

Mission & Outreach

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

Geography

Area: 531,869 sq km
Mountainous south and southwestern portion of the Arabian Peninsula and the Indian Ocean island of Socotra.

Population: 24,255,928 **Annual Growth:** 2.90%

Capital: Sana'a

Urbanites: 31.80%

Peoples: 28 (61% unreached)

Official language: Arabic

Language: 14



Largest Religion: Muslim			
	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	19,405	0.08	2.9
Evangelicals	4,275	0.0	5.1
Muslim	24,236,523	99.92	

Challenge for Prayer

Yemen was once famous for frankincense, myrrh and coffee, but now growing the mild narcotic qat dominates agriculture. Over 80% of the adult population chew it, nearly 40% of the national economy is involved in qat farming and 55% of all water usage is devoted to its production. An estimated 20 million working hours a day are spent chewing it. The negative effects are immense on productivity and social and family life. Attempts to alleviate poor health care, low levels of education and economic underdevelopment are all undermined by widespread corruption.

Christianity once had a strong presence, but was almost completely wiped out by the 7th Century Muslim conquest. According to tradition, Shem founded the city of Sana'a, and the Queen of Sheba reigned in Yemen and sought wisdom from Solomon three millennia ago. May the modern people of Sheba seek after the wisdom from God as promised in Isaiah 60:6.

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



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 17th Jun 2018



Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

“Who Can I Trust”

Preacher: Warren Payne

Scripture: Proverbs 3: 5-7

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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VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

Proverbs 3: 5-7 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

Today's Service

Worship: Garrett	Communion: Abri	Translators: Flora/Maria
Greeters: Jing G/Ping/		Reader: NA
SS Little Lambs:	Rowena/Emily	Giselle/Lucy Z
Kids for Christ:	Michelle/Melissa	Jacky/Lucy M/Tony
Bible Explorers:		

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

WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM?

"I tell you the truth unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." (Matt.18:3-5 NIV)

Jesus thought that children were precious for a reason. The disciples were asking him who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus' answer was amazing. To be great in the Kingdom, you have to have the characteristics of children. For example, children are completely trusting of their parents. They turn to their mommy or daddy with wide eyes, open arms, complete trust. We need to be like that with God. Children love discovering and learning. Are you like a child, wanting to learn more about God? Children are focused on the present moment. Are you thankful and content in this present moment with God or are you always worrying about tomorrow? Perhaps one of the greatest gifts children give to the world is their purity. Doesn't the kingdom of heaven require purity? Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (Matt 5:8). We can learn so much from children. Sometimes we as adults complicate life too much. Not only that, but we complicate our relationship with God. Trust God, love God, live in the now with God and live a pure life with God.

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

Church Prayer Meeting – Next Sunday

Please join us for our prayer meeting at 7 pm on 24 Jun.

Welcome New Comers – Next Sunday

If you are new to our church, please stay after the service on 24 Jun. We would love to get to know you better. We usually have this short welcome meeting on the last Sunday of each month.

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.

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

- **Braam & Kirsty's baby Lara Rose** was born last Tuesday morning.
- Pastors **Abri & David** are back from the Pastor's gathering in the Christchurch area. They had a productive time in connecting with other Pastors from our church's network.

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** 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.

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Service Roster for next Sunday 24th Jun 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Abri	Nancy	Rodney/LD/Jacky	David X	Ivy/David K	Joanne Y/Simon/Hong/Susan	Ross/Julia	Tommy/Joy Z	Helen	Qing D/Yinqiu W/Robyn/Shelley