



## Reflection .....

March 2007, marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a British Act of Parliament abolishing the slave trade. In the city of Richmond, Virginia at the site of the former slave market, where an estimated 300,000 kidnapped Africans and their descendants were torn from their families and 'sold down the river', 5,000 people celebrated the unveiling of a Reconciliation Statue. An inscription on the base of the sculpture, composed by school students reads: "Acknowledge the past, embrace the present, shape a future of reconciliation and justice." (Initiatives of Change, *Global Update*, May 2007 No. 5)

During this season of Pentecost we reflect on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and celebrate healings of body, mind and spirit. In some places victims of hunger, humiliation and violence find justice, reconciliation and peace. William Wilberforce began the movement to abolish slavery and over many years countless people with the same passion, empowered by the Spirit finally achieved his dream of outlawing slavery. As He promised, Jesus left us the gift of the Holy Spirit to inspire us; give us courage to live uncompromised lives; to love unconditionally; to harvest the seeds planted by endless people in earlier generations.

What dreams of mission begun by others might we wish to pursue?

- Heather Tate



## Christian Broadcasting Association ....

For several years APW has allocated funds from the Mission Birthday Gift and sale of used stamps to the Christian Broadcasting Association (CBA). Their recent News sheet includes these very encouraging comments:

- Our sincere thanks to all of you who gave so generously to make our Good Friday programming a reality. It was a great privilege to have input from Rob Harley, Philip Yancy, Dr. Tony Campolo and Nicky Gumbel and others, who communicated aspects of the Christian faith with passion, clarity and appeal. Please join us in praying for the 300,000 people who heard the show, that the seed sown may bear fruit.
- A caller to Real Life, responding to our interview with Dr. Tony Campolo said "I'm an atheist, but that guy really impressed me."

A Story of Hope – CBA's new documentary for National Radio. Shona Caughey has been commissioned, in conjunction with CBA to produce this 24 minute documentary which will tell the story of two doctors, Catherine (Australian) and Reg Hamlin (NZer) who went to Ethiopia and restored the lives of 25,000 young African women. Now in her eighties, and still operating there, Catherine has been described as 'The Mother Teresa of our age'.

(Broadcast date to be confirmed)

If you would like more information about the work of CBA these are the contact details.

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Website: [www.cba.org.nz](http://www.cba.org.nz)

## Regional News

### Dunedin Presbyterial

We are fortunate in Dunedin in having access to speakers on a wide range of subjects, but this year has proved to be exceptional with the quality of those who have joined with us, told us about their special topic, answered questions and mixed informally with our members over a cuppa.

In March, on a beautiful early autumn day we travelled to Outram where we received traditional country hospitality. The Rev. Dr. Sarah Mitchell spoke of her visit to Myanmar (Burma). It was a fascinating story of people in a country that remains shut off from the rest of the world. We loved the samples of the people's craft work, especially the beautiful lengths of locally woven material.

In April, the Rev. Shirley Ungemuth from the Stroke Foundation spoke practically and knowledgeably about the Foundation and how we as individuals can support those we know who have suffered from strokes.

In May, we met at Leith Valley Church where the Rev. Helen Harray gave us a wonderful insight into life in Uganda. Helen and her family and some students who are part of Student Soul at Otago University were there last year. The main purpose of their visit was to build a house for AIDS orphans. This is an amazing concept in a land where adults have become outnumbered by children – mostly orphans.

In a land that has given up hope, the project shows that there is a way forward, but the people need help to realize their dreams. A lovely village is being built complete with House Mothers, schools, medical services and a church. We look forward to a visit to Dunedin in October when we will have the chance of hearing the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda.

- *Betty Scarlet*

**The Pastoral and Administrative Group of the National Co-ordinating Group are:**

Convenor: Heather Tate

Deputy Convenor: Marjorie Empson

Secretary: Jill Little

Treasurer: Diane Croft

**Snippets ....**

- **St. Mark's, Tokoroa** were pleased to invite Gea Jansen, the Tokoroa Co-ordinator of Operation Cover-up to their meeting and to present Gea with nine knitted blankets. This brings our total this year to twenty-five blanks. We also had a soup and buns lunch which raised \$20 to assist with the cost of shipping the blankets to Eastern Europe.

- *Mary Hines*

- To raise money for this year's Project, **Waikanae APW** invited the congregation to an \$8 soup and savouries lunch. We served six different varieties of soup at stations around the hall. Many people tried two or three different soups, mushroom being the most popular. With the sale of cards, home made jams and pickles and a number of donations we raised \$800. It is amazing what food and fellowship and the inspiration of the two causes can achieve.

- *Janet Todd*

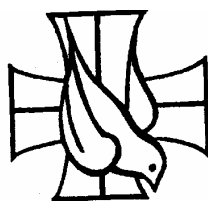
**Samoa's Head of State Funeral**

**His Majesty Malietoa Tanumafili 11** died on 11 May 2007. Malietoa was the world's third longest reigning monarch.

Praise God for the opportunity to be part of the New Zealand delegation to attend this funeral. His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili 11 was a prestigious man, a role model for all Samoans. On arrival in Faleolo, we were transported to Mulinu'u where we paid our respects to His Highness who was lying in State in the Parliament Buildings. This was a very emotional time for us. We also had the opportunity to meet the Malietoa family. Next day we woke to a beautiful, calm day. The service was attended by Heads of State, Heads of Government, Ambassadors, Ministers of Government, Members of Parliament, Ministers of Religion, and Samoan and Pacific Communities worldwide. It was wonderful to see so many children and young people dressed in school uniform. The matai's also stood guard with their to'ot'o and fue. The service was beautiful and memorable in many ways. I sat there feeling very humbled and privileged. I will remember this for the rest of my life. After the service we went to the burial site. E! ua malie toa. E! ua malie tau. May His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili 11 Rest in Peace.

A full account of Sinatala's trip to His Royal Highness's funeral is available in Samoan language from [lafulafu@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lafulafu@xtra.co.nz)

- *Tauilili Katenari Auelua*



**Time for a Review**

The Wellington/Hutt Valley group have been presenting 'Gleanings' for a year.

Please help us with your comments.

- What are you missing?
- What do you look for first?
- Is there sufficient variety of news?
- Was the larger Mission issue of value?
- Is any parish having difficulty in receiving Gleanings?

Please send your comments to – [n-burgess@xtra.co.nz](mailto:n-burgess@xtra.co.nz) so our publication can be more effective. The September 'Gleanings' will be twice the usual size so, if you have articles of interest, please send them. Copy closes 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

- *Nan Burgess*

**Regional Co-ordinators**

From emails we are receiving, it seems that some people are still have difficulty with receiving or printing off 'Gleanings'.

A few tips that might help:

- Make sure that your Adobe Acrobat version is up to date.
- When you receive Gleanings, and wish to forward it onto your Local Co-ordinators, just press forward on the toolbar at the top of the page; don't try to download it, save it, and then try to attach it again. You can insert your message to your LAC's just above Lafulafu's message.
- Check when you run off your Gleanings that it's the same as the original.
- Any difficulties contact Hazel at [hazmic.ob@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hazmic.ob@xtra.co.nz)