

# Mission & Outreach

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

**Geography**  
**Area:** 1,218,363 sq km  
 A republic with nine provinces at the southernmost point of Africa. Relatively well watered in the east; arid with increasing desertification toward the west coast.  
**Population:** 50,492,408  
**Annual Growth:** 0.99%  
**Capital:** Cape Town (legislative). Pretoria (administrative). Bloemfontein (judicial)  
**Urbanites:** 61.7%  
**Peoples:** 62 (10% unreached)  
**Official language:** all the major ethnic languages. English and Afrikaans are the main languages in higher education  
**Languages:** 11



<b>Largest Religion: Christian</b>			
<b>Religion</b>		<b>Pop %</b>	<b>Ann Gr</b>
<b>Christians</b>	37,990,488	75.24	0.9
<b>Evangelicals</b>	10,649,521	21.1	2.2

## Challenge for Prayer

The legacy of apartheid continues to impact the nation. Despite progress in some areas, inequalities and injustices of the past continue to shape the future. Pray especially for:

- a) Reconciliation among all races.** This applies not just to black-white dynamics, but also to coloured and Indian peoples as well as to relationships among various black ethnicities. The “rainbow nation” must still deal with contempt, mistrust and deep-seated hurts and fears among peoples of this diverse but troubled land. Pray that the Church might lead the way by living out the truth of oneness in Christ Jesus.
- b) Poverty and economic inequality.** Land redistribution and affirmative action in employment are contentious initiatives that seek to assist the previously disadvantaged, but they come at a cost to the efficient running of the economy. Extremes of wealth and poverty persist. The black majority itself includes a wealthy elite and a poor majority, but the middle class is growing. Pray for economic measures that might uplift those most needing assistance without crippling the effective running of the economy.
- c) Rape and violent crime rates are alarmingly high.** The proliferation of illegal firearms, poverty, desperation and lack of justice fuels hopelessness and anarchy. Pray for those working for justice and for people’s safety – especially pray for the beleaguered police force. Pray for Christian ministries working with children at risk, jobless young people, prisoners and the police force. Pray that the spirit of violence – both physical and sexual – might be bound under the authority of Christ.

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

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**Leviticus 17:11** “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

## Today’s Service

<b>Worship:</b> Garrett	<b>Communion:</b> David Y	<b>Translators:</b> Flora/Rebekah
<b>Greeters:</b> Kelly/Jing Gao/Helen/Daisy		<b>Reader:</b> Emily Ren/Joy X
<b>SS Little Lambs:</b>	Catherine/Alison	Maggie/Lucy
<b>Kids for Christ:</b>	Ivy/George	Jacky/Lucy Ma
<b>Bible Explorers:</b>		



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

Weekly Bulletin  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018**



## Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

**“Life is in the Blood”**

**Preacher: Abri Brancken**

**Scripture: Leviticus 17: 11**

**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 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

#### THE BLOOD OF CHRIST SETS US FREE

Jesus Christ lived a holy life upon the earth in perfect obedience to His Father. Jesus only did what He saw the Father do and only spoke what He heard the Father say, (John 5:19, John 8:28). He gave His life, His Blood, that we might have life. Because the blood of Christ has redeemed us, we are now new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), and by His blood we are freed from sin to serve the living God, to glorify Him, and to enjoy Him forever.

I am forgiven

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7)

From this Scripture we see how powerful the blood of Christ is - for Christ's blood was shed for forgiveness of sins for all men, for all time. The blood of Christ REDEEMS. The blood of Jesus Christ frees us from sin! Paul wrote, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). Here we see the great power of the blood of Jesus Christ: it frees us from sin; we are rescued from the bondage of sin; payment has been made for the sins of the world. Have you accepted Jesus' sacrifice for you?

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

### Church Prayer Meeting – tonight, 7.00 pm

Twice a month church prayer meeting will be held tonight. Come and join. Welcome everyone.

### Welcome New Comers – today

We are always glad to meeting new friends in the church. The last Sunday of each month, we will have a short welcome meeting downstairs for the new comers, so if you came to our church recently, please stay after the service. Let's know each other more. Life Group Leaders and all ministry leaders please also take part in.

### 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!

### Life Group Leader Meeting – 8/4, 12.40 pm

All Life Group Leaders please stay after the second service on 8/4. There will be a meeting for feedback and review.

### 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!

### Daylight Saving Ends – next Sunday

Please be reminded that the winter time starts from next Sunday, so please adjust your clock one hour backwards at Saturday night.

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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

- **New comers** who may find welcomed and spiritually enriched among us, encounter the Saviour and receive the salvation from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- People more involve into Life groups and ministry serving so that their spiritual maturity may grow.
- **Kamis** continually to strengthen them and may the Lord pave their way for future.
- The upcoming **Passover Special Worship Meeting** on 30 Mar and 1 Apr 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, Alpha Course, Pre-baptism Course**, 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.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
David Yeh	Jeremy	Fiona/Jasper/George/Ivy	David Yeh	Alison F/George	Joanne Yin/Simon/Hong/Susan	Ivy/Ross	Tommy/Joy Z	Helen	Cherry Ding/Wang Yinqiu/Robyn/Shelley