

# Mission & Outreach

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

## Geography

**Area:** 300,000 sq km  
80 provinces; 7,250 islands, of which over 700 are inhabited, 11 of which contain the vast bulk of the population. The largest are Luzon (116,000 sq km) in the north and Mindanao (102,000 sq km) in the south. Over 75% mountains; prone to devastating typhoons.

**Population:** 93,616,853 **Annual Growth:** 1.83%

**Capital:** Manila

**Urbanites:** 66.4%

**Peoples:** 186 (11% unreached)

**Official language:** Filipino (based on Tagalog),

English

**Language:** 181



| Largest Religion: Christian |              |            |        |     |
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|                             | Religion     | Pop %      | Ann Gr |     |
|                             | Christians   | 86,361,547 | 92.25  | 1.7 |
|                             | Evangelicals | 11,558,344 | 12.3   | 3.1 |

## Challenge for Prayer

Special ministry challenges:

**a) Students**, over 2.5 million in 1,800 tertiary colleges and universities. Pray for effective evangelical cooperation, multiplication of conversions and the development of a nationwide student missions movement.

**b) Children**. More than half of the population are under age 20. 24% of school-aged children are unable to attend school; most either work or have no local school. There are 75,000 street kids in Manila alone. Action International, International Teams and World Vision are just three of dozens of ministries focused on children.

**c) Sex trade workers**. Up to 100,000 children and 400,000 women are involved, many of them trafficked to other countries. The sex industry is apparently the fourth largest source of income. Pray for all involved organizations in rescuing, rehabilitating and discipling these tragic victims of sin.

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

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**Luke 1: 26-28** Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

## Today's Service

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| <b>Worship:</b> DY                         | <b>Communion:</b> DY | <b>Translators:</b> Tommy / Joy Z |
| <b>Greeters:</b> Joanne Y/Simon/Hong/Susan |                      | <b>Reader:</b> Ivy/Richard F      |
| <b>SS Little Lambs:</b>                    | Rowena / Emily       | Maria / Jing                      |
| <b>Kids for Christ:</b>                    | Kuniko / Mike        | Maria / Jing                      |
| <b>Bible Explorers:</b>                    |                      |                                   |



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

Weekly Bulletin  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



**Worship Service**

9 am & 11 am

**"Angel (II)"**

**Preacher: Ps. Abri Brancken**

**Scripture: Luke 1: 26-28**

**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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## 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

#### Angels, Part 2

Today we continue our series on Angels. Throughout the Bible, we read about angels. There are many terms used in the Bible to describe angels, for example, host, creatures, messenger, etc. We believe that angels were created by God before the beginning of the earth because angels watched the magnificent drama of creation. God asked Job the question, "Where was thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?" (Job 38:4). "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). The angels were rejoicing as God created the world. King David urged the angels to praise the Lord because they were created (Ps. 148:2-5). You might remember that in session one of our series on Angles we discussed the fact that though angels are spirits, they have the ability to become visible in the semblance of a human body (Gen. 19:1; Exod. 3:2; Judg. 2:1; Matt. 1:20; Luke 1:26; John 20:12).

Angels have appeared to many of God's children throughout Biblical times. Not only that but today they still form part of God's army and agents that serve those who will inherit salvation (Heb 1:14). In His wisdom, God has provided angels to assist us in our journey with Him.

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



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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 - today

Tonight 7 O'clock let's meet at the church lounge, praying together for our church to fulfill God's plan. Open to everyone.

### Welcome New Comers - today

If you are new to our church, please stay after the service. Let us get to know one another more. We will have a short welcome meeting on the last Sunday of each month.

### From Doubting to Believing Course

Please be reminded that FDTB course will start soon,

1/6 (Fri) 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm

2/6 (Sat) 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

3/6 (Sun) 4.00 pm – 9.30 pm

4/6 (Mon) 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

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

All church members please stay after the second service on 3 Jun for a pre AGM meeting discussing the budget for next financial year.

### Upcoming Baptism – 10 Jun, Sunday

If anyone is considering to be baptised, please talk to Pastor **Abri, David** or **Wendy**. A baptism is planned for 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.

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

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2018, 9 & 11 am

| Worship | Musicians | Sound                 | Communion | Reader           | Greeters               | Offering Count | Translators     | Flower  | Tea                        |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Abri    | Nancy     | LD/Tommy/Jacky/Darren | Warren    | David K/Joanne X | Sophia/Michael/Emily P | Kevin/Richard  | David X/Rebekah | Annie Z | Hong Li/Laura/Hong/Emily L |