

THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

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Morning Revival Schedule

Laboring on the All-Inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land ... Vol. II

Week beginning 20 May – Week 10: Governing Principles That We Need to See and Experience in Order to Possess Christ as the Good Land

Reading Schedule for the Recovery Version of the New Testament (with Footnotes)

Mon	Rev. 12:5-9	Rev. 14:6 footnote 1 'eternal gospel' The eternal gospel, which will be preached during the time of the great tribulation, differs from the gospel of grace preached in the church age...Only man is privileged to preach the gospel of grace on the earth today...But the eternal gospel will be preached by the angel in the air at the close of this age.
Tue	Rev. 12:10-18	
Wed	Rev. 13:1-10	
Thu	Rev. 13:11-18	
Fri	Rev. 14:1-5	
Sat	Rev. 14:6-12	
Ld	Rev. 14:13-20	

Ministry Reading Schedule

Week beginning 20 May – The Exercise and Practice of the God Ordained Way – Exercising to Practice What We Have Heard. (CWWL 1989, vol. 3, chp.26)

International Prayer Burden

Mon	France	Please pray for fire to be cast on the sons of peace in these countries through bible distribution at the Olympic torch relay.
Tue	Poland	
Wed	Czechia	
Thu	Croatia	
Fri	Hungary	
Sat	Slovakia	
Ld	Austria	

Weekly Church Accounts, 4–10 May

Total general offerings	\$9,485.36
Average expenses	\$10,000.00
Deficit	\$514.64
Total building fund offerings	\$50.00

▪ **For offerings** to the church, please use: **03-1318-0467748-00**; Automatic payment forms are available from the church office. For Online payments put your Personal Code number as the reference for the identification of the donors.

▪ **For other payments** including fees (for camp, book sales, video trainings etc.) and the offerings to other entities such as (NZTC, BFNZ, etc.), please use: **03-1318-0467748-02**. If it is tax refundable, please use your Personal Code number as the identification of the donors.

Saturday Practical Service (22B Gordonton Rd)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Enjoyment of HWMR
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning tea
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Practical service

Weekly Stars Club Online Programme

Every Thursday, 5–6 pm (trainees' term time)

ID: 847 1159 2369 Code: Stars

Go to: www.starsprogrammes.co.nz/

National University Age Conference, Brisbane, 12-15 July 2024

Venue: Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre
80 Currimundi Rd, QLD 4551

To register and for more information, go to <http://nuac.site> Deadline: Lord's Day, 9 June

Upcoming Events

Local, Regional & National (June - October)

24-28 Jun	National Young People's Training, Hamilton
28-30 Jun	Chinese-Speaking Conference, Auckland
8-12 Jul	Stars Holiday Program
13 Jul	FTTH Graduation
16-18 Aug	Parents' & Serving Ones' Training
6-8 Sep	Spring Sisters Training
28 Sep–2 Oct	National Highschoolers' Camp, Queenstown

Living Stream Ministry Conferences and Trainings (May – December)

24-27 May	International Memorial Day Blending Conference
1-6 July	July Semi-Annual Training
4-6 Oct	October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones
28 Nov–1 Dec	International Thanksgiving Blending Conference
23-28 Dec	December Semi-Annual Training

Matariki Weekend Chinese-Speaking Conference

You are warmly invited to join the Chinese-speaking conference during the Matariki weekend, 28-30 June 2024 at Hall 1, 71 Morningside Drive, Mount Albert, Auckland 1025.

There will be translation into English for all the meetings. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, 28 June (this is Matariki Day – a public holiday)

4:00 p.m. Message 1 (radio translation into English)

6:00 p.m. Dinner (freely provided by the church)

7:00 p.m. Message 2 (radio translation into English)

Saturday 29 June

4:00 p.m. Message 3 (radio translation into English)

6:00 p.m. Dinner (freely provided by the church)

7:00 p.m. Message 4 (radio translation into English)

Lord's Day 30 June (whole church combined meeting)

10:00 a.m. Lord's Table Meeting and Message 5 (open translation)

Please contact Auckland church office – phone 09-815-1322 or email aucklandch@xtra.co.nz if you need hospitality or any information.

2024 Teachers' Training and Parents & Serving Ones' Conference, Sydney Australia with Brother Ricky Acosta

- Teachers Training – Friday, 30 August
- Parents' and Serving Ones' Conference – 31 August to 1 September

Location: Blending Centre, 169 Foxall Road, North Kellyville, NSW 2155

Online: via Zoom Registration Deadline: Monday, 12 August

Further information and registration: www.churchinsydney.org/psoc

Distribution of the Recovery Version of the Bible and LSM Publications at the National Fieldays

BFNZ will be present at this year's National Fieldays (12-15 June). It is the biggest agricultural event of its type in Australasia, with up to 130,000 attending.

This presents a wonderful opportunity to distribute the Recovery version of the Bible and LSM publications. For all those wishing to serve on the BFNZ site, please use the following link to register your interest:

<https://tinyurl.com/BFNZFieldaysMysteryCreek2024>

Contact Kevin Brown 020 4165 9721 or Keeper Choo 021 456 369 for enquiries.

COMBINED ENGLISH-SPEAKING MEETINGS AT 22B GORDONTON RD
Prayer meeting on 21 May; Lord's Day meetings on 26 May

MINISTRY READING

THE POWER OF GOD BEING LIMITED TO OUR CAPACITY, AND BEING SUBJECT TO OUR WILL, SUBMISSION, OBEDIENCE, AND FAITH

2 Chron. 16:9 “For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout all the earth to strengthen those whose heart is perfect toward Him....”

Heb. 4:2 “For indeed we have had the good news announced to us, even as they also; but the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed together with faith in those who heard.”

God is omnipotent, but His omnipotence is subject to limitation because He must have certain conditions suitable for His working. The question is whether or not we are in the position for Him to show forth His power. I know that I cannot help God; I cannot further anything of His. But it is possible that something of me can hinder Him. Sin, unbelief, natural energy, etc., will hinder the very power of God. The Lord has to give us light to see what He can do, and He has to give us light also to see what we can hinder Him from doing. We can put Him into a position where He cannot do what He wants to do. The Creator of heaven and earth can be limited by us. May the Lord search our hearts and deal with us in a drastic way. (Abridged from *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, vol. 46, p. 1226)

Our capacity will be the capacity of the power of God; God will be as great as our capacity allows Him. This is the measure in the earthen vessel. If we enlarge our capacity, we will enlarge the power of God. Today the power of God is limited by our capacity, and it is subject to our will, submission,

obedience, and faith. The power of God takes the shape of our faith in Him. We are the meter, the measure. The divine almightiness today is subject to us.

God must have a free way with us before we can bring in the eternal purpose. This is the meaning of the kingdom. The kingdom means that God can do what He wants, that He has His own way, that He is unhindered, and that He has authority and power and therefore glory. He has a sphere in which He is supreme. The church has to bring this in. One day the church will be the vessel of all that He wants, but it must begin today. God is waiting until we are fully obedient; this is the principle on which God works. The power of God today is utterly subject to our measure. God is in many ways no more powerful than we are. He has put Himself into us and made us His channels. We can shut Him out or we can release Him.

The Lord must bring us to a place where we have nothing to hinder Him, where we are pliable in the hands of the Lord. He must bring us to a place of utter responsiveness to Himself so that He can have a free and unhindered way. Then there will be nothing that He cannot do.

The body is for the full expression of a person's personality. The Body of Christ is that which expresses Christ. The Lord Jesus expresses Himself through each member, and the whole of Him is expressed through His church. The Body can either be for His expression or His limitation. On earth He moved in a limited body of flesh; today He moves in a spiritual Body—His church—to express and manifest Himself. He is moving within His Body in the Spirit. On earth He manifested Himself in His body, and today He is doing the same. We are the members of this spiritual Body, and we are either being used to express Him or we are limiting Him. It will be a great day when the light dawns and we realize how great our responsibility is. We are the only expression that Christ has. The Body is the way for Him to express Himself.

The One whose will is absolutely identified with God's and the One in whom God has no limitations is the Lord Jesus. God can do what He likes with Him and through Him. Through His death and resurrection a Body has been formed by the power of the Spirit, and God is looking and seeking for members who will be fully responsive to Him and in whom His will's limitations will be forever done away with. (Abridged from *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, vol. 46, pp. 1228-1229, 1227-1228)

National Young People's Training 2024

This training is for tertiary-aged students and young people. The training will be a foretaste of the Full-time Training.

This should be seen as a time for many tertiary-aged young people to come together to attend the full-time training for a short period. In the mornings they will experience and enjoy the classes in truth, service and life. In the afternoons there will be various activities arranged. There will also be meetings in the evenings.

Dates: 6 p.m. Monday 24 June to 8:30 a.m. Friday 28 June

Venue:

New Zealand Training Centre
33 Beale Street, Hamilton

Cost: \$120 per person (regardless of part-time or full-time registrations or whether or not hospitality is requested)

There is no charge for full-time serving ones accompanying the young people and who are financially supported by their locality. The \$120 fee has been subsidized.

Registration & details:

<https://nztc.ac.nz/yptraining>

Closing date for registrations:

Wednesday, 12 June

OFFERINGS FOR THE SAINTS IN SOUTHERN BRAZIL

Some regions in Southern Brazil have suffered from torrential rains which has caused flooding and the loss of dozens of lives. More than a hundred people are still missing.

The New Zealand Training Centre is happy to facilitate the collection and sending of funds saints may feel to give to this need. You can deposit your offering into the following New Zealand bank account:

Account Name: New Zealand Training Centre

Account Number: 04 2021 0072010 93

Please use the word "Brazil" in all three reference fields. For example:

Particulars	Analysis Code	Reference
Brazil	Brazil	Brazil

Please note this is a different account from the usual NZTC bank account. This account can only accept offerings via Internet banking. If you do not use Internet banking, please put your cash offering into the offering box instead and mark it "Brazil".

As these offerings will be sent overseas, no tax receipt can be provided.

The following is the report prepared by the brothers in this region of Brazil.

Porto Alegre, May 6, 2024

To the dear saints in the Lord's Recovery!

SITUATION OF SAINTS AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL-BRAZIL

Since the end of last month, our State has suffered from torrential rains which caused flooding in several regions, causing the loss of dozens of lives and more than a hundred people are still missing. Until now, there are still people on the roofs of houses waiting for rescue.

In many places there is no electricity, internet or drinking water. The storm completely interrupted road access in almost two hundred points, isolating several cities.

The capital's airport and bus station were closed due to flooding. Several hospitals across the state had to be deactivated in areas affected by the water.

The level of Lake Guaíba in Porto Alegre reached 5.33 meters (about two and a half meters above the flood limit).

Despite so much destruction, as we gained contact with the saints we realized that our Beloved Lord Jesus was taking care of His people all the time.

Below is a summary account of the situation of the saints in each city:

- 1) In Porto Alegre, brother Roberto and his entire family are sheltering in brother João Batista's house due to the overflow of a containment dam near his residence;
- 2) Sister Glauca de Porto Alegre's daughter was admitted to a large hospital and had to be transferred by ambulance to another hospital, because the one where she was admitted flooded.
- 3) The brother of our brother Ricardo from Porto Alegre had his home flooded and had to quickly move to another location.
- 4) Family members of brother João Batista who live in the city of Guaiba had their house invaded by water and took shelter with other relatives. There are 11 people who are sheltered in this other house.
- 5) Sister Maria Inêz remained distressed without being able to contact her relatives and also our brothers who live in Estrela and Teutônia for four days. Finally, she got news and everyone is fine.
- 6) The son and daughter-in-law of sister Luci from Porto Alegre who live in Canoas had to leave their house to take shelter with another family member;
- 7) Brother Yeriah and his family who live in Canoas had their house flooded, and had to change shelter three times, due to the advance of the water; The brothers who welcomed this family also lost everything. Now all of them are safe. Sister Michele, Yeriah's wife, is the daughter of brother Gelson who lives in Santa Maria.

- 8) Brother Paulo Cezar, who lives in the city of Santos-SP, reported that his family in Canoas had their homes flooded, but they are safe now, in the homes of other relatives.
- 9) Sister Cristina from the city of Charqueadas had her house flooded and lost her possessions, she is safe in the house of another sister's relatives.
- 10) Sister Rosane who lives in Nova Santa Rita, was distressed due to the situation of her niece who was about to get a baby, as the roads were blocked and she feared that she would not be able to get to the hospital in time, but thanks to the Lord, everything went well and the mother and baby are already at a relative's house.

Due to the scale of the catastrophe, we recognize that it is a miracle and indisputable proof of the Lord's loving care for us, members of his Body, as we only suffered material losses.

Some saints from other locations in Brazil and other countries joined us in a virtual prayer meeting. In this sweet time of fellowship and cry we feel supported and supplied by the Head through each member of His Body. From then on, the scenario began to change in every way. Today in our Morning Revival communion we asked the Lord for the rain to stop, for the sun to shine again and for a wind to blow, taking the clouds to the ocean. And this actually happened, at the same moment, contrary to meteorological predictions. And the water level of Lake Guaíba began to drop. (Dan. 10:12).

“O Defender in You we rest. Yours is the battle, Yours will be the praise.” Please pray:

- 1) So that river and lake levels continue to fall until they completely return to normal, faster than the authorities expect;
- 2) So that drinking water, internet and electricity are promptly restored;
- 3) For the roads to be quickly rebuilt, so that there is no shortage of basic items and fuel;
- 4) So that the saints are encouraged to remain firm in fellowship for the building of the Body of Christ despite the circumstances;
- 5) So that the population of the State of Rio Grande do Sul opens itself to the light of the Gospel and recognizes that “heaven dominates”. (Dan. 4:26b).

In communion, his fellow servants, in Porto Alegre-Brasil

May the love and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

