

Mission & Outreach

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

Geography

Area: 99,067 sq km
Heavily forested coastal state adjoining Sierra Leone, Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire.

Population: 4,101,767

Annual Growth: 4.23%

Capital: Monrovia

Urbanites: 61.5%

Peoples: 40 (10% unreached)

Official language: English

Languages: 31



Largest Religion: Ethnoreligionist

Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	1,699,362	41.43	4.9
Evangelicals	600,533	14.6	4.6
Ethnoreligionist	1,743,251		

Challenge for Prayer

The task of evangelization and mission must fall to Liberians and other Africans. Foreign missionaries had a long, hard, uphill struggle to plant churches in the interior; but disease, language diversity, entrenched fetishism and the disruption of war all hampered the work and eventually drove out all expat workers. Few have returned. Pray for those with a burden to return; pray for wisdom to know how they can best serve in rebuilding the nation, and best help the Liberian church complete the evangelization of every people. National mission leadership is making progress in missions advocacy among churches and in researching the nation's current status in terms of evangelization.

Christian help ministries are essential in this land of great spiritual hunger, great spiritual needs, but few material resources.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

2 Timothy 1: 7-8 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Not Ashamed of the Gospel. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

Today's Service

Worship: David Y	Communion: David Y	Translators: Tommy/Maria
Greeters: Cindy/Abby/Ping/Hong		Reader: Richard F/Ivy
SS Little Lambs:	Rowena/Emily	Maggie/Lucy
Kids for Christ:	Sunny/Joanne Lin	Jacky/Lucy Ma/Tony Wang
Bible Explorers:		



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 4th Mar 2018



Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

"Fan into Flame God's Gifts"

Preacher: Matt Ooi

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1: 3-12

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

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

It is wonderful to be part of the loving Christian community at MBCC. Each of us has something to give, something to contribute towards our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We all have various gifts, talents and abilities. We should use these to bless and assist our family in Christ. Scripture is full of specific instruction on how we should treat each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." The author of Hebrews wrote that we should spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Peter said, "live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. (1 Peter 3:8). We should never forget that we are a family and that we are called by God to care for each other. John makes this point clear for us, too: we do what Jesus did. Jesus served his disciples and tells us, therefore, that we should serve one another. Today, think about how you can be a blessing to someone else and be that blessing.

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

Baptism – 8 April

The first baptism for this year is arranged on Sunday, 8 Apr. Anyone is considering to be baptised please talk to Wendy or Pastor David Yeh quickly. Baptismal course will be provided.

Church Prayer Meeting this month – 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.

Japanese Friday Evening Meeting – 7.00 pm

Monthly Japanese Friday Evening Meeting (the 2nd Friday of each month) will be on **9 Mar**. Invite your Japanese friends come and join us.

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 Class

Tuesday 6th March, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm

We will help people fill out the census form. Please download a form and bring it with you.

Soccer Training

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

Guest Speaker – Matt Ooi

Matt is the key liaison in the RICE (Renewal & Inter-Church Evangelism) Movement in Melbourne. He is married to Rebecca and they have two young children.

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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

- **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

- The outreach opportunities through **Japanese and Chinese Friday Meetings** that people may know the truth, way and life through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The upcoming **Baptism**. People may make a right decision to devote themselves to the Saviour for the rest of their life.
- 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.
- **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 11th Mar 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Paul	Nancy	George/Ivy/LD/Jacky	Warren	Rosemary/Dale	Sophia/David/Michael/Emily P	Tommy/Tina R	David X/Flora	Helen	Hong Li/Ping/Cui Jiazhu/Mabel