



We have been prompted to share our experiences with you after seeing the suggestion in the Church Army membership email.

It was there suggested that perhaps we could look at the idea of "evangelism among tourists to New Zealand." This is something that we believe the Lord has already led us into over the past two summers. After hearing a visiting speaker, Jacob Damkani two years ago tell of his evangelism as a Messianic Jew in Israel, we signed up to host young Israelis visiting New Zealand. We did not quite know how it would operate, but by faith we took the step and what a joy it has been.

Since December 2005 we have had 214 young people as guests in our home. It makes for a busy time but what wonderful opportunities we have had to both share the love of Jesus as Messiah with these people who sadly seem by and large to have lost the faith of their forefathers and show the hospitable hearts of Kiwis.

The young ones are given a meal on arrival and if this falls on Shabbat we have often served their special foods and "broken bread" together in the Jewish tradition. A number have been "strict" keepers of the Sabbath and we have allowed them to live with us by their rules.

As part of our hospitality we offer them broadband and the means thereby to speak with their families in Israel. This is something they treasure.

Often in our discussion we are able to talk about the roots of our faith from within the Hebrew scriptures. Our friends are quite surprised that we are familiar with their scriptures and we can share that our God is the same yesterday, today and forever.



One thing we ask of our guests is to leave us with contact details, which includes a photograph, a number on a map of Israel and an email address. By these means we can recall them, write to them at special times and pray for them.

We do know that a good number have a yearning to find the Messiah and we believe that we have been able to plant seeds and that in His time, God will bring them to salvation. We keep a supply of Hebrew scriptures and testimonies to give away and many

have been taken. This evangelism is gentle, but we believe fruit bearing and an exciting ministry to be involved with.

Shalom,
Beth Lane

Invitation
You are warmly invited to attend the commissioning of Louise Weller as an Officer in the Church Army of New Zealand.
25 November 2007 at 4pm at St Martin's Anglican Church,
50 Lincoln Road, Spreydon, Christchurch.

Together we can make a difference

WILL YOU JOIN US BY GIVING GENEROUSLY TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES IN THE FIELD?

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From the Director

We live in exciting and challenging days. Exciting because from around the world we hear stories of explosive growth in the Church and of miraculous events that echo the stories of the New Testament. At one of the International Conferences of Church Army Leaders we heard of an evangelist reporting to his pastor that he would have to give up preaching the Gospel. The pastor was shocked. What had gone wrong in this young man's life that would lead to such a decision? Then the truth came out. "I have to give up", the pastor was told "because I can't cope with the large number of people coming to Christ." I remember tears pricking the back of my eyes as I listened with longing to such a story.

Contrast that with the experience of another young man who came to New Zealand from South Africa. Within a few weeks he was on his knees before the Lord asking if he had offended God in some way because he had not seen anyone come to Christ in the past month. That graphically outlines the challenging nature of taking the Gospel to a nation and culture that is moving away from its Christian roots. The atmosphere we work in here in New Zealand is very different from that of two thirds of our world colleagues.

Yet there are plenty of signs of hope. The story told by those who have experienced the work of the North Island Field worker show what happens when the Gospel is proclaimed sensitively. Church Army Adventure Ministries



Peter Lloyd speaking at a Men's breakfast at Clendon.

consistently reports a steady flow of first time commitments to Jesus that are thoughtfully and carefully made. The Canterbury Kids' Coach shows another way in which children are responding to the Gospel. RUN ministries has perhaps the most difficult task yet they have seen people of other faiths turning to Jesus the Messiah and Lord of all. RunRIG and its franchises have hundreds of children ready and eager to hear the Gospel through their holiday programmes. In my own parish, like many others around New Zealand, ALPHA has led this year alone to five people becoming Christians. There are plenty of occasions to rejoice.

The miraculous happens here as well. Just recently I heard of a young woman whose tail bone (which was broken at

the birth of her baby) was healed. At the other end of the age scale an old man reports of healing in his hip joint after prayer.

God is at work in our nation but there are thousands of people in New Zealand who know little or nothing of the Good News and who deserve at least the opportunity to hear the story of God's great passion for His world and the way in which Jesus was sent to live, die and rise again that we may share in the life of God as He originally intended for all humanity.

There are some forty per cent of our nation who are yet to hear the Gospel. They are the people to whom Church Army is sent. We need new ministries with innovative ways of operating to reach these people. The Canterbury Kids' Coach and RUN Ministries reach into this section of our population. A retired Priest and Church Army Officer and his wife show us another way of making the Good News real to visitors to our country. We need hundreds of ministries like this up and down New Zealand. Church Army has the knowledge and experience to raise up a new army of people. We are determined that it will happen under God. Would you be willing to join us? What idea for ministry lies dormant in your heart? Why not dare to tell us about it and see if you are being called to reach a new group of people.

To God be the Glory.

Captain Peter Lloyd
National Director



RunRIG Holiday Programme Bryant Park, Hamilton - October 2007



The Leadership Team CA-AM Camp October 2007

The North Island Field Worker in Putaruru

The journey with Putaruru began with the Deputation preachments that had been organised with parishes in the Waikato & Taranaki in 2005 I was given the task to go to St Paul's, Putaruru, one bleak cold Sunday morning and was able to share on the work and preach as well. The welcome was very warm.

The Vicar & Parish Council agreed to my request for an obligation free meeting with Parish Council at which I outlined the possibilities of what could be done in ministry as partners networking together.

This was followed by a request to lead the Parish Council Quiet Day at which I spoke on the various ministries of Ephesians 4 and how these could be worked into a ministry plan to equip the congregation to be those who are " Going, Teaching, Caring, Perceptive & Faith Sharing."

Out of this came agreement as to the way forward starting with the Gift Oriented Ministry as a deliberate ministry plank that I had learnt over the years and had reinforced well and truly in my work as a Natural Church Development Consultant.

In the words of Ted Rengert (A Parish Councillor and member of the newly formed Gifts Ministry Taskforce.) " The Parish Council decided that they liked this different approach to a problem that they had been wrestling with for sometime, namely, ' A way forward for St Paul's.' and Peter was invited to put forth his thoughts at a Parish Council Meeting."

We ran a Gifts process through the Home Groups. This was followed by Interviews which I did personally. Then I set up a Gifts Ministry Taskforce and we interviewed people again with their Gifts Profiles in place and their own views on where to serve. A Ministry description form was written up after these two interviews. A Gifts Celebration has been held to celebrate progress and people brought forward to the Altar their symbols of the Ministry they were embarking on with fresh vigour.

The Gifts Ministry Taskforce have since met again and we are now into the " Gifts Mentoring and Encouraging " Phase where we are discussing each person's progress and meeting with them re their next steps to maintain momentum.

It has been a great journey thus far and the recruiting of others in this ministry from the local Community of Faith has been a joy. They are equals as we all ministers together and the feeling of ownership and evaluating and action have been helpful. A parishioner will share her part of the story in a separate article.

Many more journeys are afoot as we implement what God has started.

Peter Allfrey
North Island Fieldworker

Commendations

Captain Peter Allfrey has been greatly helping our parish in the recognition and tapping of the talents and gifts our members have. Peter's efforts have added to the participation of the members in church life. We are grateful to him for this. Godwin Singh, Minister

It has been wonderful to witness the revival of the ministry offered to our children and youth. The leadership team have formed a close supportive group who have a shared programme of events for an increasing number of young people. They get together for fun but their lives are strengthened through the sharing of their faith in a meaningful way. The confirmations and baptisms that have resulted are very encouraging. Much of this can be attributed to Peter Allfrey and the support, encouragement and guidance he has been able to provide to the Youth Ministry Team. We are most grateful to have had his invaluable input. Warden's Report

Out of Captain Peter's ministry in his time in our Parish has seen the start and growth of our SEEDS Youth group, a Mum's Coffee morning group, a strong SEEDS teachers Cell group and of course a growth in our Children's Ministry in numbers and in their faith. Captain Peter has met with and visited in their homes our children and their parents as well as being present at a large number of family parish occasions.

Mary Addison, SEEDS Team Leader

The Difference We Made Together



Peter Allfrey

Baxter is signed with the sign of the cross at his baptism



Christmas Tableau



Symbolic presentation of gifts



Putaruru's enthusiastic youth leadership team

Peter Allfrey began his journey with St Paul's Putaruru at a Parish Council meeting nearly two years ago. As Sunday School leader I was invited to the meeting, I was very excited to hear what Peter could offer our Parish in terms of ministry and ideas.

I then attended a retreat with Parish Council at which Peter taught on Gifting. At the end of this retreat, Parish Council invited Peter to journey with our struggling parish.

Peter worked with our Sunday School team and encouraged us to come up with a vision for our children and youth. As a result of his ministry we wrote our mission statement and formed a new Youth Group. (We hadn't had a Youth Group for over 10 years.)

SEEDS Children's & Youth Ministry was formed. Our Leaders formed a Cell group which meets fortnightly to plan and support our Children's Ministry (a new name for Sunday School) and Youth Group. Bible study is also an important part of our time together. This team approach has meant a spread of work load and commitment in terms of sharing teaching on a Sunday.

Also as a result of Peter's ministry a number of families were prepared for baptism. These were mainly from fringe families that for various reasons had missed baptism when their children were babies. Peter visited them in their homes and then took a special afternoon of baptism teaching at the church with our SEEDS team being present. One Sunday Peter and our minister baptized nine children. This service was a real celebration as we had only had about two baptisms in the previous two years. From these baptisms we have formed a new group for these Mums which meet once a month for a coffee (our Young Wives Group closed many years ago).

Another new group birthed from Church Army's ministry in our parish is a programme called Music and More which is offered to mental health clients in the district each fortnight. This programme can involve cooking, music and movement, singing and a service in church.

Church Army has made a real difference in our parish. Peter's ministry has helped us develop a sustainable Children's and Youth Ministry. He has strengthened our parish by identifying people's gifts from God and then encouraging them to use them. Our Parish has really benefited from being encouraged to develop their gifts from God.

Mary Addison
SEEDS Team Leader

S.E.E.D.S (Mission Statement)

- S**erve God and each other
- E**nabling them to enjoy knowing Jesus and God's love and each other.
- E**xpressing themselves in worship.
- D**eveloping and celebrating their gifts and the fruit of God's love.
- S**haring their faith with others.

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