

Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Syrian Arab Republic, Asia**

Geography

Area: 185,180 sq km
Fertile plain on Mediterranean coast; 60% desert in centre and east but crossed by the Euphrates River.

Population: 22,505,091 **Annual Growth:** 3.31%

Capital: Damascus

Urbanites: 54.9%

Peoples: 33 (45% unreached)

Official language: Arabic

Language: 22



Largest Religion: Muslim			
	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	1,426,823	6.3	5.5
Evangelicals	23,663	0.1	4.2
Muslim	20,254,582	90.00	

Challenge for Prayer

Syrian Christian minorities enjoy freedom and stability, possibly unparalleled through the Middle East. The Orthodox and Catholic churches existed since before Islam and endure still with many godly members. The majority are Arab, but there is also a large Armenian community. Christians are concentrated in the cities, but finding housing and employment is increasingly challenging due to discrimination. Their proportion steadily declines through continual emigration. Pray against this trend. Thank God for their longstanding presence and the wise leadership of the Christian communities, and pray that these communities might flower again. Pray for renewal in these ancient traditions.

The Protestant presence is small but growing. Most Protestant converts come from Orthodox and Catholic backgrounds. There is an evangelical presence in most cities, but rarely in smaller towns. Growth can only occur if more leaders (ordained and lay) receive theological and leadership training; the signs are that many are willing. Pray that all believers might gain a deep desire to grow in godliness and outreach.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

2 Timothy 3: 16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Today's Service

Worship: Abri	Communion: David Xu	Translators: Sheldon/Sunny
Greeters: Gloria/Jing/Kelly/Daisy		Reader: Joanne X/Joy X
SS Little Lambs:	Catherine/Alison	Maggie/Lily B
Kids for Christ:	Angela/Maria	Flora/Hong X
Bible Explorers:		



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 10th Jun 2018



Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

"How We Got Our Bible"

Preacher: Ps. Abri Brancken

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

Prayer Meeting every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 pm

10 Jun & 24 Jun

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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

HOW DID WE GET OUR BIBLE?

Christian often ask me how we got our Bible. Many believers want to know how the sixty-six books got chosen to be in the Bible. Why sixty-six? Why these books and not others? Who decided what went into the Bible? Have you ever wondered about this as well?

The Bible is truly the single most important book ever written. The more I study it the more I realise that it is without a doubt divinely inspired and that someone far greater than ourselves is the Author of this life-changing and supernatural book. In fact, it is one of the most published and printed books in the history of the world and the Bible has been printed in just about every known language. Since it was first written, it has been the world's greatest bestseller year after year.

The Bible is an eyewitness account of historical events of such magnitude that they have literally shaped the world in which we live. But how did we get the Bible? In today's sermon, we are going to try and answer some of the important questions people ask about how we got our Bible.

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



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Please visit our website 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

Ministry Training – Scripture Reading

If you are one of the scripture readers, please stay after today's service for a short training. Anyone who is interested in serving in this area, please talk to Ann.

Church Prayer Meeting - Today

Please join us for our prayer meeting at 7 pm.

Crossroad Japanese Youth Group – 14 Jun, Thu 6.00 pm, every Thu.

All Japanese speaking young adults are welcome. Bring your friends along. Contact Joji & Chihiro for more details.

Chinese Friday Evening Service – 29 Jun

Monthly Chinese Friday Evening Worship, 7.30 ~9.30 pm, the last Friday of each month. Invite your Chinese friends to come and worship our Lord Jesus.

CCNZ National Conference

Pastor Abri & David will be away from 11 ~ 14 June. They are attending our church's network Pastor's retreat.

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

- **Marriage Course, Chinese Vison School & Youth Vison School, From Doubting to Believing**, all have been completed successfully, nearly 50 adults and youth in our church have been blessed by these courses.

PRAY FOR

- **The upcoming Baptism.** May more people hear the calling from God to be baptized and take the step of obedience.
- **All the trainees from our various courses.** Pray that everyone might apply what they have learned and be a witnesses for the Kingdom of God.
- **New Japanese Youth Group** will start on 14 Jun. Japanese speaking youth be called and gather together to learn, to serve and to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. May the Lord grant the leaders the wisdom and loving heart to serve.
- **People who are in needs**, visa, job, future, health, etc.

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Service Roster for next Sunday 17th Jun 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Garrett	Penny	Tommy/Louis/Michael/Darren	Abri	Emily R/George	Jing G/Hong/Susan S	LD/Tina R	Flora/Maria	Pinky	Josephine/Stephanie/Mabel/Ping