

Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Republic of the Fiji Islands, Pacific**

Geography

Area: 18,274 sq km
 Two larger and 110 smaller inhabited islands, both volcanic and coralline.
Population: 854,098
Annual Growth: 0.62%
Capital: Suva
Urbanites: 53.4%
Peoples: 35 (11% unreached)
Official language: English; Hindustani and Bau Fijian commonly used
Languages: 21



| Largest Religion: Christian | | | |
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| Religion | | Pop % | Ann Gr |
| Christians | 555,591 | 65.05 | 1.2 |
| Evangelicals | 215,408 | 25.2 | 2.1 |

Challenge for Prayer

Less-reached peoples. The Indians of Fiji form the largest non-Christian community in the Pacific. As few as 3% of them claim to be Christian. The greatest challenges for Indian-majority churches are developing (and retaining) mature and experienced leaders and integrating with the rest of the body of Christ.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

Romans 5:12
 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.

| Today's Service | | |
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| Worship: Garrett | Communion: Abri | Translators: Paul/Richard |
| Greeters: Kelly/Jing Gao/Fiona/Alison | | Reader: - |
| SS Little Lambs: | Catherine/June | Prescy/? |
| Kids for Christ: | Ivy/George | Flora/Xiang Hong |
| Bible Explorers: | | |



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 25th Feb 2018



Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

“The Gospel Message Hidden in Genesis 5”

Preacher: Abri Brancken

Scripture: Genesis 5:1-29

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 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

SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

We are living in a day of depressing headlines and uncertainty all around us. Therefore, any good news is very welcome! What better news could there be than what Jesus did for humanity? Through His death and resurrection, He brought us life! When we refer to the "Gospel" we are referring to the "good news" that Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sin so that we might become the children of God through faith alone in Christ. The central truth of the gospel is that God has provided a way of salvation for men through the gift of His son to the world. He suffered as a sacrifice for sin, overcame death, and now offers a share in His triumph to all who will accept it.

In today's message, we are going to take a look at Genesis 5. You might be amazed to discover that the Gospel message is hidden in Genesis 5. God is serious about His plan of salvation. Therefore, He speaks about it all the time, throughout the Bible. Often, God's message of salvation is easily visible, but sometimes it is hidden and we need to search for it. Today we are going to do some searching.

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 – 7.00 pm tonight

Twice a month @ MBCC. All welcome! Be a prayer warrior for God's Kingdom.

Welcome New Comer's Meeting – Today

If you are a new visitor to our church, we would like to invite you to a quick "get to know one another" gathering today, directly after the service. All ministry leaders and group leaders please join in as well.

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.

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: Today! 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.

Billy Graham – Passed Away at age of 99

Many New Zealanders were saved through his visits to NZ in 1959, and at other times after that. Also, his wife's father was a medical missionary in China.

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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

- **Children's Ministry** incl. Sunday School for all age groups, Music 4 Kiddies, ICONZ boys, has been started in our the new renovated venue and facilities.
- **Pat Cumming** is now well settled into Room 10 at: Lady Allum Village 20 Napoleon Ave, Milford, Auckland 0620. Phone 09 489 5776. She is looking forward to visitors.

PRAY FOR

- Please pray for **Pat** that her present home of 14 years will sell quickly.
- People more involve into Life groups and ministry serving.
- **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.
- **Mike Webster**, who is taking research and study leave in China for most of Mar. Mike will be delivering seminars and workshops on a variety of topics relating to social work leadership, working with ethnic minorities, and virtual communities of learning and practice. May the LORD truly bless and guide Mike during his travels and may He grant Mike Heavenly Wisdom in his meetings and engagements with people.
- **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 4th Mar 2018, 9 & 11 am

| Worship | Musicians | Sound | Communion | Reader | Greeters | Offering Count | Translators | Flower | Tea |
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| David Y | Jeremy | Ivy/George/Fiona/Jasper | David Y | Alison F/Richard F | Cindy/Abby/Ping/Hong | Julie/Ross | Tommy/Maria | Julie | Cherry Ding/Wang Yinqiu/Robyn/Shelley |