

Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Republic of Honduras, Latin America**

Geography

Area: 112,088 sq km

A mountainous land with rain forests and fertile coastal plains on the Caribbean and Pacific coasts.

Population: 7,615,584

Annual Growth: 2.01%

Capital: Tegucigalpa

Urbanites: 48.8%



Peoples: 24 (13% unreached)

Official language: Spanish.

Other language English on the northern coast

Languages: 13

Largest Religion: Christian			
Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	7,359,700	96.64	2.0
Evangelicals	1,751,873	23.0	4.4

Challenge for Prayer

The government faces an uphill battle in establishing true stability and order. A young nation, Honduras' colonial past and military rule for most of its independence mean that democratic structures and mentalities must be nurtured. Corruption within the government, preferential treatment of the rich minority and prevalent poverty make the nation vulnerable to structures of sin. Pray for righteousness and for wise and resolute governance.

Please see <http://www.operationworld.org> for more.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

2 King 2:21-22 Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the Lord: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

Today's Service

Worship: Paul	Communion: David Y	Translators: Richard/Flora
Greeters: Sophia/David/Michael/Emily P		Reader: Rosemary/Dale
SS Little Lambs:	Teresa/Joy G	Judy/Lily B
Kids for Christ:	Kuniko/Mike	Jacky/Lucy Ma
Bible Explorers:		



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 11th Mar 2018



Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

"Healing of the Water"

Preacher: David Xu

Scripture: 2 King 2:19-22

Pre-Service Prayer at 8:30 am in lounge, 10:30am in Pastor Abri's office— all welcome

Prayer Meeting every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 pm

11 Mar & 25 Mar

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WELCOME TO MAIRANGI BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH (MBCC)

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please go to the Welcome Corner after the service. We have a small gift for you & will gladly answer your questions about our church. MBCC is an intentionally multi-cultural church and welcomes and celebrates all languages & cultures. 我们是一个多元文化的教会，欢迎中国朋友参加。どの国の方も大歓迎します。

If you would like to hear a Chinese or Japanese translation, please ask for a headset
如果您需要听中文翻译可以向服事人员要一个耳机

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Elisha Heals Jericho's Waters

In the book of 2 Kings 2:19-21 we read about the miracle where God used Elisha to heal the bad (bitter) water in Jericho. "Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold now, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad and the land is unfruitful." He said, "Bring me a new jar, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. He went out to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'I have purified these waters; there shall not be from there death or unfruitfulness any longer.'"

We too live in a sick society. The barrenness caused by the streams of spiritual death and blindness is great. Our nation needs healing and only God can bring that healing about, but He wants to use you and me. As we begin to look at this miracle of Elisha, we need to understand why the water was bad in the first place. To do that, we need to understand that at this time in Hebrew history, the city of Jericho had been living under a divine judgment since the days of Joshua. Nevertheless, God healed the water and turned it into healthy drinking water that could also be used to water their crops. Just like Elisha added salt to the water to heal it, God adds us, His children, to society to help heal it. We are called to be salt of the earth, meaning that we are supposed to bring healing and preservation to people everywhere. In Mark 9:50 we read: "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other." We can only remain salty when we stay connected with Jesus. His nature in us is what heals the bitter and spiritually poisoned people around us. Be the salt that God uses to bring healing to those around you today!

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



Want to get to know more about us?
Please visit our website www.mairangichurch.org.nz
You'll find our weekly bulletin there; learn more about our Life Groups and ministries; watch our sermons and much more.

NEWS & EVENTS

Church Prayer Meeting - today, 7.00 pm

Twice a month @ MBCC. This month will be on 11 Mar & 25 Mar. All welcome! Be a prayer warrior for God's Kingdom.

Marriage Course – Starting on 14 Mar, 12 weeks

The course will be in English and Chinese. Only 6 couples per language group can be accommodated, so book early. Cost will be around \$60 per couple. To register, please write your name down on the Registration Form available at the information desk.

Op Shop – new helpers needed

Church Op Shop (Mairangi Bay) needs volunteers to help from Tuesday to Saturday (half day). Talk to **Julie Klappf** if you can help.

ICONZ Boys – dad helpers needed

If you have any skills which can be passed on to boys, please talk to Mike & Kuniko Thomson. Once a school term still will be great. Also helpers for the safety supervision are needed as well.

Sunday School – food donation

Parents please donate packs of Raro Juice or cookies (without nuts please) once a while will be appreciated.

Chinese Friday Evening Meeting combined Special Worship Meeting – 30/3, 7.30 pm

Monthly Chinese Friday Evening Meeting (the last Friday of each month) will be on **30 Mar**. This month especially we will combine a Worship Meeting because of the Easter season for us to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection. Invite your friends come and join us!

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PRAYER "and pray for one another"

James 5:16b. Please visit the Prayer Wall. Leave prayers, answers to prayer or testimonies. Remember to pray for these today and throughout the week.

GIVE THANKS FOR

- A group of people start to **pick up Pat** from her rest home to church each Sunday.
- Many people devoted their skills or money to help our church anonymously.

PRAY FOR

- One of our elders, **Warren Payne**, who is recovering from his recent operation and sickness, and **KK Lum**, who needs healing as well.
- The outreach opportunities through **Japanese and Chinese Friday Meetings** that people may know the truth, way and life through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- People more involve into Life groups and ministry serving so that their maturity may grow.
- **The renovation downstairs (phase 1)** is just about complete. Please continue to pray for this project as well as for the finances of the project.
- **Our young generation** may rise up through RICE movement and other
- **Continue to pray for marriages in the church.** Let's trust the LORD that our families will be strong and God fearing.
- **People who are in needs**, visa, job, future, fiancé, health, etc.

Service Roster for next Sunday 18th Mar 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Abri	Nancy	Louis/LD/Daren/Michael	David X	David K/Joanne X	Gloria/Sheldon/Maree/Jack	Kevin/Richard	Ann/Sunny	Annie Z	Hong Li/Jessica/Emily P/Mabel