

# Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Kingdom of Tonga, Pacific**

## Geography

**Area:** 747 sq km  
 Archipelago of 171 coral and volcanic islands, 36 being inhabited, 600 km east of Fiji.

**Population:** 104,260

**Annual Growth:** 0.46%

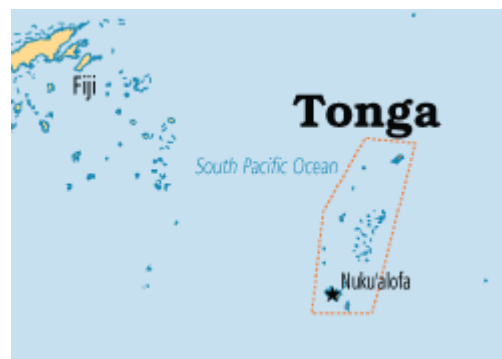
**Capital:** Nuku'alofa

**Urbanites:** 25.3%

## Peoples

**Official language:** Tongan

**Languages:** 3



Largest Religion: Christian			
Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	99,839	95.76	0.4
Evangelicals	16,110	15.5	0.4

## Challenge for Prayer

Tonga's rich Christian heritage is a blessing, but has reached the point of oversaturation. The proliferation of denominations generates competition among churches, as newer groups entice believers away. Isolation and the difficult economic situation complicate issues further. Pray that Tongan Christians would seek ways to contribute to the Kingdom of God rather than seeking the church that benefits them the most.

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

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**Romans 12: 1-2** I appeal to you therefore, brothers,[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Today's Service		
<b>Worship:</b> Abri	<b>Communion:</b> Abri	<b>Translators:</b> Ann/Flora
<b>Greeters:</b> Gloria/Sheldon/Maree/Jack		<b>Reader:</b> Dale/Joy Xu
<b>SS Little Lambs:</b>	Teresa/Lily B	Judy / Joy Guo
<b>Kids for Christ:</b>	Michelle / Angela	Maria / Jing / Tony
<b>Bible Explorers:</b>		



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

Weekly Bulletin  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**



## Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

**“Changing Your Life by Changing the Way You Think”**

**Preacher: Abri Brancken**

**Scripture: Romans 12: 1-2**

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

**Prayer Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7 pm**

**11 Feb & 25 Feb**

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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

### THINK GOD FOCUSED THOUGHTS

#### Philippians 4:8

**Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.**

Thoughts often lead to action. When your thinking is wrong, your decisions in life will be wrong, but, if you fill yourself with God's Truth then your actions will change seeing that you begin to look at life from God's perspective. As Christians, we are called by God to put off our own negative and corrupt thinking. To live the life God destined us to live, we must begin to think the way He does. In order to grow spiritually, we need to replace self-focused thinking with a God-focused mindset. The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Rome. He said, "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God. We cannot approve what God's will is unless our minds are renewed. Our goal is transformation and that comes from aligning our lives with God's will and purposes. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but rather be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



Want to get to know more about us?  
Please visit our website [www.mairangichurch.org.nz](http://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

### 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.

### The Upcoming Combined Chinese Church Prayer Meeting – Next Tue, 20 Feb

Come and join us @MBCC, 7.30 pm, next Tue, pray together with Chinese churches in Auckland.

### Welcome New Comer's Meeting – 25 Feb

If you are a new visitor to our church, we would like to invite you to a quick "get to know one another" gathering next Sunday, directly after the service.

### English-speaking Life Group

Mike and Anna Webster's Life Group welcomes new members. We gather every 2 weeks on a Sunday between 2.00 and 3.00pm. Join us for a shared lunch at 1.00pm.

28 Bur Oak Terrace, Schnapper Rock. Phone 443 0431. Bring your children as well. Next group: Sunday 25th February.

**Soccer Training** - for toddler (2 yrs and under), every Wednesday, starting on **7 March**, 10:30~11:30AM, further information please contact Pastor David.

**RICE Gathering** - for all youth this Friday, **23 February** at church, start with BBQ at 6:00, meeting at 7:30, our youth group will combine with this event.

## 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

- **Children's Sunday School** has been started last Sunday in our the new renovated venue and facilities.
- **Chinese Friday Service** went well. It is always a good opportunity for fellowship and sharing God's love and salvation with others during the Chinese New Year Celebrations.

## PRAY FOR

- Early next week, our long term church member and close friend of many, **Pat Cumming** will be moving from her home in Mairangi Bay to Lady Allum Village in Milford. Please pray for Pat as she makes this move and that her present home of 14 years will sell quickly.
- **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.
- People we met from the Chinese New Year celebration and first **Chinese and Japanese worship meeting**, may the Holy Spirit touch them and draw them to the truth.
- **Maria** is now part of the children's ministry team. Please pray that she will settle in quickly.
- **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.

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## Service Roster for next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Garrett	Lincoln	Louis/Tommy/Michael/Jacky	Abri	George/Julie	Kelly/Jing Gao/Fiona/Alison	LD/Ivy	Paul/Richard	Pinky	Josephine/Shuping Zhang/Ping/?