



Kia ora tātou,

Two things this week...

REPORTS ON THE FRANKLIN GRAHAM MEETINGS

Christchurch

6530 people, of all ages, gathered in the Christchurch Arena for the God Loves You Tour. More than 185 local churches supported the event, and over 40 buses brought people from Christchurch and around the South Island. The stadium was almost filled to capacity.

The night began with a skilled guitarist playing country western music as a crowd warmer, followed by more musicians. Franklin Graham gave a powerful, concise gospel message around the story of Zacchaeus. When he gave the invitation to receive Christ, the power of the gospel message kicked in, and people of all ages came forward. It was a moving, tearful moment, as God answered prayer.

Franklin prayed for those who had responded, and then the prayer counsellors stepped in to support these new believers. 426 decision cards were filled in, with 255 being first time decisions.

Then another band led in praise and worship and the front of the arena was filled with children and young people dancing and rejoicing in the Lord. A fitting end to a memorable evening. It was a delight to witness the churches coming together in love and unity for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

We thank God for the generous investment that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has made into our city and nation. A pastor commented 'What a fantastic event on Saturday night', and reported many good outcomes, including some mature Christians convicted of sin and a resurgence of evangelistic activity among people in his church since they did the BGEA training.

Sally and Wayne Curham

Wellington

On Wednesday 16 March the TSB Arena in Wellington was packed to capacity. People of all ages and many different ethnic groups, Christians and non-Christians attended the event. Many from surrounding areas came in chartered buses. Worship items followed, that had appeal to younger and the older generation alike. Young people were encouraged to come to the front and express their worship with singing and dancing and rejoicing before the Lord.

Then came the preacher of the evening, Franklin Graham, whose father preached the Gospel to more people than anyone else. The message was the same but the means of communication was contemporary. Franklin spoke from the story of Bartimaeus in Mark 10. The message was simple, short, uncompromising, and spoken in the power of the Holy Spirit with conviction. The preaching was persuasive, but not coercive. Hundreds came forward to make first time commitments, and others to rededicate their lives. It was an evening of soaring inspiration, deep commitment, powerful praise, and challenging message. It was a catalyst to galvanise Christians to evangelise in these challenging times.

Rasik Ranchord



The event was also broadcast on Shine Television. [Watch it here.](#)

Read the BGEA report of the evening [here.](#)



[God Loves You - Auckland](#)

19 November – The Trusts Arena 6:30–9pm

Help save the Midwifery Council from ideological weirdness

In New Zealand, as overseas, midwives do a superb job of helping pregnant women and their babies do well during pregnancy and births. The work of midwives is hugely appreciated.

In recent months, though, the Midwifery Council has been working on a revision of its 'Scope of Practice', which carefully avoids any mention of the words 'women' or 'mothers', and substitutes those good words with a word which means something else: 'whānau' (family). This is strange. Yes, while whānau (family) support is really important, everyone in the world knows that it is women who can become pregnant and give birth, and that it is only women who can be mothers. So why this bizarre new refusal on the part of the Midwifery Council to explicitly mention women or mothers? What has prompted this? Has something come down to them from the Ministry of Health?

Curiously, on the home page of the Midwifery Council website, women and mothers have not yet been cancelled. It is freely acknowledged several times that it is actually 'women' that midwives assist during pregnancy, birth, and post-natal care. See <https://www.midwiferycouncil.health.nz/>

The Midwifery Council has invited feedback on this proposal. This is urgent. Submissions are due by 21 November. Please send your feedback to: feedback@midwiferycouncil.health.nz

Mā te Atua koutou e tiaki e manaaki i ngā wa katoa

May the Lord bless and keep you at all times



Dr Stuart Lange

National Director



Gayann Phillips

General Manager

and the NZCN team

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Coming up...

8-9pm Monday 21 November

REFLECTIONS ON THE POWER OF BLESSING

For our next Pray As One gathering, we warmly invite you to join a conversation with Richard, David and Dale – sharing together with Andrew from the



Garratts' home.

Their heart for this session is to share their insights and reflections on the power of blessing, in an informal format – with opportunity for questions, and for prayer.

Richard is already well known, not only as a founding director of Colmar Brunton but more recently as the author of 'The Awesome Power of Blessing', 'The Blessing Effect' and 'Anointed for Work' – with more than 15 million blessing books in print, in 59 countries and 44 languages – growing at over 150,000 books per week.

David and Dale are also very well known as the founders of Scripture in Song in 1973, incorporating scripture into contemporary worship music that has impacted generations of believers globally. They've written and produced a series of albums and songbooks of the same name since then, with their most recent album 'Songs of Blessing' inspired by Richard's book, The Awesome Power of Blessing.

[Click here to join us on Zoom, 8–9pm Mondays](#)



Pray As One NZ

Every Monday night, from 8–9pm, we run a national prayer meeting on Zoom with 70–80 participants joining from throughout the nation. [Come join us!](#)



BECOME AN ACTUAL MEMBER OF NZCN

Individuals, couples, churches, and Christian organisations may all officially join NZCN. Becoming a member carries some benefits (see [here](#)), but is primarily

about making a statement that you are firmly committed to biblical Christianity and to working together with other Christians.



Directory of members

Helping to build awareness of different parachurch organisations serving the church in New Zealand and overseas.

NZCN featured member

Listed on our [Directory](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members

Christian Resolution

FAITHFUL WITNESS – RESOLVING CONFLICT



Providing services in:

- mediation
- coaching
- training
- Relational Wisdom (RW360)

Christian Resolution was established as a panel of Christian dispute resolvers to continue the legacy and relationships of Resolve (Christian Service for Disputes Resolution) Inc.

[Website](#)

[Directory listing on NZCN](#)



Job Board / Situations Vacant

Connecting people for employment, internships, or voluntary roles in Christian organisations and churches. This can include looking for people to join governance boards or to fill a need for a specific skill/project.

Employment Opportunities

Listed on our [Job Board](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members

Denotes a new or recently re-listed opportunity



Alpha NZ

All positions flexible as part/full-time

Regional Coach – Otago & Southland

Regional Coach – Wellington & Surrounds



Launchpad (formerly Bible in Schools)

Nation-wide

Regional Advisor / Community Engagement Representatives – *part-time 10-20 hrs/wk*



Tearfund

Auckland

Personal Assistant to the Marketing & Fundraising Director – *20 hrs/wk*

Accounts Payable & HR Administrator
24-28 hrs/wk



Christian Community Churches of New Zealand

Palmerston North

Events & Promotions Manager – *32-40 hrs/wk*

National Administrator – *40 hrs/wk*

Executive Assistant – *32 hrs/wk*



International Baptist Church of Sofia

Sofia, Bulgaria

Pastor of International Baptist Church – *full-time*



Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship

all either part/full-time

Personal Assistant to the National Director

Wellington – approx. 30 hours per week

Wellington Team Leader – Wellington

Staff Workers – Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and across the nation

Communications Manager – flexible location



Raumati Beach Church

Raumati Beach

Senior Pastor – *full-time*



Africa Inland Mission International New Zealand

Onehunga, Auckland

Office Manager – *full-time*



Waikanae Baptist

Waikanae

Youth Pastor – *full-time*



Event Calendar

Numbers in brackets indicate the number of events currently listed in that category until the *end of November*.

Some events have both online and in person options to attend.

Events

Listed on our **Calendar** by our Church and Christian Organisation members. In chronological order with **listings added this week highlighted**.

Carey Baptist College

Applications for 2023 are open ☐

Whether it's a Bachelor's degree, a Diploma, or a Certificate, come and



learn, grow, and be transformed for Jesus and his ministry in the world.



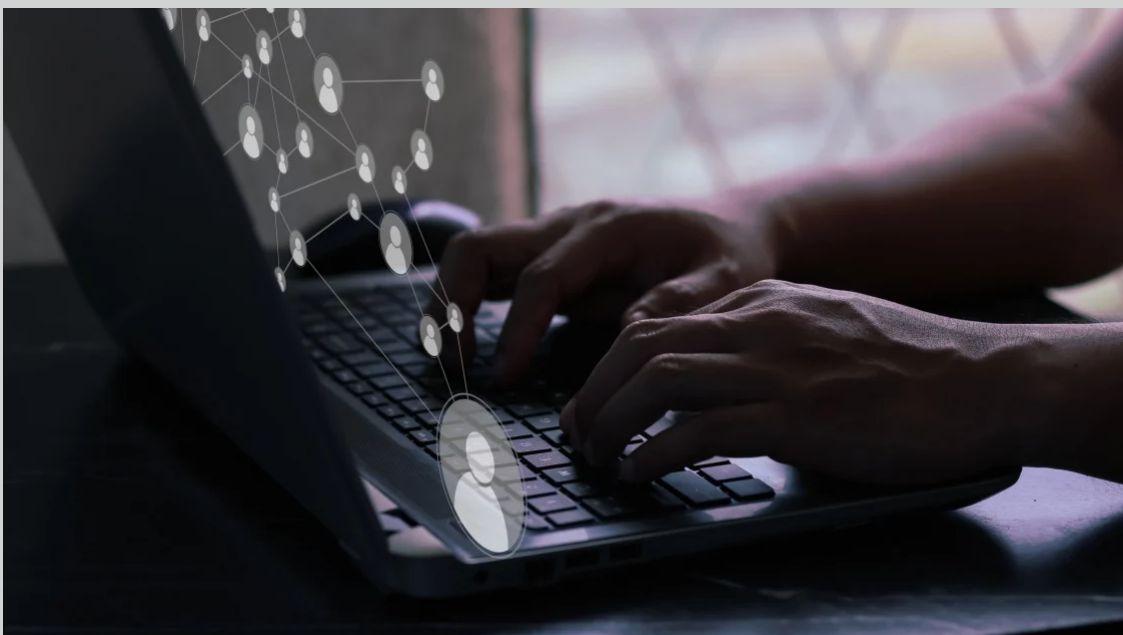
[MiCamp Leaders Training Weekend](#)

2 December – MiCamp Whakamaru

If you are interested in expanding your leadership influence in your community, church or during our school holiday camps then this camp is for you.

Our Leadership camps are filled with general leadership training along with more pin-pointed training towards our holiday camp leaders, so there is something there for everyone. Our aim is to see youth & young adults step into their God-given leadership potential and be better equipped to serve God in leadership roles.

Would you like to have your organisation featured in our newsletter, post employment opportunities on our job board, or list events on our calendar?



You can! These are benefits we make available to Christian organisations and churches with current membership

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☐ Only when there is a message i.e. an editorial or article(s).

Help spread the news...

New Zealand society is in a period of significant change, much of it away from the Christian faith and values. Christian voices in society are either ignored or scorned.

We need Christian voices which are positive, sensible, reasoned, well-informed, and clear.

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