

KIWI NEWS

Steve & Gill Raine @ The South Pacific Bible College

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New Zealand



A year has gone by it's hard to believe. Our grandson Noah celebrates his first birthday this coming weekend. Gill & I continue to love being grandparents!



Here at Otumoetai we continue to work through our re visioning process. This last quarter has seen us study Kingdom parables as we lay the ground work for building our values. This coming weekend we start preaching on those values which we derived from a lot of prayer during this year and congregational feedback and discussion times. We thank the Vision Team for guiding this process. Among other things the way the designed the all night prayer time for the church was absolutely wonderful with some much diversity, honouring and creativity.



24 Hour Prayer Vigil

SPBC



I have three classes on at the moment which has kept me on my toes. Ministry Skills and Practicum is mainly just a practicum so the students are all involved in an exciting and diverse range of ministries both in the church and out in the community. Personal Development 3 is one I always enjoy as we examine what has helped shaped our thinking and world view. This combines a look at our family and societal influences but also incorporates how our spiritual shaping is derived from multifarious factors. I believe it is critical we understand what makes us tick if we are to be effect in helping serve and minister to others. Then I am also teaching the Prison Epistles which I have not taught for quite a few years so it was very enriching to get back into these books.



Moving Class Tutorial Outside to Enjoy Spring Weather

September continues to see changes here at SPBC and Gill has re-joined the staff team. As mentioned last time Roger has now left after 7 years as Dean of Students and Gill has worked in this area previously so it is great to have her back on board.

Last month saw our Annual Nationwide Leadership Forum and Men's Challenge. This is hosted by two graduates David Steel and Geoff Fairest and held in Rotorua. The topic for both events was the Holy Spirit and it was excellent. We had a great representation of

men from both Islands and many congregations. It is always great to reunite with brothers from around the country many of whom are graduates of SPBC.



Holy Spirit Discussion Time amongst the Men

Just this last weekend it was also the Annual Nationwide Ladies Challenge. We had three of our female students and one of our graduates speak at this and I heard absolutely wonderful feedback about the quality and impact of their lessons.



Matracea - 2nd Year Student

Sponsor Church Changes ...

As we enter into the last quarter of the year, we will see a change of the Sponsoring Congregation for our own personal ministry. We have had a long and fantastic relationship with Canyon View in San Diego and thank them deeply for their longevity in our work. In the next two months we will be contacting individual supporters and informing you of the new arrangements for sending support. We lift all of you up in our prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, with a special mention of thanks to Canyon View. May God's blessings continue to be poured out richly upon you. We welcome Creekside (TX) as new sponsors.