

City City

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A relational network encouraging:
Unity – Prayer – Mission in towns, cities and
regions across the nation!

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2010



Some of the 'CitybyCity' leadership team: while gathered with other interested leaders...

Standing: Lui Ponifasio (Manukau), Seth Fawcet (Lower Hutt), Doug Pa-u (Naenae), Bob Sinclair (Te Awamutu; formerly Taumarunui), Dave Parker (Howick), Paul Cornish (Hawera; formerly Wanganui),

Seated: Grace & Colin Shaw (Itinerant) and Robert Scott (Wanganui)

Absent Leaders: David Dishroon (Tauranga), Jono Turner (Palmerston North)



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Focus:

- * Leaders in each town or city, worshipping, praying together regularly.
- * Leaders honouring one another, loving and serving all parts of the Body of Christ in that locality.
- * Leaders seeking to honour civic leaders, working together, wherever possible, to help meet the needs of the town, city or region whether they be spiritual or physical.
- * Leaders seeking to pray and dialogue with leaders from other towns, cities, regions for mutual encouragement and inspiration.



With unconditional love - cross centred fellowship - faith and perseverance

'That they may all be one, as You Father are in Me and I in You, that they may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me' **John 17:21**





The TUI or Parson bird was so named for their white collar marking.

Just like the white collars of the first Christian Ministers, who came to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the peoples of Aotearoa - New Zealand.

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Zechariah 8:21

The people of one city shall go to another saying
“Let us pray before the Lord – and seek the Lord of Hosts.”



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Kaitaia Whangarei Auckland Hamilton Tauranga Whakatane Rotorua New Plymouth Wanganui Gisborne Hastings Napier Palmerston North Lower Hutt Wellington Nelson Blenheim Westport Greymouth Christchurch Timaru Oamaru Dunedin



Purpose Statement:

To help connect, encourage and resource prayerful, relationally based, networking and mission in towns, cities and regions across the nation.

Connect:

This E-Book, a work in progress, will be a means of making known the unique 'city' journeys and initiatives, providing contact details and developing a greater connectedness with others on a similar journey.

Encourage:

By posting regular 'city' updates/stories.

Resources:

By posting a list of helpful resources, including articles, books, DVD's, helpful websites and other articles.

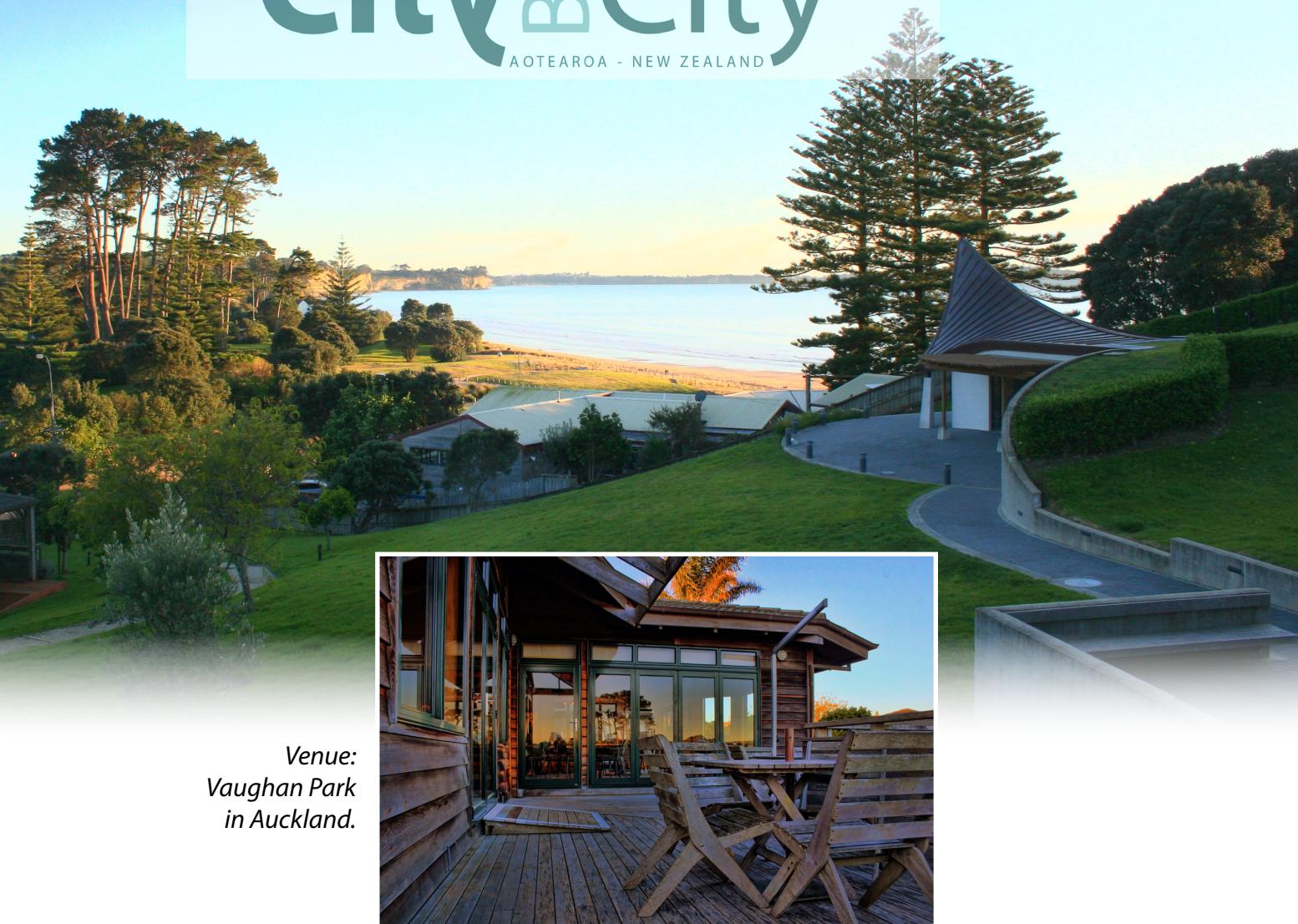
Mission Statement:

1. We believe that Christians must humbly unite, pray and work together to be salt and light in their local communities.
2. We believe that there is no one right way/ method to bring positive change to our local communities.
3. Our desire is to help encourage city-unity initiatives wherever and however.



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Venue:
Vaughan Park
in Auckland.

2011

In 2011 leaders from around New Zealand came together for a time of sharing.

A time to tell their stories of what, where and how God has been leading them in their respective towns, cities and regions.

This 'CitybyCity' retreat was held with the simple goal of seeking to encourage and build up leaders in their 'city leadership' role.

Brian Hathaway:

Former Principal: Bible College of New Zealand. (now Laidlaw College)

'We need to ask the question,

"If we did it together would we do it better?"

Should the answer to this question be **"Yes,"** then we have a responsibility before God and to this nation, in whatever areas possible, to work together for the advance of the kingdom of God in New Zealand.

The sad thing about New Zealand Christianity is that we believe 98% of the same stuff but separate over 2% difference. ***That's got to be idiotic...***

New Zealand desperately needs some trailblazers, Christian leaders of churches in a town or city some-where who have the courage to say, ***"Enough of this madness. Let's work together; let's pool our resources.*** It's death to our egos; we want this town to be genuinely impacted for Jesus."

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'CitybyCity' to every



town and place throughout the nation!





From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. *Psalm 113: NIV*



Everywhere
from east
to west
praise the
name of the
LORD.

Psalm 113: NLT



Encouraging 'CitybyCity' Stories

We look forward to
hearing your
stories...

Christchurch, Gisborne, Greymouth,
Hibiscus Coast, Manurewa, Miramar,
Nelson, New Plymouth, Northland,
Palmerston North, Taupo, Tauranga,
Wanganui & Whangarei stories so far...





Christchurch

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On 4th of September 2010 and 22nd February 2011 our beautiful city was struck by devastating earthquakes.

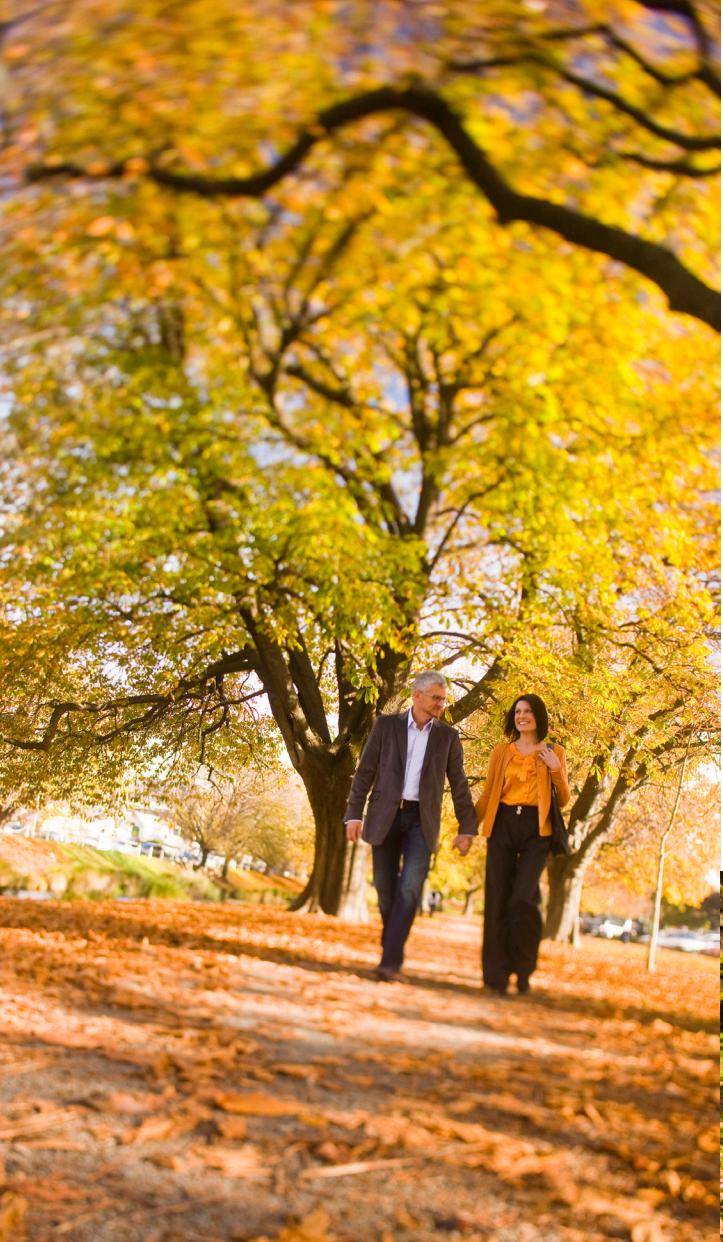
Churches across the city sprang into action to support those in need, offering comfort, hospitality and a place to pray. A meeting was quickly organised where stories were told and two hundred church leaders agreed to co-operate.

Since then, earthquake coordinators from a wide spectrum of churches have met regularly for support and to explore collaborative projects. It's become known as the Canterbury Post Earthquake Churches Forum. Many key initiatives such as winter heating, Red-Zone door knocking, Government/NGO liaison and inter-church partnership have grown from the Forum.

New groups of church leaders began to meet. After one such occasion Steve Graham, Murray Robertson and Mike Dodge were approached to help provide a structure for deeper collaboration. It was apparent that rather than new central projects it would be better to discover grass-root schemes.

Collaboration would bring the many strands of activities together as an organic movement rather than an organisation.

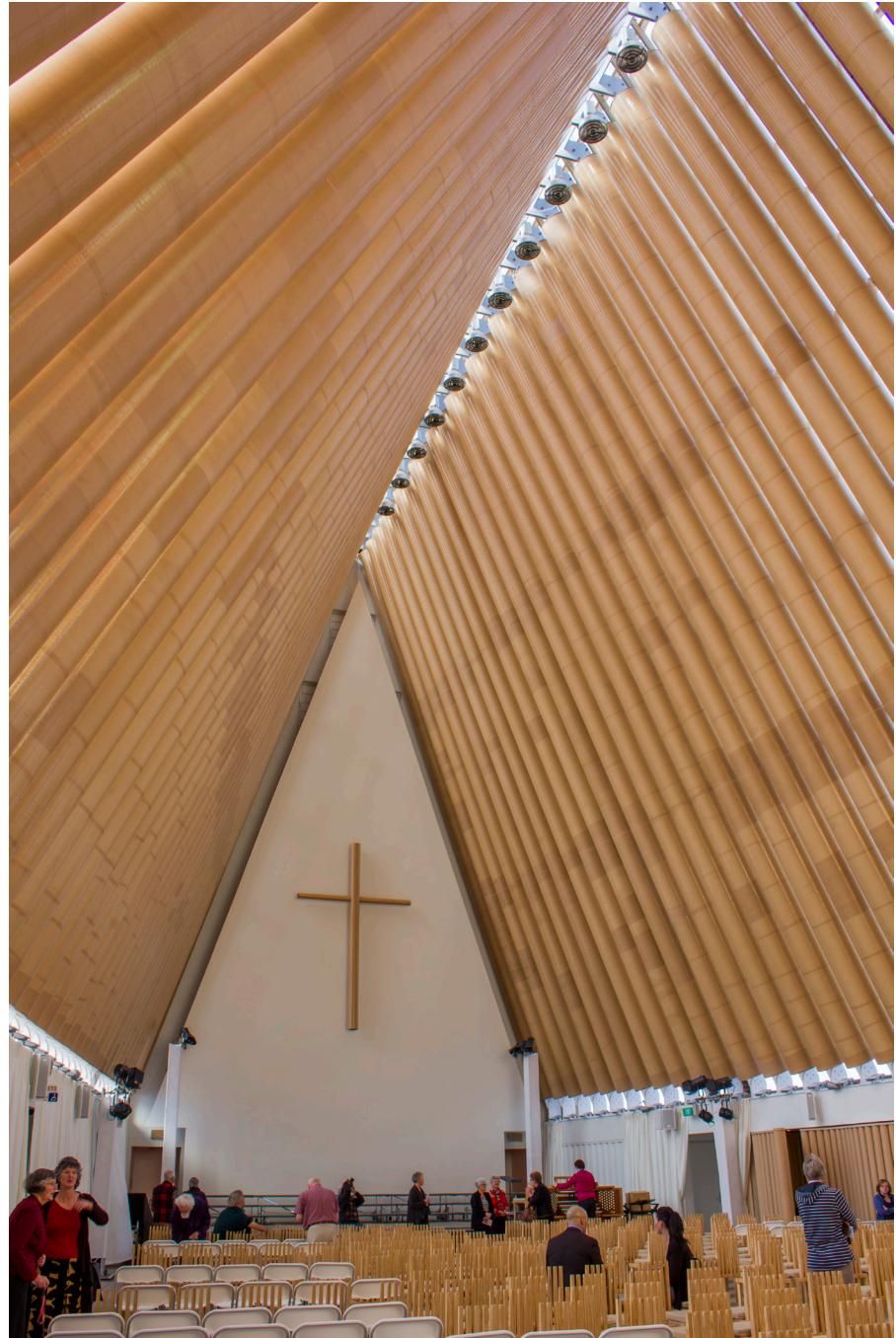


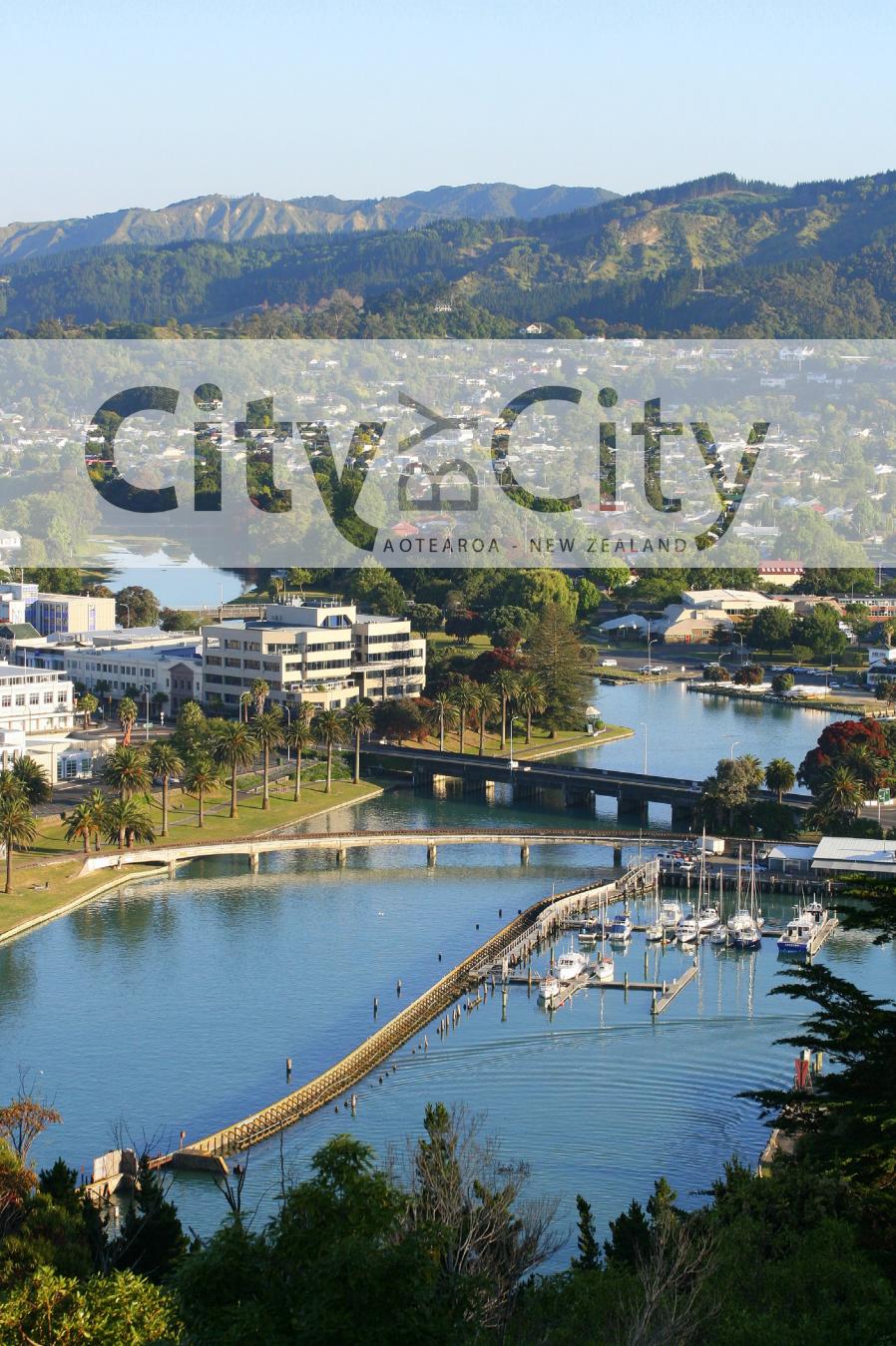


The concept of raranga (meaning weave) became a guiding metaphor. Leadership (rangatira) is the ability to weave the people together.

Te Raranga now exists as a space for support, collaboration and dreaming together for the future. Churches are discovering a new unity through working together in Christ-centred mission. This Maori proverb has become a key for us: 'E hara taku toa, i te toa takitahi engari he toa taku tini - My strength is not from myself alone, but from the strength of the group'.

Anita Voisey





Gisborne



Team Gisborne 2009 - City Gates

Following the high of the Millennial 2000 focus... all citywide gatherings of Christian leadership had ceased. Partly caused by Churches shifting their ministers/pastors to new cities and towns... and relationships were lost.

Fast forward to March 2010: On a visit to Toowoomba, Australia, and seeing the strength of purpose and care amongst leaders of that city, then in quiet prayer while flying at 40,000 feet on the return flight home to NZ the Team Gisborne - City Gates concept really began to take focus.

This simple non threatening concept was a way to gather Church leaders of the 4 quadrants, North, East, West & South (The Good NEWS), to pray for the Gateways into our city. To meet and greet and begin to have their respective churches take collective ownership together for the City of Gisborne NZ.

To pray protection and blessing for the city. That no drugs or harm would be brought into the city, safety of travel for those who came and went, whether via road, plane or sea. To build relationship with City authorities ie: Mayor.

The 4 Quadrants each have unique aspects, and share State Highways.

NORTH: Public Hospital, **EAST:** Gisborne District Council

WEST: Airport and all High Schools, **SOUTH:** Gisborne Port & City centre.

Today we have re-established relationships with practical outcomes....



Two Team Gisborne Combined Services in city.

The first Combined Service was held in September 2012 with Guest Speaker **Sam Chapman** coming to spend 10 days in the city to share with a variety of sectors of our community, including... time with Mayor Meng Foon, radio interviews, Rotary Club, connecting with members of Black Power and Mongrel Mob, plus others within our community.

The second Combined Service was on 21 April 2013 with Guest Speaker **Ian Grant**, who came for the 100th Centenary of the Mangapapa Church (MC), They wanted to bless the city at large, and gifted a 'Citywide Breakfast' on Saturday morning for all parents and grandparents. 'MC' then led the Team Gisborne Combined Service on Sunday evening. The House of Breakthrough Church gifting MC their church, for the combined service, that night. A wonderful example of 'city-unity' in action.

www.teamgisborne.co.nz





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Greymouth

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Pike River Mine...

On Friday the 19th of November 2010 the Pike River Mine exploded and then four days later it exploded again extinguishing all hope for the 29 men inside. Thirteen days later we held a memorial service for 13,000 people which was screened nationwide and around the world.

As I look back over that time I realise God was there in so many ways. He was there when I walked into the Red Cross Emergency Centre that first night in the form of Christians working with Red Cross, Victims Support and other agencies.

He was there as the churches rallied and ran daily evening services for folk to come together to express their fears, hopes and later pain and grief. He was there in the prayer support from around the nation and world in response to our prayer releases.

And He was there in the memorial service as I had the opportunity to speak to the families and the nation of suffering, tragedy and God's love.

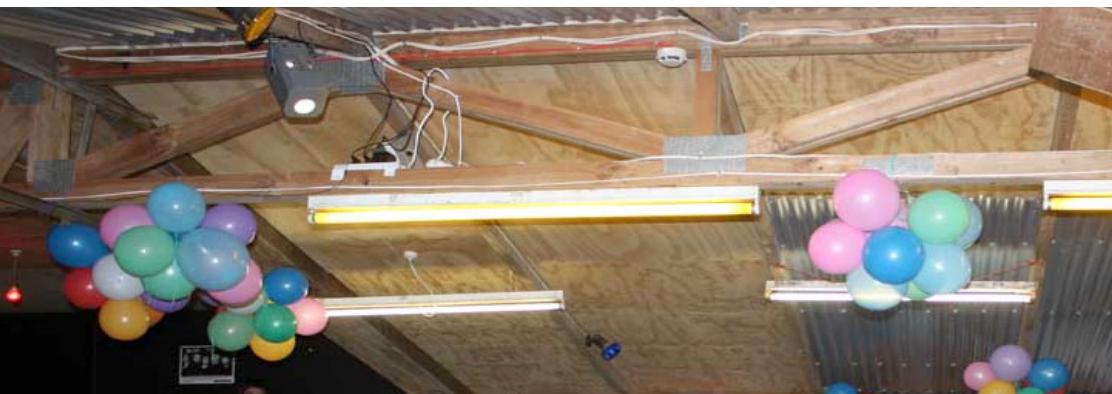
God was with us mightily during those days and the church rose to the task not because we were experts in crisis management but because we already stood united with one another before the tragedy.

Tim Mora. Rev.





To support Greymouth young people, the 'Shed', a multi-purpose youth activities centre with an amazing range of facilities has been set up under the banner of 'Greymouth Churches Community Youth Project'. Programmes include social, recreational and skills learning activities. Around 20% of High Schoolers are involved. It has twice received a best Grey District community project award.





Hibiscus Coast

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The Hibiscus Coast, 30 minutes north of Auckland, has a population of over 40,000. Good beaches and various leisure activities make this a popular place where encouraging things are happening for God's people.

Men of Prayer. For 12 years thirty plus men representing most of the local churches have gathered monthly, first to worship and pray and then enjoy fellowship over a shared evening meal. They go to a different church each month praying for that church and its leadership. The overriding cry each month, however, has been for God's blessing to be on His church on the Hibiscus Coast. A more recent prayer initiative, a monthly 'Half Night of Prayer', has increased the level of intercession for the Coast.

God has answered. We are encouraged by the steady increase overall in church attendance. New churches are being established and closer relationships are developing between church leaders. Three healing/counselling rooms have begun, as well as three Mainly Music outreaches (in Silverdale, Orewa and Whangaparaoa). We have also seen rapid growth of KingsWay Christian School with over 1100 students, most of whom have been absorbed into local congregations.



Easter Opportunities. At Easter last year a special Christian art exhibition was on display and local businesses sponsored an Easter themed sand sculpture competition. Churches on the Hibiscus Coast came together for this occasion. The first time for years! Also, all the local churches combined to advertise their Easter services with a two page spread in the local newspaper. This coming Easter there will be a chalk art presentation depicting the Easter message in the middle of one of the busy shopping centres....we are grateful for the favour we have been receiving from the local business community.

Glory Girls. Glory Girls is made up of over 100 women from most of the churches on the Coast. They gather bi-monthly to encourage and empower women to be mighty in the kingdom. These Saturday afternoon meetings, with guest speakers from local churches, are an opportunity for women to invite unsaved friends and develop relationships. We enjoy fun quizzes, worship, testimonies and huge sumptuous teas. I (Karen) love what God is doing... He is breaking restrictions and mindsets, changing us from village church thinking to Kingdom thinking, one church glorifying God on the Coast.

Leon Downes

Graeme Gillies

Karen Colmore-Williams



Group photo above shows some of the thirty or so men that have been gathering monthly for 12 years to pray for the Hibiscus Coast.



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Manurewa

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Bringing Christ into the Community

The ministers in Manurewa meet regularly through formal settings and also plenty of 'coffee fellowship'. We have been at the forefront of trying to bring Christ into a community that desperately needs the transforming power of the Gospel.

Our goal has been to work strategically and we are now starting to see some benefits of putting spiritual input into the life of the community. We have some having pastors and other church leaders involved in various aspects of community life, working regularly with our local politicians, education, police, youth etc.

After many years of building relationships, this last year our Local Board invited the ministers to meet with them every second month. This is huge as we are able to pray for them and bring a godly perspective into some of the issues facing our community. We see this as a great privilege and an answer to prayer.



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SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER 2012 | 4PM - 9PM

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

on site Manurewa Clubrooms and No.1 Field

A day for fun & family



Christmas in the Park

Last year we received \$21,000 from the Local Board towards Christmas in the Park which is run by the churches and has an average attendance of about 10,000.

At this annual event we are able to proclaim the gospel and each church has the opportunity to display and promote what they do.

Values in Community

A community issue that is sticking out like a sore thumb at the moment is prostitution. We are currently meeting with the Local Board as to how we can remove prostitution from our town centre. Along with this we are dialoging with them on how together we can establish values in the community. I have been very encouraged with the way pastors here are working together. We prioritise relationships over events.

Note: Lui also heads up Servolution - a wonderful ministry, people from 50+ churches together serving the people of Manakau and beyond - www.servolution.co.nz

Lui Ponifasio. Pastor





Miramar

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Miramar Peninsula Church Network

We're a group of 5 churches located in a dynamic part of Wellington, influenced by the movie industry and proximity to the airport. There are a lot of people, but not a lot go to local churches. So we connect to encourage each other and do some things none of us alone is big enough to pull off ourselves.

Encouragement-wise we meet together each month to encourage each other and last year tried our first prayer retreat together.

Being smallish one way we've chosen to help each other is to share our Sunday services over January. Our people appreciate worshipping out of different traditions (at least once a year!), and it's encouraging to have a full church at a time of the year when we'd separately be very thin on the ground. Sharing services in January also helps each pastor to get a holiday with most of us still having school-aged kids.

A practical hospitality that has developed as well. One church, after a series of sermons on generosity, was moved to give another church a totally unexpected and very generous donation.





Another gave up one of their worship buildings to accommodate one of our churches who had to move out for earthquake strengthening reasons.

We've managed to put on together a Community Christmas Carol event for a number of years, and recently started joining in with our Catholic brothers and sisters in processing the cross during their Easter vigil. When we were individually approached by a local dementia unit to offer worship services, it seemed natural to form a mixed church ministry group. A healing rooms ministry has also begun as a cooperative effort.

The key word for our experience of unity is encouragement. And so we thank God for each other.

**Paul Prestidge. Rev
Phil Coates. Pastor**





Nelson

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Welcome to the
Cathedral of the Anglican Diocese
of Nelson
Haere mai, Piki mai!

Nelson Central

Pikimai - Unity is from God's heart. God has begun something on Pikimai Hill where Nelson Cathedral stands. Pikimai means "Come up here." Some of the pastors in town were hearing God say "Come up here." At first they wondered what God meant, until someone pointed out the name of the hill. A number of churches have begun to gather in obedience to offer praise and worship once a month at Nelson Cathedral. All we can say is that this is God led. As praise is being offered, in unity, the spiritual atmosphere is changing. We are waiting for God to show us the next step.

Nick Kirk. Rev

Wider Metro area

In this area there are several ministers associations. We are glad to say that generally, in this wider grouping of the Body of Christ, we are experiencing genuine fellowship between churches and a growing desire to work together. For many years now we have been praying for individual churches on a Sunday morning. We have a common desire to see Jesus glorified and the gospel shared in the wider community.

We are regularly posting healing testimonies on Facebook.

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Some other highlights.

One leader hosts an evening prayer meeting on a monthly basis where other leaders can come and seek the face of God for revival in our area.

One group of pastors met recently to publicly declare their desire to work together and not speak against other churches.

One church suggested an annual pulpit swap. Names were put into a bag and pulpits were swapped one Sunday.

One pastor suffered an arson attack. Many churches helped financially. Also along this line, with the recent flash flooding, some leaders suffered damage to homes and/or churches. Other leaders helped out by giving sacrificially.

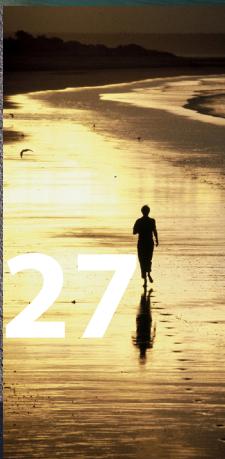
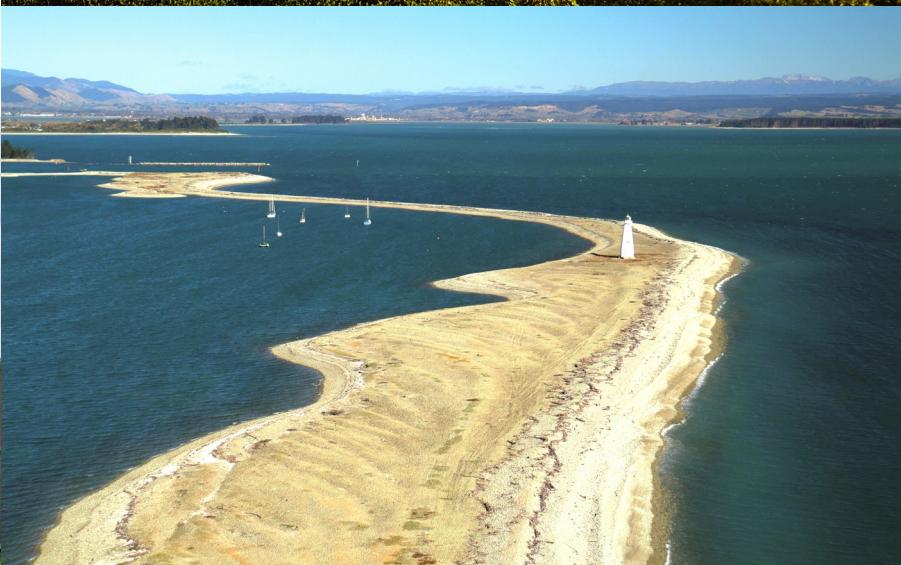
The Outcome

All this has fostered profound dynamics of grace and trust among leaders. Hearts have been knit together.

There is a growing sense of community.

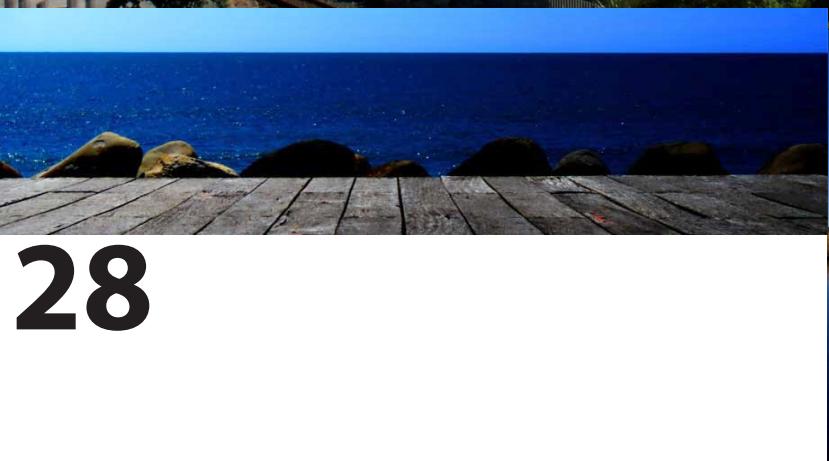
We have a growing expectation of what God is going to do amongst us. For all this we thank God.

Steve Dunne





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New Plymouth

Honouring and Supporting.

Taranaki is blessed with great people, rich natural resources and unparalleled beauty being close to both mountain and surf. In the vibrant city of New Plymouth, a special relationship exists among Christian leaders who pursue God and work together for the good of our city and province.

We foster honouring relationships and share our lives and hopes over a monthly meal together. We celebrate each other's successes and support each other through trials as we seek to embody God's love in our city.





Prayer and Purpose

A core team of pastors for New Plymouth Christian Leaders Network (NPCLN) meet weekly for fellowship and prayer. On a wider scale there is 'City Prayer' in different church venues up to 10 times a year.

In conjunction with this prayer focus we look for opportunity to join in common ventures.

Since 1991, over 25,000 children have witnessed the message of the cross through our bi-annual 'Easter Alive' production.

We are seeing a fresh release of chaplains in schools and other arenas and there is a great network of youth leaders reaching children and youth.

We host training events which equip and release people in areas of reconciliation, stewardship, healing, family life and parent coaching.

Chris Lee - for NPCLN: www.npcln.org.nz





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Northland

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Church Growth

The Holy Spirit is at work in Northland. This is evidenced by the growing number of evangelical churches across the region since the mid -1970s. Prior to that time, for example, one Northland town of about six thousand people had two evangelical churches whereas today there are eleven, some quite large. One of these churches has a school of nearly 200 students plus a thriving childcare centre. This growth is not isolated to one locality but is evidenced across Northland.



Leaders Meeting

Along with this increase of churches, church leaders from across Northland have been meeting since 1986, every three months for a half day of fellowship, sharing of the word, worship and prayer. Average attendance for this gathering has now grown to between 70 to 100 leaders.

Update

Here are snippets of a recent report from Howie Edwards. "80 leaders from all over Northland - amazing presence of God - many prophecies - many Maori leaders - a meal together - and from a lady helping in the kitchen "The reason I come to help, is because no human being on earth could cause this to happen." More evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in Northland.

Prophecy Fulfilled

The above is a part fulfilment of several visions received in the mid 1970's - all with a similar theme. That is, tongues of fire appearing over the Northland region. These tongues of fire were seen to increase in number and size until the whole of the north was covered with fire. The Holy Spirit bore witness to this increase. God is faithful.

Ken & Dorothy Bassett

Howie Edwards





Palmerston North

Photos courtesy © Destination Manawatu

Palmerston North is a hub for the Central North Island.

A centre for conferences and education and a place that boasts one of the highest church attendances in the country.

We have a great history and story of how the gospel is foundational in the establishing of our community. A statue in the Square recognises and honours a man of peace who set the scene for the unity we enjoy as the body of Christ in the city. (This story will be posted in the New Year)

It is reported that early settlers gathered for worship as one congregation, regardless of denomination, until enough people arrived to build individual denominational church buildings. This seed of unity has continued to bear fruit all these years later as the believers in the city often celebrate together at combined events, and to pray for the city.

The aim of the Christian Leaders Association is to promote events that advance the spiritual, educational and social well-being of Christian leaders, churches and associated organisations, and of the community of Palmerston North city and surrounding area in the Manawatu region of the North Island of New Zealand. As ministers we have very good relationships citywide and support one another in the growth and development of Christ's body on earth.

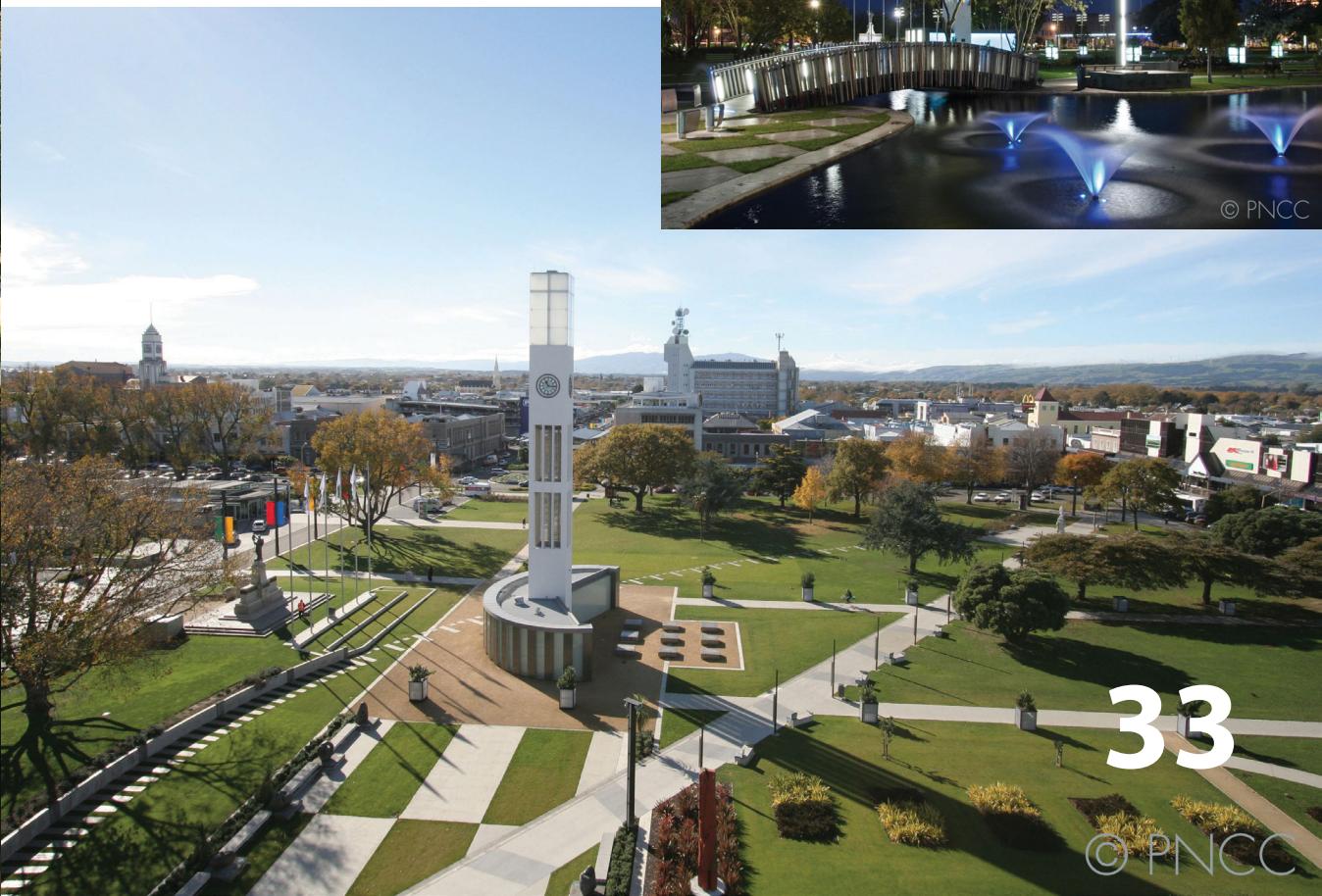
Jono Turner. Pastor



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Taupo



Easter Crosses.

Over this last year, church leaders in Taupo have shown an increasing desire to relate and work together. As an expression of this 8 churches promoted the idea of Christians putting a cross in their front yard over the Easter weekend. One church built 60 kitset crosses for distribution to all the churches. These 1.8m crosses were erected on front lawns around the city, and were given good coverage by the media.

Unity and Prayer.

At the beginning of this year, 2013, Taupo Baptist undertook a six week series on unity, (individual, church and racial) plus a prayer focus on the church of Taupo. A large banner with the words "the church of Taupo" was on the wall in the auditorium. Each week two churches were publicly prayed for and their names added around the banner, thus building a pictorial display of the church of Taupo.





A notable event for the church in Taupo occurred two years ago when a breakfast was organized for the elders and key leaders of the churches of Taupo. This was the first time that many elders of different churches had met each other.

Senior Pastor of Taupo Baptist, Keith Harrington, initiated this out of his growing conviction that pastors were actually less committed to working together than those in the "pews".

"Leaders have too much invested in their roles, success and pride, to take the time to work closely with others, while our lay leaders don't carry such baggage", he explained.

The success of the first breakfast led to another hosted by a different church the following year. Keith continued "If the concept of city church is part of the agenda of elders meetings across the city, and elders hold pastors to account for thinking of the bigger picture, then I think real change is possible."

Keith Harrington. Pastor
Locky McNeill. Pastor





Tauranga

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Unity and Prayer

As in many places, finding deeper levels of cooperation and trust between churches takes time and effort. We can often pinpoint certain events that help this process.

In 2002 a covenant of unity and mutual respect was signed by ministers of the city (a follow on from a message given by Brian Hathaway at a combined service on 'the imperative of church unity').

In 2005 a good number of pastors attended a three day prayer summit which led to a weekly pastors gathering for prayer and fellowship that has continued to this day. All this has been preceded by much prayer for Tauranga over many decades.

Working Together

There are many vibrant churches in Tauranga and a growing sense of care and goodwill amongst leaders. There are a number of combined, city focused initiatives in our city.





Among them are -

'Bay United' made up of pastors, business people and para church leaders which meets monthly to pray, strategise for the welfare of the city.

Jeremiah 29:7

'Emerge' - eleven youth groups that combine regularly for prayer and worship.

'THOP' a worship/prayer initiative birthed and modelled from the Kansas City 'IHOP'.

The Word

We pay tribute to various scriptures that have helped take us forward. Isaiah 62 in particular has brought faith and encouragement. 'Prepare a way for the people' - 'build up the walls' - 'do not keep silent' - 'go through the gates' - 'to the end of the world, say to the daughter of Zion, surely your salvation is coming'.

James Muir

David Dishroon: Pastor

'Combined Service May 2013'





Wanganui

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Wanganui is a large provincial community with a strong sports, arts and cultural, education and heritage record. It's a town that has a fair degree of cooperation and goodwill between Churches and Ministers. Each town or city has its ups and downs on the unity-transformation road. Wanganui is no exception but good things have happened along the way. **Here are two -**



A Significant Moment

At a Wanganui prayer summit pastors placed their keys on the altar/chair. The keys represented lives, ministries, churches. 'This demonstrated the pastors humble desire to share all that they had and represented with one another. True unity is only found at the foot of the cross.'





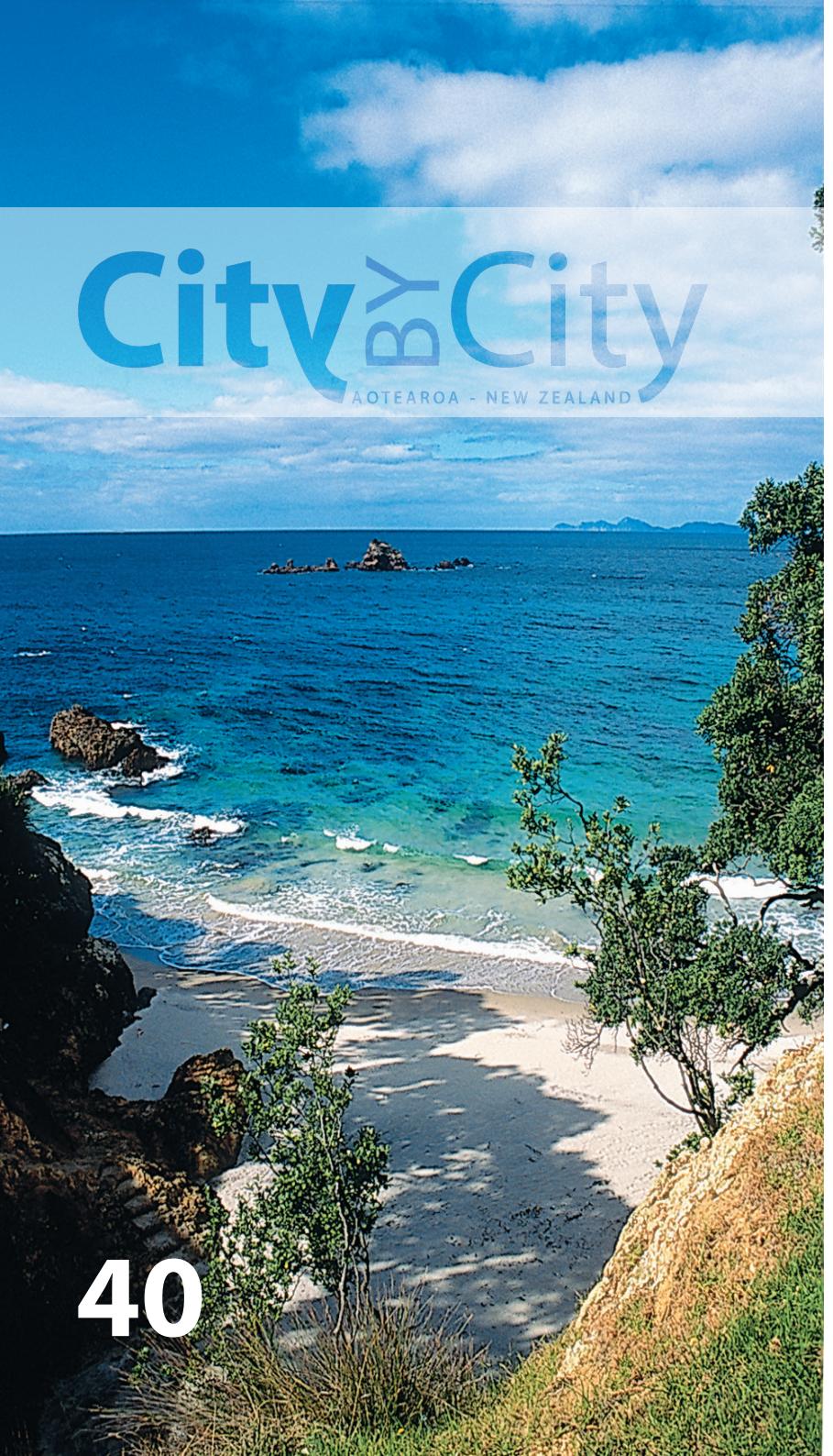
Christian Artists Unite at Easter

Twenty-two Christian artists from a number of congregations planned and presented an art exhibition designed to tell the Easter story in a fresh way. Using various gospel scriptures these artists were invited to interpret the scripture in their medium of choice.

This stations of-the- cross type exhibition was to bring the Easter message to the wider community. As such it was deemed vital that the exhibition was not held in a 'religious' place, so instead a large, vacant, main street shop was rented.

With the layout set up as a guided journey, and professionally curated, each piece was seen in chronological order. Our local MP contributed a piece and opened this "Journey of Easter". Volunteers manned the site over the ten days which was visited by more than 2,000 people. It was a great demonstration of an outreach opportunity created when Christians with similar ministry gifts work together in a mission context.

Robert Scott



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Whangarei

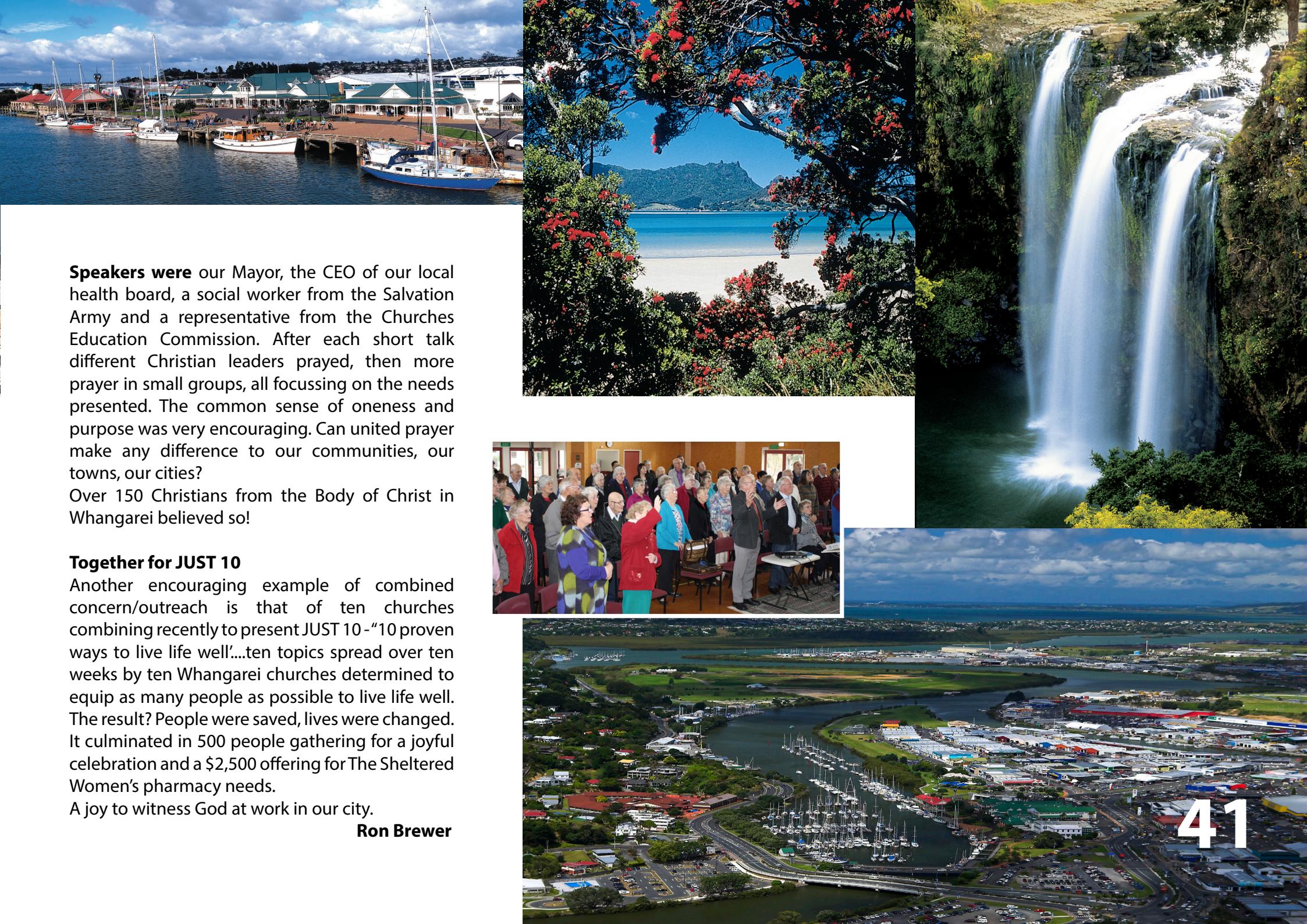
Whangarei

Here in Whangarei it has been heartening to witness the various expressions of genuine concern and care that Church leaders and their congregations have shown for other parts of the Body of Christ and the wider community in our city.

City Focus

An example of this concern occurred on a recent Sunday afternoon when a sizable gathering from across the whole spectrum of churches, well aware of growing poverty, substance abuse, broken homes, violence etc. gathered to hear four community leaders address the challenges faced in today's world and in our local community.





Speakers were our Mayor, the CEO of our local health board, a social worker from the Salvation Army and a representative from the Churches Education Commission. After each short talk different Christian leaders prayed, then more prayer in small groups, all focussing on the needs presented. The common sense of oneness and purpose was very encouraging. Can united prayer make any difference to our communities, our towns, our cities?

Over 150 Christians from the Body of Christ in Whangarei believed so!

Together for JUST 10

Another encouraging example of combined concern/outreach is that of ten churches combining recently to present JUST 10—"10 proven ways to live life well"...ten topics spread over ten weeks by ten Whangarei churches determined to equip as many people as possible to live life well. The result? People were saved, lives were changed. It culminated in 500 people gathering for a joyful celebration and a \$2,500 offering for The Sheltered Women's pharmacy needs.

A joy to witness God at work in our city.

Ron Brewer



'If you have a
'city-story' or
require further
information



We would like to feature a Double Page spread
on your city that will encourage one and all...



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Seth Fawcet, Seth is Senior Pastor of Hope Centre, Lower Hutt. He convenes a core group of leaders who seek to steward the 'CitybyCity' vision. Seth also gives leadership to Partners in Ministry, a pastor's network in Lower Hutt. In conjunction with this he heads up a network of Hope Centres in NZ. and travels widely ministering in various nations across the globe.



Colin Shaw, while formerly based in Toowoomba, Australia - was the initiator of 'CitybyCity'... having been seeded with the vision to inspire New Zealand Christian leaders to gather and pray together - keeping prayers 'vertical' - and Christ centered around the Cross. Today - now based back in New Zealand with the freedom to *'Wander for the love of God, wherever the Father leads'*, he is available to visit across the nation to encourage and inspire. He has authored the book 'A House for His Glory - The Church in the City'.



Grace Shaw, is the balance to this inspirational duo... accompanying Colin as they seek together to inspire, encourage and share the power of unity with leaders... Grace has also created a DVD series on prayer; and an audio series on Spiritual Warfare, which are available.

Contacts and information:



For YOUR STORIES or further information regarding the 'CitybyCity' network please feel free to make contact with Colin & Grace.

Note: Colin and Grace have been commissioned by the core group of 'CitybyCity' leaders mentioned, to promote, to visit and encourage, the 'CitybyCity' vision in towns and cities around NZ.

Other team members are also willing, as their schedules permit, to visit and encourage leaders and networks. These leaders all have unique giftings and stories to tell.

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Other 'CitybyCity' leaders: these men, including Seth, are also willing to visit and encourage as their schedules permit. They all have 'city' leadership experience, unique giftings and stories to tell.



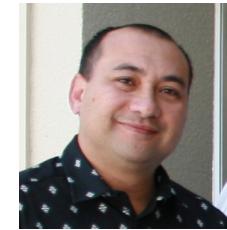
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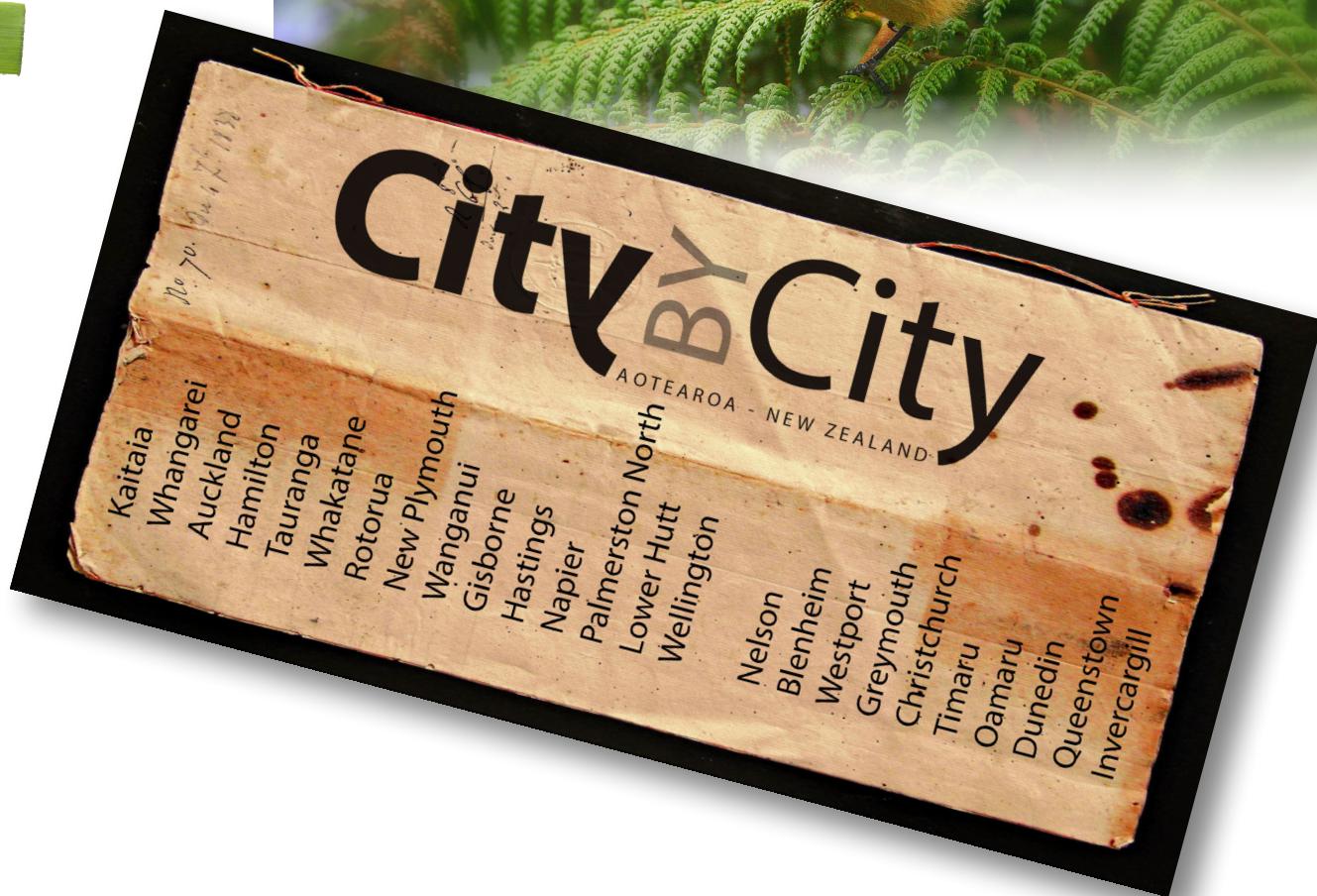
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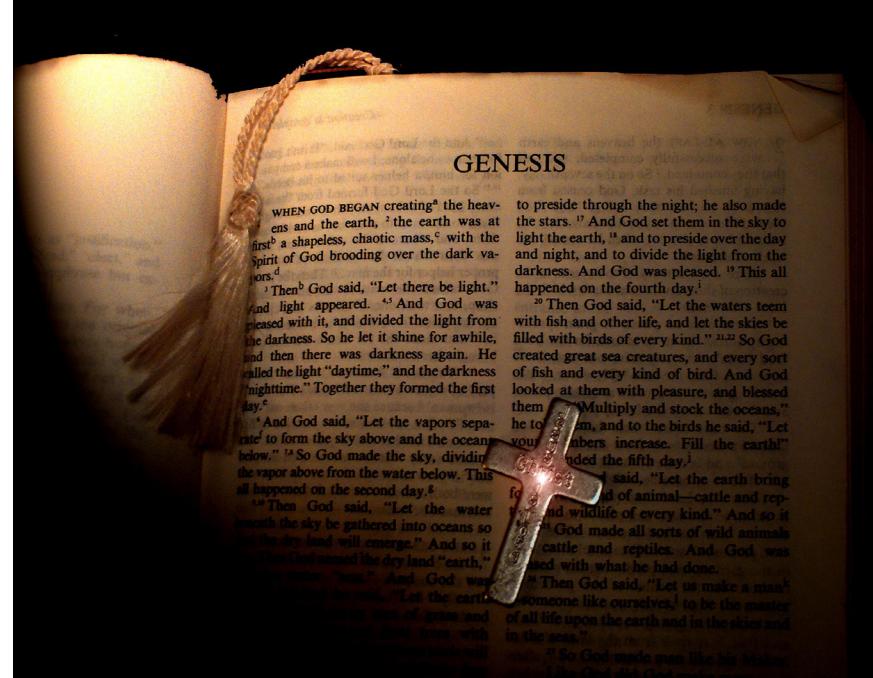
This Prayer Model is included as a basic 'Prayer 101' for those who may be considering a fresh prayer initiative for your city/town unity... for you to mold to best suit whatever God's calling is in your region...

Gisborne leaders attending, see this fresh prayer initiative as a quantifiable, direct outcome of the 'CitybyCity' encouragement received from the ministry of Colin & Grace Shaw who have visited and shared the 'CitybyCity' vision at recent 'Team Gisborne' leadership meetings, plus 'one-on-one' time out with them.

'A Start Up Prayer Model'

1. A core group of leaders (peace-makers) who have made coming together to seek The Lord and pray for their city - a priority.
2. This is first and foremost a relationally based group that gathers around the Cross to worship and pray.
3. Praise and worship - 'keeping it vertical' - comes first and continues as long as need be - then prayer for the town/city/the church in the town/city.
4. Begin the time with a brief scripture, exhortation that focuses on the Lord, builds faith.
5. Be careful not to let a personal agenda/or need be a diversion from the main focus unless there is a strong sense that that is what God wants.
6. If the prayer time begins to lose its way gently pray it back on track - to where it was.
7. Maybe there will be a need for a chorus or prayer, scripture, a very brief exhortation, that refocuses, centres the group on Jesus.

8. Listen for the heartbeat of God - scriptures that come through regularly - what the Father is doing and highlighting in the city.
9. Announcements. Notices etc. can be left until the end of the time together.
10. This is not an exclusive gathering but parameters do need to be set and made known. ie.
 - a. it is for leaders, of good standing, in the Body of Christ in your town/city.
 - b. it is primarily worship and prayer for the town/city and the church in the town/city.
 - c. experience has led us to believe that a good time to hold these Prayer meetings is 8:30am and finishing at 9:30pm. But whatever time suits your leaders is all that matters the time-frame offered here is merely a suggestion.
 - d. if people want to just talk at 8:30am they could be encouraged to come at 8:15am for an 8:30am start!



'Only a unified, healed church is able to heal a broken divided community.'