

Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Republic of Rwanda, Africa**

Geography

Area: 26,338 sq km
 A fertile, mountainous country similar to its southern neighbour, Burundi.
Population: 10,277,212
Annual Growth: 2.71%
Capital: Kigali
Urbanites: 18.9%



Largest Religion: Christian		
Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	9,159,051 89.12	2.7
Evangelicals	2,761,140 26.9	3.0

Peoples: 13 (23% unreached)

Official language: French, English, Kinyarwanda. The entire population speaks Kinyarwanda

Languages: 5

Challenge for Prayer

(News from WeChat Official Account: JesusChrist, 12 Mar)

Six pastors have been arrested and accused of “master-minding” a ploy to disobey the Rwandan government’s order to shut down over 700 churches in one province. The Pastors were alleged to have held “illegal meetings with bad intentions”, the BBC reported.

The churches in the central province of Kigali were ordered to halt operations until they meeting building regulations, safety and hygiene standards, and pollution laws, according to South Africa-based News 24. Churches in other provinces are also expected to be affected by the crackdown in the coming months, according to News 24. In 2014, several Pentecostal church leaders were arrested for forming an unauthorized branch of the Church.

The country is now preparing a new law on faith-based organizations, which will require preachers to undertake theological courses. The law is expected to allow the authorities to control preachers more closely.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

Luke 22: 19-20 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

Today’s Service

Worship: Abri	Communion: David X	Translators: Ann/Sunny
Greeters: Gloria/Sheldon/Maree/Jack		Reader: David Kim/Joanne Xu
SS Little Lambs:	Rowena/Emily Han	Prescy/Christine
Kids for Christ:	Michelle/Angela Z	Flora/Joy G
Bible Explorers:		



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 18th Mar 2018



Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

“Lest We Forget”

Preacher: David Yeh

Scripture: Luke 22: 7-20

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

Greetings, as you know we have lost our dear sister Frances Helleur last Sunday. She was a sweet, wonderful woman of faith and power. I had opportunity to speak to her and the ladies after one of the ladies bible study group use to be led by Wendy Webster. I was so excited to hear what God was doing in NZ churches and NZ in their earlier age, the 1970s. It brought back the memory when I was in high school and university. We were sharing about the prayer meetings and conferences that used to run in NZ. God was doing mighty work and people were hungry for God and His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. I feel, in that time, the whole movement was purer or simpler, a real hunger for God and Him alone, but now there is a mixture of modern technology and programs that try to manufacture the atmosphere. I don't mean modern technology and programs are not good, in fact they are great tools to support the ministry, but they should not be the focus or dependent factor.

I also feel, in current NZ our desire for God has a sense of the main purpose is to seek for his blessings and his ability to solve our problems, about what God can do for us, rather than God himself.

I pray that God will restore the true revival, repenting from sin and hunger for his presence and his Holiness, seek nothing more but God himself. It is then we can see God starts to change our situation, and environment, seeing people touched by God supernaturally and come to accept Christ.

God bless you

Pastor **David Yeh**



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

Passover Special Worship Meeting – 30/3, 7.00 ~ 8.00 pm

There will be no Chinese Friday Evening Meeting (the last Friday of each month) for this month, instead, on **30 Mar**, we will have a Worship Meeting because of the Passover season for us to celebrate Jesus Christ's victory. Invite your friends come and join us!

Support Youth Coffee Station

You may notice that a group of young people serve at the Coffee Station near the entrance after the service. Why not buy yourself or for your friends a cup of coffee to support them? \$4/per, EFTPOS or cash. Thank you very much!

Baby-sitter Needed

Some of the parents are really struggled to attend the evening courses in the church because of the need of baby-sitting. If anyone may be able to help (with pay) in future, please let Wendy or Pastor David know.

Op Shop – new helpers needed

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

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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

- **Joji & Chihiro Kami**, Leader of our Japanese Ministry at MBCC, have been granted two years work visa recently. Thank God for answering our prayer and appreciate that brothers and sisters support them as a church.

PRAY FOR

- **Kamis** continually to strengthen them and may the Lord pave their way for future.
- **Mark & Pam Helleur**, as their mother **Frances Helleur** has been rested in the Lord peacefully last Sunday afternoon. Praise the Lord that she gave us a beautiful testimony that being a beloved child of God could be such a blessing!
- The upcoming **Passover Special Worship Meeting** on 30 Mar when the time people may remember the death, burial and resurrection of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- All the courses and events will be happened in the church this year, i.e. **Marriage Course, Youth and Chinese Vision School**, etc., to help people to know the Lord better and deeper, hear the calling from the Lord and serve Him with great joy and blessings.
- 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.
- **People who are in needs**, visa, job, future, fiancé, health, etc.

Service Roster for next Sunday 25th Mar 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Garrett		Louis/Tommy/Michael/Darren	Abri	Emily Ren/Joy X	Kelly/Jing Gao/Fiona/Alison	Kevin/Tina R	Flora/Rebekah	Wendy	Josephine/Shuping Zhang/Mabel/Ping