

KIWI NEWS

Steve & Gill Raine @ The South Pacific Bible College

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Greetings ... and a long overdue catch up on the happenings here. As I have sent our various other reports in the last few months and not this personal one, I have not mentioned the birth of the newest grandson Eli. Rebecca and Nick now have 3 children under 4 yrs old so they, and we, keep busy but happy. All are well, Noah & Sophia are enjoying being good older siblings, but it's Gill (called Gigi) who probably loves it the most!



Looks who is happy !

A sad day for us as a church saw the Gearhart family transition away from full time ministry here at Otumoetai to return home to the USA for a period of time. This has obviously left some gaps as they have been an active part of the leadership here for the last 7 years (and Veronica was working part time at SPBC). We miss them and pray God's blessing and guidance on the next chapter of their journey.

Shortly before, but separate to this, David & Olivia Nelson and family had arrived to be an active and dynamic part of Kingdom ministry here in NZ. They are based at Otumoetai and so we are blessed to have them serve here but their intended ministry is to help with evangelism throughout the country and in other congregations as well. If you recall we set a goal some 12 or more months ago to make 1000 disciples in the next 10 years.

SPBC



So much has been happening I will be brief ... but much more to come next month via SPBC Newsletter that I cannot include here.

In the 2nd Quarter I finished teaching Discipleship – always a big favourite of mine and the students - and also Personal Development 2. I was totally amazed this year in Personal Development at the level of understanding, discussion and involvement of the class. Usually it's a mixed bag as some like and some struggle with the class but this time it was full participation. I loved it and so do they. In the 3rd Quarter I am only teaching a Ministry Practicum class as we need time to prepare for our Govt. Audit process (which has just finished). This is a review of our institution which happens every 3 – 4 years.

Earlier in the year we were blessed to have Jay Jarboe from MRN come visit. In conjunction with a discipleship group we work with called DMD, we hosted a Coaching Workshop for 3 days here at SPBC.



Gill participating in Coaching Seminar

Perhaps our 'big' news here is the sale of our offsite student accommodation and plans to build new accommodation on the site of our main SPBC campus. Construction has begun on the first block which houses 1x 3 bedroom unit plus 1 x 1 bedroom unit. (more details in the last SPBC and upcoming SPBC Newsletters). We are excited as this will provide more accommodation, it will be safer, and enhance the overall Transformation process.

Missions

Gill & I were blessed to be able to attend this years 'Asia Mission Forum'. We don't normally get to attend this but next year SPBC will be hosting it (in Chiang Mai, Thailand) and so we needed to go with David and learn what is involved in hosting such a major event.



Steve Preaching at PJ, Kuala Lumpur

Actually it turned out to be three events. First I was invited to speak at the PJ congregations 40th Anniversary the weekend before the AMF. I presented a series of 3 lessons on "Preciousness" based from 1 Peter on God's view of us as his special people. Following this was a Leadership Seminar presented by Everett Huffard and then immediately following this was the 2016 AMF.

Now, for those of you who have always said ... "we want to come see" 2017 we are hosting the 2017 AMF which will be immediately followed by SPBC Graduate reunion. (This is in Chiang Mai, Thailand). Attending the AMF will be a great Spiritual Feast. Attending the reunion will give you insight into what graduates are doing, especially but not exclusively in Asia. Following that Gill & I are planning to conduct a Mission Orientation trip to various ministries that Gill is involved in in the region. Now is the time for you to start planning to attend and let us know your desire – especially if it's to do the Missions trip as well. Mark these dates:

AMF – Fri 28th July – Wed 2nd Aug
SPBC 35th Reunion - Thur 3rd – Fri 4th Aug
Mission Trip – approx. Sat 5th – Sun 13th Aug