

# Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Republic of Kazakhstan, Asia**

## Geography

**Area:** 2,717,300 sq km  
 World's ninth-largest country. Dominating Central Asia and trade routes between east and west.  
 Much of the country is semi-desert.

**Population:** 15,753,460 **Annual Growth:** 0.73%

**Capital:** Astana

**Urbanites:** 58.50%

**Peoples:** 76 (54% unreached)

**Official language:** Kazakh

**Language:** 43



Largest Religion: Muslim			
	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	1,914,045	12.15	-1.5
Evangelicals	104,511	0.7	3.5
Muslim	8,456,457	53.68	

## Challenge for Prayer

**The expatriate Christian community is very diverse.** Many speak Kazakh and are committed to long-term work in Kazakhstan. Russians, Americans, Koreans, Germans and many other nationalities all enrich the ministry in their own way. Pray for humility as they serve the indigenous Church. Thank God for the coordinating work of the Kazakh Partnership. There are many needs – reaching the unreached, training, discipling, tentmaking as well as business-as-mission and work focused on material needs. The government can be suspicious of and hostile to the presence of missionaries – pray for the doors to remain open to minister. The threat of intimidation, expulsion and even violence exists, even if it is not common.

**Christian mercy ministries.** There is widespread dysfunction and brokenness in many Kazakh families. Alcoholism and drug addiction are widespread; heroin is as easy to obtain as alcohol. Family breakdown and widespread corruption exacerbate the suffering of many. Pray for Christians to have a powerful transforming effect on society as they demonstrate Christ's love. There are increasing numbers of ministries focusing on these needs. One of the most remarkable is Mission Agape, a live-in programme where addicts are disciplined and trained – over 100 have become missionaries and church planters.

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

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**Matthew 13: 23** But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

## Today's Service

<b>Worship:</b> David Y	<b>Communion:</b> David Y	<b>Translators:</b> David X/Rebekah
<b>Greeters:</b> Sophia/David/Michael/Emily P		<b>Reader:</b> Alison F/Julie
<b>SS Little Lambs:</b>	Catherine/Alison	Maggie/Lily B
<b>Kids for Christ:</b>	Ivy/George	Maria/Joanne L
<b>Bible Explorers:</b>		



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

Weekly Bulletin  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jul 2018**



**Worship Service**

9 am & 11 am

**“The Parable of the Sower”**

**Preacher: Pastor Abri Brancken**

**Scripture: Matt 13:3-23**

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

**Prayer Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7 pm**

**8 Jul & 22 Jul**

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## 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 or Japanese translation, please ask for a headset  
如果您需要听中文翻译可以向服事人员要一个耳机

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

#### GROWING SPIRITUALLY

It is so important that we all mature in our faith and that we bear fruit that is pleasing to the LORD. The Holy Spirit has Paul write to each of us: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith" (II Cor. 13:5).

It happens so often that Christians lose sight of that which is important, our spiritual walk with Jesus. We need to examine ourselves. "Am I growing spiritually?" "Am I putting Jesus first in my life?" Keeping our eyes on Jesus and living a lifestyle of obedience is vital. If we want to live a lifestyle of faithfulness to the LORD we must give ourselves 100% to the cause. We cannot commit 40%, 70% or even 90%. God wants our everything. As we mature, we will begin to see the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives, like gentleness, self-control, peace, patience, etc.

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



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Please visit our website [www.mairangichurch.org.nz](http://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

### Flower Arrangement Workshop – 6 Jul

This is a monthly workshop led by Annie Zhang, 10.30 am, first Friday of each month. Please bring your own materials and invite your friends. Contact the church office for more information.

### Japanese Friday Evening Service – 13 Jul

We have our monthly Japanese Friday Evening Worship service again on **13 Jul**, the second Friday of the month. Time: 19.00 - 21.00. Invite your Japanese friends to come and worship our Lord Jesus with us.

### First Aid Course Registration

There will be a First Aid Course presented on Saturday **14 July** at MBCC. The cost is \$50 per person and we have space for 20 people. You will receive a 2-year certification certificate after completing the course. First Aid New Zealand will be presenting the course. Parents, teachers or anyone working with people will benefit from this course. To register, visit the information table at the entrance and write your name & details on the registration form. Alternatively, contact the church office for details.

### Baptism – 15 Jul

Our next Water Baptism will be on **15 Jul**. Anyone who is considering to be baptised should please talk to the pastors to arrange your pre-baptismal class.

*Good Value at our Op Shop  
Abri paid \$7 for a suit at the Op shop,  
but then he had to pay \$34 to have it  
dry cleaned! Always remember you  
get good value at our Op Shop! 😊*

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### Wendy Liu's Away

Our Chinese pastoral worker Wendy is in China from 15 - 28 Jun. Please contact Pastor David or Ann during the time that she is away.

### PRAYER "and pray for one another"

James 5:16b. Please visit the Prayer Wall. Leave prayers, answers to prayer or testimonies. Remember to pray for these today and throughout the week.

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- **Jianbo & Lucia**, who are going to be baptized on 15 Jul and will give us their wonderful testimonies.

### PRAY FOR

- **The upcoming Baptism.** May the Lord strengthen the new believers and fill them with the Holy Spirit, release them into a new life.
- **Our young generation.** Pray that everyone might be touched by the Lord Jesus through their fellowship, mission training and RICE movement, etc.
- People who are not well recently, incl. **Pat, Doreen, Kevin Huang & Jiazhu**, may the Lord touch them and heal them.
- New **Japanese Youth Group** started on 14 Jun. Pray that more Japanese speaking youth will join these gatherings. May the Lord grant the leaders the wisdom and loving heart to serve.
- **People who are in need**, visa, job, future, health, etc.

### Service Roster for next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jul 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Paul	Nancy	George/Ivy/Jacky/Michael	Warren	Joanne X/Joy X	Kelly/Daisy	Tommy/Richard	Ann/Sunny	Annie Z	Jessica/Emily L/Hong