

# Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Republic of Armenia, Hayastan, Asia**

## Geography

**Area:** 29,800 sq km  
 Landlocked, mountainous Caucasus state.  
 Nagorno-Karabakh, a 4,400 sq km enclave in Azerbaijan populated by Armenians, is controlled by Armenia along with a corridor of land connecting it to the rest of Armenia.

**Population:** 3,090,379

**Annual Growth:** 0.17%

**Capital:** Yerevan

**Urbanites:** 63.7%



Largest Religion: Christian			
	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
	Christians	2,918,245	94.43
	Evangelicals	268,186	8.7

**Peoples:** 26 (35% unreached)

**Official language:** Armenian

**Language:** 12

## Challenge for Prayer

**Evangelical Christianity has thrived among the Armenian diaspora** of up to eight million, with many congregations in the Middle East, North America and elsewhere. Most Armenians retain close links with their homeland even after many generations away. Since 1988, a host of Armenian churches and ministries have given generously and invested in reaching their homeland, with remarkable results. Pray for the world to be blessed through this global people.

Christian help ministries. Pray for: Relief work; Youth camps; Student witness is fruitful; Bible distribution; The Jesus movie is widely used in four languages; Christian radio.

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

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**Luke 2:8-14** And in the same country there were shepherds living in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came on them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. And they were grievously afraid. And the angel said to them, Do not fear. For behold, I give to you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For to you is born today, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this is a sign to you. You will find the babe wrapped, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

## Today's Service

<b>Worship:</b> Abri	<b>Communion:</b> David Xu	<b>Translators:</b> Sheldon/Sunny
<b>Greeters:</b> Sophia/Helen/Daisy		<b>Reader:</b> NA
<b>SS Little Lambs:</b>	Teresa/Joy G	Emily H/Christine L
<b>Kids for Christ:</b>	Ivy/George	Flora/Jing
<b>Bible Explorers:</b>		



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

Weekly Bulletin  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



## Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

**“Angel (I) continued”**

**Preacher: Ps. Abri Brancken**

**Scripture: Luke 2: 8-14**

**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  
 13 May & 27 May**

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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  
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### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

#### Angels

Last week we started our series on angels. Let's recap some of the important facts. Angels are beings who have greater power and ability than humans (2 Peter 2:11). They exist in heaven, or the spirit realm, which is a level of existence higher than the physical universe (1 Kings 8:27; John 6:38). Thus, they are also referred to as spirits—1 Kings 22:21; Psalm 18:10. God created the angels through Jesus, whom the Bible calls “the firstborn of all creation.” Describing how God used Jesus in creation, the Bible says: “By means of Jesus all other things were created in the heavens and on the earth, the things visible and the things invisible,” including the angels (Colossians 1:13-17). Angels do not marry and reproduce (Mark 12:25). Instead, each of these “sons of the true God” was individually created—Job 1:6. Angels were created in the distant past before the earth existed. We don't know exactly how many angels there are, but the Bible does show that their number is vast. For example, a vision given to the apostle John included a glimpse of hundreds of millions of angels—Revelation 5:11. Angels have individual names and personalities. The Bible gives the names of two angels: Michael and Gabriel (Daniel 12:1; Luke 1:26). Other angels acknowledged that they had names, but they did not reveal them—Genesis 32:29; Judges 13:17, 18. Angels have distinct personalities. They can communicate with one another (1 Corinthians 13:1). They have thinking ability and are able to compose expressions of praise to God (Luke 2:13, 14). They have the freedom to choose between right and wrong, as seen when some of them sinned by joining Satan the Devil in his rebellion against God.—Matthew 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4.

Today we will continue our study on angels and I hope it will help you to better understand the fact that God is very involved in our lives here on earth. We are not alone, but there are millions of good, holy invisible beings around us, fulfilling God's purposes here on earth and assisting us in our walk with the LORD.

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



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You'll find our weekly bulletin there; learn more about our Life Groups and ministries; watch our sermons and much more.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Happy Mother's Day

May all the mothers be filled with the joy from the Lord and be encouraged by the fruits of your labors.

#### Church Prayer Meeting – 7.00 pm, tonight

Everyone is welcome to join our church prayer meeting tonight. It is in the lounge.

#### Upcoming Baptism – 10 Jun, Sunday

If anyone is considering to be baptised, please talk to Pastor **Abri, David** or **Wendy**. A baptism is planed on 10 June during the second Sunday service. A pre-baptismal course will be presented before-hand.

#### Daily Prayer Walk

Our Church is looking for members who will support a daily prayer walk around its boundaries. **Two people every day, Mondays to Saturdays.** Talk to **Ann** at the office or to **Elizabeth Busse** for more information.

#### Cambodia Mission Trip (22 Nov – 3 Dec)

Cost: NZ\$3000 (all inclusive)

Please see **John Tan** for more details

#### Laidlaw Open Day

If you are interested in studying the Bible, theology, Christian leadership, counselling or teaching, there will be an Open Day at Laidlaw College. 4-8 pm, 15 May (Manukau), 17 May (Henderson). See flyer on the announcement board for details.

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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

- People who are being healed and saved at MBCC.

### PRAY FOR

- **The upcoming Baptism.** May people hear the calling from God and obey.
- **Youth Vision School** each Friday evening at the church. May the children be inspired and encouraged to follow Jesus as their Lord. May their lives be changed, impacting people around them including their own families.
- **Chinese Vision School** each Monday evening. May the Lord show His vision clearly and lead the way the trainees are going to serve.
- **New Japanese Youth Group** will start on 4 Jun. Japanese speaking youth be called and gather together to learn, to serve and to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. May the Lord grant the leaders the wisdom and loving heart to serve.
- All the courses and events happening 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. We are awaiting the glass to partition the sections. 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Garrett	Penny	Louis/LD/Jacky/Michael	Mike	Emily R/George	Kelly/Jing G/Maree/Jack	LD/Tina R	Flora/Richard	Wendy	Josephine/Shuping/Mabel/Ping