



CHURCH ARMY
NEW ZEALAND

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I am pleased to say that Church Army NZ is willing to and capable of embracing the inevitability of change and adapt to it, for the sake of the Gospel. And we have seen plenty of it in the last two years! Below are some examples.



Our Evangelism and Disciple-making Discipleship Training is well received to help the Church, and not just Anglicans, to connect with their communities.

Pastor Brian Bullen and his wife Stephanie, our national trainers, are truly blessed in their ministry, running training tours from the Far North to the Far South!

Our local ministries up and down the country also adapted to the new normal: a lot of the work is still happening in cyberspace, as it is effective!

Godley Road Redemption: Ministry Dean Maniapoto



Dean and Tim F again organised a local Christmas in the Park event in BHB, second time running. Both years they were very well attended and many strangers joined us for Kai and conversations. Dean, being part of the **New Wine leadership team**, attended New Wine24 together with me as part of the New Wine team. He was asked to lead worship every morning at staff mtg, and at other prayer gatherings. We both took charge of the Waste Bins/Recycling (I was nominated best dressed bin girl ever in my pretty dresses, high heels and red lippy!) which gave us many opportunities to talk about care of creation, servanthood as Christian life style JC washed feet- the importance of the unseen ministries, etc). We also were put in charge of the Choc fondue for the Mission Mix and Mingle- resulting in lots of great ecumenical exposure, conversations PR. After New Wine Dean stayed a few weeks in the Wellington area to minister to his whanau, hapu and ministry connections there.



Canterbury Kids Coach (CKC)...

Is now called **Just Music** and has moved to Rosemerryn, a new subdivision in Lincoln, which is a very multicultural suburb.

Bernard and Louisa, with the support of Amy and Vaughan McConchie, have opened their home to the community to find ways to connect. Their desire is to ultimately see an active Discovery Group and are praying for an opportunity.

At present they have three groups meeting in their home. These are music groups learning to play and sing a variety of songs, including songs set to scripture, one for preschoolers, one for primary aged children and the third for adults. Reflecting the community, they are Indian, Pakistani, German, Chinese and English.

126 On the Corner



Tracey managed through many fundraiser events to gather the funds we needed to build a brand new and much bigger kitchen, to accommodate the many events happening there!

If through women leadership development, Children's ministry, working with the broken and neglected or developing catalysts and movement leaders, it's all about equipping and empowering the next generation and expanding capacity to be obedient to God in growing His Kingdom. It's just the format that changed. If anything, we were busier than ever, as people realised their need for hope and sustaining power from outside their own abilities. There was a surge of interest in faith-related conversations. We need to be equipped and ready to engage!

For that purpose, CANZ is working towards more and more collaboration with other evangelistic organisations to work more efficiently and effectively.

For example last year, I brokered Church Army UK's Faith Empowered Course utterly for free with UK staff running the course for Christchurch Diocese which was very well received.

Our hope for the future is that CANZ will become even more effective as a catalyst for the whole Church in NZ to work together more closely and more effectively in reaching the laden and lost, to be the Christlike beacon for God's hope and love we are meant to be.

Nga Mihi Nui
Kia tau tonu te Rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou
(The peace of Christ be always with you)

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