

# Mission & Outreach

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

## Geography

**Area:** 1,919,317 sq km

The Republic's 17,500 islands (6,000 inhabited) stretch over 9.5 million sq km of the Indian/Pacific Oceans, with 33 provinces, 5 of which have special status. Includes the world's second-largest rain forest and vast coral reefs.

**Population:** 232,516,771

**Annual Growth:** 1.19%

**Capital:** Jakarta

**Urbanites:** 53.7%

**Peoples:** 784 (26% unreached)

**Official language:** Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia).

Its increasing use is unifying the nation and lessening the importance of smaller languages to the younger generation

**Language:** 722



Largest Religion: Muslim			
	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
<b>Christians</b>	36,853,908	15.85	1.6
<b>Evangelicals</b>	13,010,751	5.6	2.8
<b>Muslim</b>	186,734,219	80.31	

## Challenge for Prayer

**A spiritual conflict rages** for Indonesia. Ancient and strong occult powers seek to oppose the influence of the gospel, while modern Muslim stratagems seek to eliminate Christianity and remove the presence of the good news. Pray specifically for the binding of these powers and for continued growth of the Church in the midst of intense opposition and growing persecution.

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



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

Weekly Bulletin  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



## Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

**“Pentecost – The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit”**

**Preacher: Ps. Abri Brancken**

**Scripture: Acts 2: 1-4**

**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  
13 May & 27 May**

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## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**Acts 2: 1-4** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a]with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

## Today's Service

<b>Worship:</b> Garrett	<b>Communion:</b> Mike	<b>Translators:</b> Flora/Richard
<b>Greeters:</b> Kelly/Jing Gao/Maree/Jack		<b>Reader:</b> Emily R/George
<b>SS Little Lambs:</b>	Catherine/Alison	Maggie/Jing
<b>Kids for Christ:</b>	Michelle/Ivy	Jacky/Lucy M/Tony
<b>Bible Explorers:</b>		

## 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

#### The HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit fulfils such an important role in our lives. The good news is that the Holy Spirit is personal, the very presence of God within us, working out the salvation that Jesus obtained for us.

Like God, the Holy Spirit is eternal (Hebrews 9:14). Like God, the Holy Spirit is everywhere present (Psalm 139:7-9). Like God, the Holy Spirit knows everything (1 Corinthians 2:10-11; John 14:26). The Holy Spirit creates (Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30) and empowers miracles (Matthew 12:28; Romans 15:18-19), doing the work or ministry of God. When the Holy Spirit does something, God is doing it. When the Holy Spirit speaks, God is speaking.

It is therefore so important that we as believers get to know the Holy Spirit better. Today, surrender your life to the Holy Spirit's control. Every believer is encouraged to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) – to be fully responsive to the Spirit's lead. How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



Want to get to know more about us?  
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

### Life Group Leader Training – today

All life group leaders please stay after the services in the lounge for a 15-minute visionary training.

### Chinese Friday Evening Worship – next Friday

Monthly Chinese Friday evening worship will be at **7.30 pm**, on **25 May**. Please invite your Chinese speaking friends come and join this worship meeting.

### Pre AGM Budget Meeting – 3 Jun, Sunday

All church members please stay after the second service on 4 Jun for a pre AGM meeting discussing the budget for next financial year. Your opinions will be heard towards this important issue for the church.

### Upcoming Baptism – 10 Jun, Sunday

If anyone is considering to be baptised, please talk to Pastor **Abri**, **David** or **Wendy**. A baptism is planned on 10 June during the second Sunday service. A pre-baptismal course will be presented before-hand.

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

Welcome Japanese speaking young people and bring your friends. Contact Joji & Chihiro for more details.

### Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for Brothers (English)

Each Tue, **7.00 pm – 8.30 pm**, Church downstairs, led by Greenlane Christian Centre.  
Current study: Romans

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## 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

- People who are being healed and saved at MBCC.

## PRAY FOR

- **The upcoming Baptism.** May people hear the calling from God and obey.
- **Youth Vision School** each Friday evening at the church. May the children be inspired and encouraged to follow Jesus as their Lord. May their lives be changed, impacting people around them including their own families.
- **Chinese Vision School** each Monday evening. May the Lord show His vision clearly and lead the way the trainees are going to serve.
- **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.
- All the courses and events happening in the church this year, i.e. **Marriage Course, Alpha Course, Pre-baptism Course**, etc., to help people to know the Lord better and deeper, hear the calling from the Lord and serve Him with great joy and blessings.
- **The renovation downstairs (phase 1)** is just about complete. We are awaiting the glass to partition the sections. Please continue to pray for this project as well as for the finances of the project.
- **People who are in needs**, visa, job, future, fiancé, health, etc.

### Service Roster for next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
David Yeh	Jeremy	George/Ivy/Michael/LD	DY	Ivy/Alison F	Joanne Y/Simon/Hong/Susan	Ross/Tina R	Tommy/Joy Z	Helen	Qing D/Jiazhu/Robyn/Emily P