

Mission & Outreach *"Declare His glory among the nations" Ps 96:3*

We encourage you this week to pray for **Kingdom of Bhutan - Druk Yul, Asia**

Geography

Area: 47,000 sq km

A small kingdom in the eastern

Himalaya mountains.

Population: 708,484

Annual Growth: 1.74%

Capital: Thimpu

Urbanites: 36.8%

Peoples: 35 (91% unreached)

Official language: Dzongkha. Nepali is also widely used

Languages: 35



Largest Religion:	Buddhist	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	14,949	2.11	3.6
Evangelicals	12,983	1.8	3.1
Buddhist	528,246	74.56	

Challenge for Prayer

Bhutan was effectively closed to all Christian witness until 1965. This was followed by 25 years of slight relaxation, during which Indian and other expatriate NGOs were able to witness. Since 1990, restrictions have increased. The spread of Christian witness and the potentially "destabilizing" effects on society of proselytism and Western-style democracy are the pretexts for harsh treatment of Christians. Pray for the growth of the Church in this land.

Christians are denied religious freedom and are persecuted in various ways. Church buildings are forbidden in all but a very few cases; most fellowships must meet in homes. Bhutanese who become Christian face the loss of their citizenship, of other benefits – such as free education, health care, employment – and of access to electricity and water. In some instances, harassment and beatings occur. Despite these, groups of believers are forming and increasingly spreading across the breadth of the country.

Please see <http://www.operationworld.org> for more

VERSE FOR THE WEEK – 2 Timothy 1: 5-8

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 17th Jan 2021



Worship Service

9 am only (with Live Stream)

The Spirit of Fear

Preacher: Pastor Kierohn Sims

2 Timothy 1:7

Pre-Service Prayer at 8:30 am in lounge, 10:30am in Pastor's office – all welcome

Prayer Meeting every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 pm

WELCOME TO MAIRANGI BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH (MBCC)

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please go to the Welcome Corner after the service. We have a small gift for you & will gladly answer your questions about our church. MBCC is an intentionally multi-cultural church and welcomes and celebrates all languages & cultures.

我们是一个多元文化的教会，欢迎中国朋友参加。どの国の方も大歓迎します。

If you would like to hear a Chinese translation, please ask for a headset. Please put the low battery headset at the yellow tray and the charged ones back to the original slot.

如果您需要听中文翻译可以向服事人员要一个耳机。请将需要充电的耳机放在黄色的盒子里，正常的耳机请放回原来的盒子。

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Want to get to know more about us?

Please visit our website www.mairangichurch.org.nz

You'll find our weekly bulletin there; learn more about our Life Groups and ministries; watch our sermons and much more.



NEWS & EVENTS

Encounter (Church Worship & Prayer Evening – holiday break

Our church prayer meeting is on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, led by Pastor Abri. Everyone are welcome to join. **You may pray in your mother tongue with different language groups.**

Monthly Worship Service in Different Languages – holiday break

Japanese – second **Friday**, 7.00pm

Chinese – last **Friday**, 7.30 pm

Invite your family and friends to come and worship in their mother tongue.

Two Services Resumed from next Sunday

24 Jan

9.00 am & 11.00 am

Sunday School Teacher Meeting

24 Jan, next Sunday
After the second service

PRAYER “and pray for one another”

James 5:16b. Please visit the Prayer Wall in the foyer. Pin your prayers, answers to prayer or testimonies to the prayer wall. Remember to pray for the requests on our prayer wall.

GIVE THANKS FOR

- God’s grace which is sufficient, sustained us and led us going through the turmoiled 2020.

PRAY FOR

- **Jack & Maree Voorend** as they are moving to the Bay of Plenty. May the Lord be with them whenever they go.
- God’s hand upon people through the pandemic crisis. May His people be strengthened by the Word of God and live a life that glorifies His name. Especially pray for those who need healing, let us be His hand and feet.
- That we (**MBCC**) will rightly discern God’s ways for us and walk in obedience to His will.
- The **seeds** planted in the mission field, both near and far, may grow strong and be a blessings to others.
- People among us who go out to serve the nations.
- **That churches across NZ** will be awakened by the Holy Spirit and that revival will come to NZ, especially among the young generation.
- **Church outreach programs**, i.e., **Op shop, Music for Kiddies, CAP, English Classes, Good News Flower Arrangement and Kintsugi Art Workshop**, may impact more lives to grow closer to the Lord.