

NEWS LETTER

Otahuhu Community Baptist Church

Knowing Christ - Growing in Christ - Going with Christ

TAKE NOTE:

6th October 2019

MISSIONARY

Missionary Dr. Rajasingh Elias from Indian Evangelical Mission will be ministering in the Tamil Service.



13th October 2019

MISSION SUNDAY

Ps. Bob will be ministering in the English Service.

27th October 2019

MISSIONARY

Bro. Jeyaraj from Blessing Youth Mission will be ministering on the 27th October in the Tamil Service.

WORSHIP 7:9 EVENT

There are 73 ethnic churches, fellowships and congregations in the Baptist Union of NZ. It was wonderful to see many ethnic churches of the Baptist Union come together to celebrate the diversity of the Baptist Churches in Aotearoa. Our church girls gave a wonderful performance. Godson was part of the worship team. It was a blessed event for all to see and also have a foretaste of what it will be on the Lord's Day according to Revelation 7:9 - "... a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." Hence the event was called Worship 7:9, which fortuitously fell on the Saturday, 7th September. Praise be to God.

PRAY FOR 2019 TARGET:

20 Baptisms,

50 Born Again Experiences,

200 Witnessing's



Tamil Elders Commissioning:

The Tamil Elder's, Darwin, Godson and Beulah were commissioned to ministry by Ps. Lindsay Jones on the 8th September 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FASTING PRAYER MEETING:
Friday, 4 October, 8pm - 10pm
@ Church

TAMIL COMMUNION SERVICE -
Special Speaker : Sunday, 6th
October, 8:15am - Dr. Rajasingh
Elias will minister in the Tamil
Service.

MISSIONARY - GUEST
SPEAKER - Sunday, 27th
October, 8:15am - Bro. Jeyaraj
will minister in the Tamil Service

HAMILTON MINISTRY:
Saturday's, 5:30pm - 12th
October and 26th October at
Discovery Christian Centre,
Hamilton.

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for the unity in the church.
Pray for the new arrivals into the
country to settle down. Pray for
more souls to be won for Christ
and more to make a
commitment to take baptisms

Pray for the weak, the sick, the
struggling, the jobless, the
weary, the hungry... May our
dear Lord meet their needs.

VERSE FOR THE MONTH

Mark 13: 13

“...but he who stands firm till
the end will be saved”

மாற்கு 13: 13

“..முடிவுபரியந்தம் நிலைநிற்பவனே

MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE: Rachel Jacob

The Missions Committee met on the 13th September to discuss the spendings of the past month and our plans for the coming months. It was suggested that we focussed on giving during the Christmas season. Please contact Rachel if you have any ideas or concerns with regards to this. The next Missions Meeting is on the 11 October 2019 at 6:30pm

CHINESE SERVICE UPDATE:

Thanks and praise be to God for progress in the Chinese Service. We have finally signed up an employment contract with Ps. Grace on 22nd September 2019. An Induction Service for Ps. Grace is organised on the 29th September. Thanks to all who prayed fervently for the Chinese congregation for its now up and running well.

CELL GROUPS UPDATE:

The Cell Groups at Te Atatu and Mt Roskill are going well. Many prayers have been answered at the Cell Groups. A prayer list is maintained and prayed consistently for the prayer points in the list each week. Recently, prayers for a Hindu family was answered and the family thanked the church and the prayer group for a blessing they received.

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDIES

Join the Week Day Prayer & Bible Study at Mears Room every Wednesday from 7:30pm - 8:30pm in English. The Tamil meet at Godson & Diana's House, Mt. Roskill and Darwin and Benazir's House, Te Atatu. Please contact the respective leaders for venue and time of the meetings.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer and Praise has been started and is held on the last Friday of each month at 7:30pm, led by Bro. Neven. It's a time of spiritual strengthening and empowerment as we glorify God. Please do join and be blessed.

CHURCH INTRANET

The Church Intranet is now up and running. Only members can access the intranet. The minutes of OG and Missions Committee will be regularly uploaded for members to access. For those who have not yet signed up are requested to do so soon. Just 20 members have signed up so far. The rest of the members are requested to sign up soon.

PASTORS COLUMN:**Pastor Mike: What is required for revival?**

That is a very broad question, and yet it requires very specific answers, and there are many. In 1932, revival came to North China through the prayers of a single woman missionary, Marie Monsen. Marie was a Norwegian missionary, and was feeling very discouraged by the lack of progress in her missionary field, and she wondered what good her ministry was actually doing. She longed to see God's river of life flowing through the parched souls in the land of North China. So, she sought out another prayer person. Two years later, the revival began in a town where 40 Christians were meeting for prayer. God's Word began to catch fire in the hearts of the local people, and many people believed and understood the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise the Lord that He tells us in His Word, that He is willing to revive our hearts toward Him.

"And it shall be said, 'Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way. For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" - Isaiah 57:14-15

From these verses, we catch a glimpse of the great work that God wants to do in our lives through **Revival**. Notice these following 3 aspects...

1. A Holy Focus - "For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place...'"

As long as our focus is turned inward, we will not see revival. We don't just need a *glimpse*, but a *fresh focus* on the holiness and greatness of our eternal God.

Pride is the idolatry of self, which is the *"inward focus"*. To experience revival, we must once again give Christ preeminence in our lives, so that His life will shine *outwards* from us, for all to see.

2. A Humble Fellowship - "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit..."

These words remind us that those with a contrite and humble spirit can have a special awareness and fellowship with God's presence and power. Notice that it doesn't say a "concrete" spirit, but a "contrite" spirit!

When we are filled with ourselves, we see no need for God, or to be humble. But a contrite heart will be repentant of sin and self. It will be *re-focused* on God and **revived by Him and for Him!**

3. A Hopeful Future - "...to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Revival has a lot to do with *restoration* and *renewed relationship* with God in a fresh way. It is a time of the removal from the "old deadness" and in with a time of "new life - ness". But as Leonard Ravenhill once said, "As long as we are content to live without revival, we will." Or, we can ask God for a holy discontent and hunger for anything less than His reviving work in our hearts, and through our lives.

As Jesus said *"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"* - John 7:38.

My prayer is this..."Lord, let the rivers of living water flow from OCBC!" *God bless everyone.*

YOUTH SEMINAR

The Youth Seminar Photos



The Youth Seminar, held on 31st August was a success. Ps. Joshua Singh and his team energised our Youth and answered their questions. There was good feedback about the Seminar all around. There was good fellowship, good games, good messages, good discussion and finally good food. Praise be to God.