

# Mission & Outreach

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

## Geography

**Area:** 10,230 sq km

A fertile, mountainous state in the East Mediterranean. Rests between Israel and Syria. The site of ancient Phoenicia.

**Population:** 4,254,583 **Annual Growth:** 0.83%

**Capital:** Beirut

**Urbanites:** 87.2%



**Peoples:** 23 (35% unreached)

**Official language:** Arabic; French and English are widely used

**Language:** 9

Largest Religion: Muslim			
	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
<b>Christians</b>	1,360,190	31.97	0.7
<b>Evangelicals</b>	21,410	0.5	2.1
<b>Muslim</b>	2,508,502	58.96	

## Answer to Prayer

Openness to spiritual things and a growing number of converts from other religious communities continue. Praise God for the grace shown by Christians to those uprooted by the 2006 Israeli invasion. Evangelicals are showing vision and commitment to loving outreach.

## Challenge for Prayer

Lebanon's tragic history over the last 70 years, with communal wars, foreign interventions and hostage-taking. With adequate political stability, Lebanon has demonstrated great resilience and potential to rebuild. Pray specifically for:

- a) The government and its leaders.** Pray for a government that rules for the common good, balancing traditional values and demographic realities.
- b) Full political freedom to be gained and religious freedom protected.** Lebanon, for all its troubles, remains unique in the Middle East for its freedom.
- c) The healing of deep hurts** in communities, families and individuals.
- d) A spirit of forgiveness.** All have suffered and there are countless opportunities for bitterness and hatred. Pray that the Holy Spirit might do His work of reconciliation.
- e) The rebuilding of the South after multiple wars and occupations.** Many unexploded munitions from 2006 make rebuilding dangerous.

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

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

**Matthew 24: 4-5** And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."

## Today's Service

<b>Worship:</b> Paul	<b>Communion:</b> Abri	<b>Translators:</b> Ann/Sunny
<b>Greeters:</b> Kelly/Daisy		<b>Reader:</b> NA
<b>SS Little Lambs:</b>	Rowena/Emily H	Judy/Lucy Zhou
<b>Kids for Christ:</b>	Angela Z/Maria	Flora/Maria
<b>Bible Explorers:</b>		



**Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known**

Weekly Bulletin  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jul 2018**



## Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

**"End Time Deception – Part 1"**

**Preacher: Pastor Abri Brancken**

**Scripture: Matt 24:3-5**

**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**

**8 Jul & 22 Jul**

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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

#### Love the Truth

Whatever happened to the truth?! In our world, the idea of ultimate truth — something that is true at all times in all places and has relevance for our lives — is becoming more and more extinct. In a society where ultimate truth is treated like a fairy tale, an outdated idea or even an insult to human intelligence, the motto of the day becomes, "WHATEVER!" Believe whatever you want. Do whatever seems best to you. Live for whatever brings you pleasure, as long as it doesn't hurt anyone. And of course, be tolerant. Don't try to tell anyone that their whatever is wrong. Well, the truth of the matter is that there is something like Absolute truth.

Truth is powerful. It brings life. It has been here since the beginning, and it still exists today. Truth is available to all who seek it in the person of Jesus Christ. Even though our society tells us that it's narrow-minded to believe in ultimate truth, the evidence in favor of ultimate truth is overwhelming. Christ says the truth will set us free. And that promise is true for all time. I want to encourage you to love God's Word and give yourself to studying it.

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



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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 – 7.00 pm, tonight

Everyone is welcome to join our church prayer meeting tonight. It is in the lounge.

### Japanese Friday Evening Service – 13 Jul

We have our monthly Japanese Friday Evening Worship service again on **13 Jul**, the second Friday of the month. Time: 19.00 - 21.00. Invite your Japanese 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 (Sat)** 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, Sun

Our next Water Baptism will be on **15 Jul**. Anyone who is considering to be baptised should please talk to the pastors to arrange your pre-baptismal class.

### Business Breakfast – 28 Jul, Sat

@ Montrose Café, 7.00 am ~ 8.15 am, \$20 p/p. Book now for an inspiring meeting led by Abri. Come and enjoy fellowship and mutual support, make Kingdom impact, bring transformation in the land. Registration form is available at the entrance table. Contact Ann 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

- **Pat & Kevin Huang**, whose health conditions are getting better. Pat has been discharged from the hospital to the rest home.

## PRAY FOR

- Keep on praying for **Pat & Kevin**, also pray for **Doreen, Stephanie Chen & Jiazhu**, may the Lord touch them and heal them.
- **The upcoming Baptism.** May the Lord strengthen the new believers and fill them with the Holy Spirit, release them into a new life.
- **Our young generation.** Pray that everyone might be touched by the Lord Jesus through their fellowship, mission training and RICE movement, etc. Pray for **Jonathan, Samuel and Cathy** who are attending the two-week mission trip to middle eastern countries. Pray that God will protect them and touch them with an even greater passion for missions.
- 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.

### Stewards Needed

If you are considering to serve in the church, please talk to the pastors or to Ann. There are plenty vacancies, i.e., greeters, ushers, tea, media and sound team, etc. Thank You!

### Service Roster for next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jul 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
Garrett	Penny	Tommy/Rodney/Michael/Darren	DX	Emily R/George	Hong/Susan	Tina R/Julia	Flora/Maria	Pinky	Josephine/Stephanie/Mabel/Emily P