

# KIWI NEWS

Steve & Gill Raine @ The South Pacific Bible College

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## New Zealand



As we head towards the end of the year the church at Otumoetai continues its progress through the Re-visioning Process. We have finished Kingdom Parables and are now working on our 4 core values, taking a month to preach and teach through each one.



Steve Introducing the Core Values

As part of the process we see the need for better communication and co-ordination which will start with the Shepherds and Ministry Team meeting together on a much more regular and ongoing basis.

Third Year student Marcelo Toro has been going with Chris Miller as they study with Arutapu over the last couple of months. This past Monday saw Arutapu and his son baptised at our local 'outdoor' baptistery – it's great to live by the ocean.



After graduation, Marcelo and his wife Matraca will be heading to his home country of Chile

and city of his birth, La Serena, to plant a church there.

## SPBC



Here at SPBC we are now well into the fourth and last quarter. Students are naturally a little weary and looking forward to graduation on December 14th. Some are starting to get that anxious feeling about what the future holds so please pray for them and the transitions and adjustments they make as they return home.

I have finished teaching the Prison Epistles and now into one of my big all-time favourites ... Revelation! We are about 1/3 of the way through the journey of discovery and enlightenment into the message of this wonderful apocalyptic book. I love it and I believe the students are as well.



Staff Appreciation Dinner

Recently we were hugely blessed by the students putting on an appreciation dinner for all the staff members. They had a Jewish Theme through the night and cooked a delicious 'Passover' meal. After the meal they read the story of the Passover, and then each staff member was creatively compared with and named after a Biblical Character suiting their own positive attributes and respective roles. The evening finished as the students organised a Messianic Jewish Dance Group to share Jewish customs and cultures expressed through song. It was a fantastic evening and we felt truly honoured!

This quarter also sees the students wrap up their Ministry Skills and Practicum class. As normal, we have seen them engage in church and community service projects ranging from Preaching and Teaching around various other congregations; helping to lead and teach Young Adults or youth classes; visitation, singing and preaching at rest homes; personal bible studies teaching Jesus to others; just to name a few.

## Mission - Gill to Thailand



Although this happened a couple of months back, we never included an update in our reports to you. The last 3-4 years has seen Gill on an Annual Mission Trip to Asia. This year she took a small group from Australia and New Zealand. Mission Projects included Rahab, (which you are familiar with now); Sold Project (a sponsorship scheme for rural / village children, seeking to educate them through High School education and hopefully soon all the way through university, thus breaking the poverty cycle); School of Promise (a school which targets children at risk of trafficking and likewise provides education); a Myanmar / Thai Border camp; and working in orphanages and slums in Chiang Mai.

## New Sponsoring Church

We praise God and thank the brethren at Creekside for their engaging in a partnership with us in our service and ministry to this region of the world. All supporters have received instructions on transferring support over to Creekside. (This applies to our support – Steve & Gill Raine – not S.P.B.C).

We once again thank Canyon View for their longevity with us and the blessing they have been!