

# Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Turkmenistan, Asia**

## Geography

**Area:** 488,100 sq km

Two populated strips of irrigated land on its northern and southern borders, separated by the barren Kara-Kum Desert. Only 1% of the country is irrigated, arable land; 80% is desert.

**Population:** 5,176,502 **Annual Growth:** 1.34%

**Capital:** Ashgabat

**Urbanites:** 49.50%

**Peoples:** 42 (52% unreached)

**Official language:** Turkmen using Latin script as in Turkey since 1994; previously Cyrillic script

**Language:** 9



Largest Religion: Muslim			
	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	94,730	1.83	-2.1
Evangelicals	1,718	0.0	2.1
Muslim	4,977,724	96.16	

## Answer to Prayer

**The atmosphere of the country is experiencing positive change.** Turkmen citizens can travel abroad and within the country much more easily. Two Protestant churches have recently been allowed to officially register and meet publicly.

## Challenge for Prayer

**The new government and leadership** face difficult decisions about continuing Niyazov's legacy, about domestic policies and about the awkward relationships with Russia (its main buyer of gas), Iran, Afghanistan and China. Pray for godly wisdom for the new leader, for a departure from oppressive policies of the past and for the respect of constitutionally guaranteed human rights and religious freedoms.

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

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**John 14: 18-21** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

## Today's Service

<b>Worship:</b> Abri	<b>Communion:</b> David Xu	<b>Translators:</b> Tommy/Richard
<b>Greeters:</b> Joanne Y/Simon/Hong/Susan		<b>Reader:</b> NA
<b>SS Little Lambs:</b>	Teresa/Joy G	Prescy/Christine Lin
<b>Kids for Christ:</b>	Kuniko/Mike	Sunny/Jing
<b>Bible Explorers:</b>		



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Jun 2018**



## Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

**"From Orphan to Son"**

**Preacher: David Yeh**

**Scripture: John 14: 18-21**

**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**

**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

#### Inspect Your Spiritual Life

Dear brothers and sisters, we are coming near to the half year mark. How is everyone's spiritual life? How is the new year's resolution going? In the cold and wet winter, it is easy to feel discouraged and feel depressed, just ponder in God's love and that his love warms our heart. We have a God that is greater than our problems, we have a God who knows our weaknesses and able to strengthen us. He is always with us in our trouble, so we are not alone.

Let not the weather and environment around us hinder us to meet together but let us be more eager to meet together and encourage one another. Through prayer, let our hearts be set on fire, through love for each other warm our hearts in this cold winter.

God bless you

Pastor **David Yeh**



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

### Church Prayer Meeting – Tonight

Please join us for our prayer meeting at 7 pm tonight.

### Welcome New Comers – Today

Are new to our church and would like more information about MBCC? We would love to share our heart and vision with you and would also like to get to know you better. Today, we will have a short welcoming & information session after each service downstairs in Meeting Room 1. Please join us.

### Chinese Friday Evening Service – 29 Jun

We have our monthly Chinese Friday Evening Worship service again on 29 June, the last Friday of the month. Time: 19.30 - 21.30. Invite your Chinese 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 please talk to pastors and will be given a pre-baptismal course.

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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

- **Joji & Chihiro** have come back with great testimonies in Japan.

### PRAY FOR

- People who are not well recently, incl. **Pat, Doreen, Braam & Kirsty's new born baby, Joji & Chihiro**, may the Lord touch them and heal them.
- **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.

### Service Roster for next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jul 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
DY	Jeremy	Michael/Rodney/George/Ivy	DY	Alison/Ivy	Sophia/David/Michael/Emily P	Kevin/	David X/Rebekah		Hong Li/Laura/Jiazhu/Helen S