are more powerful, sins are forgiven and the blessings and mercy of God are more abundant. It is a night to expect a special closeness to God, and there are many reports of Muslims having dreams or visions of Jesus on this night.

Muslims observing Ramadan will increase their prayers and reading of the Qu'ran during the last ten days. Some who are able will

move into the mosque for a time of retreat to worship, pray and read the Qu'ran there for this time. In this way, they hope to earn extra divine favor.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- Pray for Muslim families around the world to have a special awareness of the presence of God as they pray through Laylat al-Qadr.
- Pray for the needs of Muslim people, particularly in areas of the world where there is conflict or great need.
- Pray that on this night the Holy Spirit would give dreams and visions to those who are seeking revelation.

It is a night to expect a special closeness to God

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Eden Community Church
View Road, Mt Eden AUCKLAND

Saturday June 10 2017, 9:00 am to 2:45 pm.

To register or obtain more details contact Russell Thorp missionsdirector@gc3.org.nz or by phone: 021 481 088.

VOM SUPPORTERS WORKSHOP WITH ASIF MALL

Voice of the Martyrs invites supporters to a workshop with [Islamic culture specialist Asif Mall](#). This free one-day seminar is a great opportunity to learn how to relate to Muslim neighbours, colleagues and friends, and share the hope of Jesus across cultures. Registration is essential.

Rutland Street Church
12 Rutland Street, St Albans CHRISTCHURCH
Saturday June 17 2017

Greenlane Presbyterian Church
211 Great South Road, Greenlane AUCKLAND
Saturday June 24 2017

To register or obtain more details visit the VOM website here vom.org.nz/events or by phone: 03 352 9568.

STUDENT LIFE'S IGNITE CONFERENCE

Student Life's National Student Conference, IGNITE, is quickly approaching. [Three perceptive speakers will share about having relationship with Jesus Christ](#) and what that means for us in a world that has a clamour of social justice causes, and a confusion of moral ethics. Student Life is a ministry of Tandem Ministries.

El Rancho Christian Camp
58 Weggery Dr., WAIKANAE BEACH
July 2 - 7 2017

To register or for more details visit the Student Life website: <https://www.studentlife.org.nz/>.

HOME OR AWAY: LOCATING SPORT...

On the assumption that 'the sports field is a mission field', this conference attempts to address: The place of competition in the Christian life, the religiousness of sport in a secular age, the relationship between identity and sports, the pastoral and ethical issues involved in sports and gaming today. This three-day conference is for anyone interested in sports, recreation and Christian faith and practice.

Carey Baptist College
473 Great South Rd, Penrose AUCKLAND
July 11 - 13 2017

To register or obtain more details visit Carey's website: carey.ac.nz/events/home-or-away/.

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Missions Interlink Australia is partnering with [Concilium](#) to provide regular, faith-based, [Advanced Security Training](#) programs in Australia. Details of the first group of these courses, in October this year, are below. Registration, including costs, will be provided soon. If you're interested please save the dates.

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20 October 2017 (9am – 5pm).
Travel Security Orientation.

20–22 October 2017 (8pm Fri – 5pm Sun)
Concilium Advanced Security Training.

MELBOURNE

23 – 25 October 2017 (8pm Mon – 5pm Wed)
Concilium Advanced Security Training.

25 – 27 October 2016 (5pm Wed – 10am Fri)
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For more course details and specific locations visit the Missions Interlink Australia website here: missionsinterlink.org.au/events/concilium-advance-security-training/.

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