



Kia ora tātou,

The floods: what is the Christian church doing?

There are many indications that – along with marae, countless community organisations, and the general public – many Christian people and churches have been very active in responding to the recent weather disasters with gifts, money, meals, places to stay, and other practical help. Some of this reaches the media, but most of it doesn't.

[Here's an initiative among Baptists](#) and here's a brief video clip expressing local appreciation of the work being done by a large group of [Destiny Church men with clean-up in Hawkes Bay](#). Churches such as **House of Breakthrough Church** (in Gisborne) and **Rānui Baptist Church** (West Auckland) have provided emergency accommodation. Many churches have sent gifts of food and equipment. In Auckland, **City Impact Church** bagged six tons of sand and gave it away and provided meals for 10,000 people, and have since sent three truck and trailer units loaded with supplies to Hastings and Gisborne, and hired a helicopter to help with distribution.

NZCN would be pleased to hear from you with many more accounts of what has been happening.

[Click here to share your stories with us](#)

An interesting question: is God punishing New Zealand?

Some Christians have wondered so. There are some grounds for that: God hates evil, God is on record (in biblical times) as punishing people and nations, there is much about New Zealand society that must be ethically and spiritually offensive to God, God has every right to punish, and one way or another we all deserve God's chastening.

Most Christians would hesitate, though, to name specific natural disasters as God's punishment. Can we be certain we definitely know God's mind in this?

Biblically, natural disasters and human suffering in general are part of our fallen, sin-marred, groaning world (Romans 8:22). Human sinfulness has made a mess of God's good creation, and continues to do so. Much suffering is also linked to ongoing human wrongdoing (our own, or that of others). And suffering happens to both believers and unbelievers.

Christians look forward to God's justice one day being fully established, on the Day of Judgement, and in the new heaven and earth. In the meantime, it appears God in his mercy stays his hand, and all over the world much individual and societal sin remains unpunished for now.

Unquestionably, human suffering can provoke people to review their lives, and sometimes to reach out to God. This remains a great time for Christians to be praying for others around us, and for our society, and to be reaching out with Jesus' love and grace.

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

May the Lord bless and keep you at all times



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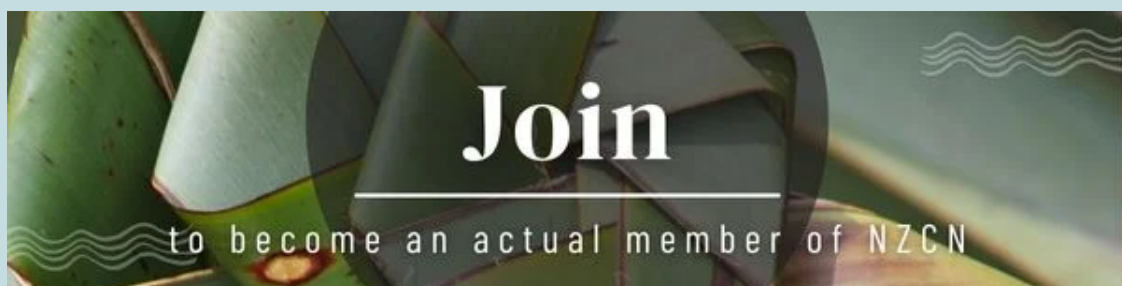
and the NZCN team

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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.

Not sure if you're already a member? [Click here](#) and if you can't log onto the site, chances are you aren't currently a member. You might have a customer account to manage purchases, but members can watch Te Rongopai online.



[NZ Christian Leaders' Congress](#)

19-21 Sept - South Auckland

An opportunity for Christian leaders from across the country to meet and confer on some key matters affecting NZ church and society. All Christian leaders are welcome. As this will be following the heads of churches (NCLANZ) meeting, we hope most denominational leaders will be present.



if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Len Buttner emigrated to NZ from South Africa in 1997 with his wife, Linda, and their two daughters. He is an itinerant pastor, Bible tutor, and trains people through their monthly School of Prophecy.

***Eagle Ascend** is an itinerant prophetic ministry with a commitment to minister prophetically to this generation by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that they might fulfill their God-given destiny through their gifts and callings.*

Join us between 8-9pm on Monday

Last week...

Prayer points and additional details can be found in the video description

WYNAND JACOBS



FAMILY LIFE



A prayer for blessing families



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!](#)



Directory of members

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

Featured Member

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



Theology | Teacher Education | Counselling | Internship | Leadership

Laidlaw College is the largest interdenominational theological tertiary institute in Aotearoa New Zealand, offering qualifications from certificate to doctoral level, in the areas of theology and biblical studies, mission, ministry, counselling and teacher education. We provide a dynamic learning environment for students throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world, with two campuses in Auckland, one in Christchurch and great distance learning opportunities too.

[Laidlaw website](#)

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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

Denotes a new or recently re-listed opportunity



Manna Christian Stores

Auckland & Invercargill

2 x Warehouse Assistants, Manukau (full-time)

Distribution Centre Inwards Goods Controller, Manukau (full-time)

Sales Assistant, Lower Hutt (part-time)

Sales Assistant, Albany (fixed-term)

Casual Sales Assistant, Mt Roskill (part-time)

Sales Assistant, Mt Roskill (part-time)

Retail Shop Manager, Invercargill (part-time)

Retail Shop Manager, Henderson (full-time)



Alpha NZ

Wellington & Otago/Southland (full/part-time)

Regional Coach – Wellington & Surrounds

Regional Coach – Otago & Southland



mainly Ministries

Auckland (part-time)

Session Facilitator for mainly music sessions

Solutions Sales



Launchpad

Penrose, Auckland (part-time)

National Administrator



Caversham Baptist

Caversham, Dunedin (full-time)

Generational Pastor

Raumati Beach Church

Raumati Beach, Kapiti Coast (full-time)

Lead Pastor



St Peters in the City

Tauranga, Bay of Plenty (*full-time*)

[Ministry Assistant – Children, Youth & Families](#)



MiCamp Trust

Whakamaru & Taupo (*full-time*)

[Site Manager- Whakamaru](#)

[Accounts/Office - Taupo](#)

[Lead Instructor/ Activities - Taupo](#)



Bethlehem College

Bethlehem, Tauranga (*full-time*)

[Head of Missions and Community Partnerships](#)



Mairangi Bay Community Church

Auckland (*full-time*)

[Senior Pastor](#)



Thinking Matters

Tauranga (*full-time*)

[Events Coordinator](#)



Christians Against Poverty New Zealand

Penrose, Auckland (*all full-time positions*)

[Regional Manager: Tamaki Makaurau and Northland](#)

[Project Management Coach](#)

[Strategic Projects Manager](#)

Christian Community Churches of New Zealand

Palmerston North

[National Administrator](#) (*full-time*)



Events & Promotions Manager (32-40 hrs/wk)

Executive Assistant (32 hrs/wk)



Africa Inland Mission International New Zealand

Onehunga, Auckland (*part-time*)

Office Manager



Elevate Christian Disability Trust

Auckland (*part-time*)

Finance Administrator



Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship

all flexible as part/full-time

Personal Assistant to the National Director -

Wellington

Communications Manager - flexible location



Cross Roads Christian Community Trust

(Te Nikau Addictions Centre)

Paraparaumu (*full-time*)

Property Maintenance / Christian Ministry



Tearfund

Auckland (*full-time*)

National Church Engagement Manager



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**.



[How To Share Your Faith With Children](#)

3-4 March - Auckland

Are you a Children leader or a Pastor who is keen to reach all children, from 5 to 12 years old, with the gospel message and equip them to become witnesses for Christ?

World Vision

Barna



Open Generation Tour

6-10 March 2023

Auckland | Wellington | Christchurch

Featuring **David Kinnaman** CEO Barna group

A FREE EVENT FOR
CHURCH LEADERS



An international study designed to help ministry leaders understand how teenagers see their faith and the world

David Kinnaman (CEO Barna group), **Dr Sam Bloore** (Venn Foundation), and a **panel of local practitioners** unique to each city unpack the data-driven insights from 25,000 Gen Z teenagers (ages 13-17) across 26 countries to help leaders understand how teens in our context think about three key areas: **Jesus, the Bible, and Justice**.

REGISTER NOW

EXPLORE THE RESEARCH



- Do you find it hard to share your faith?
- Do you freeze, not sure what to say?
- Are you afraid of what others may think of you?

How To Share Your Faith With Other Adults

18 March – Auckland

Are you a believer or church leader who is keen to share your faith with people around you but struggling to find an easy and effective approach to reach them for Christ?



Community Chaplains Training Auckland West

25 March, New Lynn, West Auckland

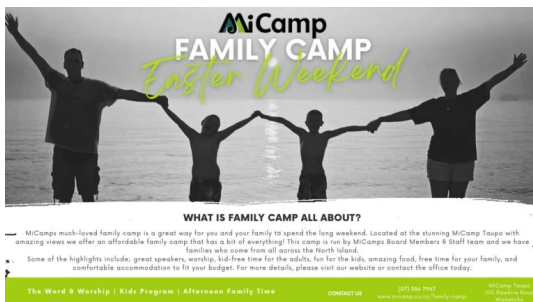
The OAC Community Chaplain Scheme equips ordinary people to go into their own neighbourhood to talk to people in need.



World-Changing Disciples with Kevin & Sherry Harney

25 March, Greenlane, Auckland

A free equipping event for churches. Explore how discipleship forms us to change the world!



Family Camp – Easter Weekend

6-10 April – MiCamp Taupo

MiCamps much loved family camp is a great way for you and your family to spend the long weekend. We offer an affordable camp designed for all ages and stages.



NZBTI/BCNZ/Laidlaw College Centenary Celebration

14-15 April – Henderson Campus, Auckland

Celebrating 100 years of NZBTI, BCNZ, and LAIDLAW COLLEGE



[Thanksgiving Evening](#)

7pm, 15 April – Henderson, Auckland

we will be gathering to give thanks to God for the generations of his faithfulness that has unfolded through the work of NZBTI/Bible College of New Zealand/Laidlaw College.

Former students and staff, together with current students and staff, are invited to gather to celebrate the Centenary of the NZ Bible Training Institute, Bible College of New Zealand and now Laidlaw College.

Join together to remember, honour, worship, celebrate and express in different ways our thankfulness to God for His continued faithfulness. We will also share with you some of the vision for the next season at Laidlaw and how you might look at supporting or partnering with us in that.

National Gatherings/Huis

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[Sports Chaplains National Hui](#)

27-29 Oct – AUT Millennium, Auckland

A national gathering to encourage and equip of Sports Chaplains from around the country.

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

[Click here to learn more](#)



How often do you want to hear from us?

☐ Weekly, even if it's just notices. I like to know what's going on.

☐ 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.

Forward to a friend



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