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EDITORIAL

As I reflect on this year, I am reminded of the passage in Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths.”

In times of great loss and tragedy, which we do not always understand, God never misses a breath and with what remains, He continues to build His church.

In February, Elim lost a great man who had faithfully served, not only his own church, but all our churches. Warren Moar left a great legacy, which continues to be built upon today. Then in April one of the saddest tragedies to hit New Zealand unfolded right on our doorstep. The news that six students and one teacher had drowned, rocked our Elim family to the core. Yet we watched as great people like Murray Burton, Luke Brough, and the families and students of Elim Christian College, showed us how to hold onto the faith, hope and love, built into our lives by God.

On a brighter note, I’m so excited as I hear and see what is happening in our churches. Mt Hutt Elim’s story for example is so inspiring. We can have total trust and confidence in our God, who will guide and direct us together as we build great lives and great churches.

Chris Bethwaite
National Administrator



GOD IS A BUILDER

LUKE BROUGH NATIONAL LEADER

Have you noticed that God is always making or building things. After creating the world He says; “Let us make man in our own image.” So He takes some clay and begins moulding a man. A magnificent figure with big muscles, and then breathed in him the breath of life.

He must have got tired after that so He took a shortcut when He made woman and used Adam’s rib. Then God said to Moses; “Build Me a Tabernacle. I will give you all the plans for every detail.” Each part spoke of amazing truths that God wanted to reveal to mankind.

Jesus was a carpenter building things before He stepped into ministry, and when He did we see this same desire to build. First thing He does is to call two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, and he says to them; “If you follow after me, I will make you fishers of men.” Jesus desired to build into their lives so that He made them into incredible men of destiny.

They could not dream of the change that would happen to them under the moulding of the master craftsman. But they were part of a greater plan. Jesus then declared to the world; “I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” He was going to build a church that would last into eternity. In fact when His church entered into eternity there would be more buildings there. He told the disciples not to worry that He was going ahead of them because among those many buildings He was preparing a place for them. Heaven is not full; there is still lots of room for lost people to come. In fact if heaven was built



for all of mankind because God is not willing that any should perish; it is under populated. This place is going to be in an awesome city whose builder and maker is God.

For every person God says; “I have an awesome plan for your life. If you will let Me “make you” I will build your life into something that you would never imagine. You are not alone in having a dream for your life; God has a dream for you. It is much bigger than any plan we can come up with. If we look at the amazing creating that God has done to date we can submit to His creative hands.

And then God calls us to be builders. We are made in His image, so being a builder is part of who we are. Even without God there is something in man that wants to build. When Cain went out from the presence of God he went and built a city. It is who we are; we are builders like our heavenly Father. The Apostle

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Paul described himself in building the church as an expert builder. He said that he built on the foundation which is Jesus Christ and we are to add to that building. The problem with different builders coming onto a job is that the standard may slip. The high quality of the previous builders may not be maintained. Paul was concerned about this so he said; “Each one should be careful how he builds.”

Conference is a time to sharpen our skills, look again at the plans the Great Architect has written, and link with our fellow builders as we build the church of Jesus Christ. ■

BUILD

ONE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



INTRODUCING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DARY NORTROP

My wife Bonnie and I are so excited about coming to New Zealand for the first time. I've heard so many wonderful things about New Zealand and it's a destination we've always wanted to visit.

I have been the Senior Pastor of Timberline Church in Fort Collins, Colorado, since November 1986. Timberline Church was founded in 1921 by people wanting to reach out to our community in love. This is still the heart and passion of our church. We've carried the name Timberline Church since March 1999. There are two reasons for the name Timberline. First, it's the name of the road where our church is located. Second, there's

the actual, physical place in Colorado where the "timberline" exists 11,000 feet above sea level. We, as a church, have much in common with that timberline: we are a place of change; a place where life is deeply rooted and a place where God's presence and power is seen.

The theme "Let Love Live" is a powerful truth for those who make Timberline their church family. We believe that the love of God is life-changing. We've determined to be a church built on the principle of the Bible verse Luke 10:27.

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;" and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

This verse is saying in essence to "Let Love Live." It's our desire to let the love of God live in our hearts as well as in the hearts of others.

I'm really looking forward to inputting into you and helping you to build great lives and great churches! Church leaders can make such a positive impact on their community! I want to talk with you about the following question: Who am I becoming? This has been really challenging me in the last few months. This question is not about what I have been or what I could be. It really asks me to reflect on my patterns of thought, my habits, my routines and my inner being. My prayer is that we are becoming the person that can live in the purposes of God.

Bonnie and I have been praying that we will all be able to relax and break away from the grind of the day-to-day of ministry demands and that we can be open to seeing into the core of who we are - our mind, heart, soul and body.

Effective ministry is mostly hard work! We are really looking forward to being with you at ONE Conference and finding inspiration and encouragement together for our ministries. ■



INTRODUCING SPEAKER

GEOFF FEASEY

Geoff Feasey is a member of the Elim Pentecostal Churches National Leadership Team and has held that position for 16 years.

He is Elim's longest serving Regional Superintendent, having served the North East Region in the UK for 20 years and the Southern Region, the Welsh Region and the South West Midlands for the past two years. 2008 also sees Geoff completing 40 years of full-time ministry within Elim.

He and his wife Carole have been married for 37 years and they have one son, Garry, who is the pastor of the Elim Pentecostal Church in Harrogate, UK.

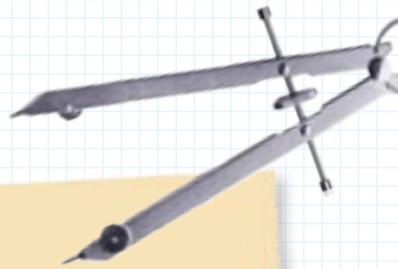
He has written two books, "Putting Things into Perspective" and "Think, Rest and

Pray" and he teaches annually at the Regents Theological College at the School of Ministry.

Geoff loves to minister on subjects such as *Leadership, Shaping the Church* and *Ministry Gifting*. He also teaches on the subject of *Fine Tuning the Ministry* – this subject will cover two of his sessions at ONE Conference 2008.

Geoff has a very positive attitude towards the church and feels that these are the best days for us. Emphasising Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3, he feels that as we reach out to God in these last days that God will do "more than we ask or even think". And that "God's glory within the church" has still to be seen.

Geoff has been heavily involved with the European Insight Conference, held each year on the European mainland. This Conference brings pastors and their spouses together for three days of ministry, inspiration and relationship. Geoff birthed this Conference several years ago and it has been an inspiration to many leaders throughout Europe. ■



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Global Day of Prayer

PS. MIKE KNOTT WELLINGTON ELIM CHURCH

At the dawn of this century, a small band of believers gathered in Cape Town, South Africa, pouring out their hearts to God for their nation. A stadium full of 45,000 expectant people gathered in 2001 to seek God in repentance.

God gave them a vision for a prayer movement that would soon sweep the continent of Africa. One year later that single gathering had expanded to eight stadiums with 35,000 people. The following year the movement jumped to a staggering 2.5 million gathered in 130 stadiums. In 2004, the movement multiplied ten-fold, swelling to 22 million people gathered at more than 2,000 sites in every one of the 56 countries of Africa! That same year Africa invited the world to join them

in the first Global Day of Prayer, which drew together an estimated 200 million people on May 15th, 2005. In 2008, 215 countries and half a billion people were involved around the globe.

This year on a vineyard in Cape Town, South Africa representatives from Israel (an Israeli Christian Arab!), Egypt, Turkey, Romania, Brazil, Argentina, Ukraine, USA, Denmark, Singapore, Africa, and New Zealand met together to plan for Global



Day of Prayer 2009. What a privilege to be representing New Zealand. Through the networks I have developed over the years I have been able to bring some new countries on board from the Pacific and Latin America.

This is the biggest prayer meeting in all of history by a long way. It was so encouraging to hear of significant moves of the Spirit happening around the globe. There were also some great testimonies of reconciliations between movements and denominations as a result of coming together for the Global Day of Prayer.

Graeme Power, the businessman who had the original vision and booked out the Newlands Stadium for the first gathering back in 2001, has recently been through some hard times; however he is totally committed to seeing it through. He has already booked the yet-to-be-built World Cup Soccer Stadium in South Africa, for 2010 – it has 70,000 capacity!

A successful businessman and new Christian, Graeme received the first of a two part vision in July 2000:

1. Go and hire Newlands Rugby Stadium in Cape Town. Invite the Christians from the various Denominations and gather for a Day of Repentance and Prayer.
2. Then Challenge the other Provinces in South Africa to do the same – to also gather for a Day of Repentance and Prayer.
3. And then this same Challenge must go to the rest of the Christians in Africa.

The second part of the vision came in February 2002. Graeme saw a body outstretched like a cross spread over Africa (The foot of the Cross in Cape Town, and the head in Egypt). The arms reached from East to West across the width of Africa. The whole of Africa was gathered in repentance and prayer with a clear vision that Africa will become a “light to the world”.

The arms of the cross became God’s arms, stretching out and out, pulling the entire Globe into His stomach, holding it with love, as a mother would caress her newborn baby.

The fourth and fifth stages of the vision were clear: The Christians throughout Africa should gather for a Day of Repentance and Prayer and then invite the entire Globe for a Day of Repentance and Prayer, this initiative stretching out across all nations in the world. ■

Please consider how you and your church can engage with the Global Day of Prayer on Sunday 31 May 2009.



WHAT AMAZING STONES!

PS. BRUCE TAYLOR ASIAN OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

I am starting to write this article from a little church building in a slum area about 20 miles out of Rangoon in Myanmar.

The military regime here is not keen for foreigners to travel out of the city and they have finally caught up with me. There is heated discussion going on in Burmese over my passport, but as New Zealand is seen as a friendly country, it should be resolved soon. So I am sitting here thinking about the theme of the Elim Conference this year – Build - building great lives and great churches. The young church planter here has recently seen 60 Buddhist people come to faith in Christ and last week water baptized 20 of them. Despite the recent Cyclone Nargis disaster where over 130,000 people were killed and many church

buildings were destroyed, they have kept their faith and have never stopped worshipping and reaching out to their community.

I am in wonder at the resilience, the variety and the vibrancy of the church worldwide, especially in Asia. Over the past few years I have been privileged to meet with Asian Christians in cathedrals, grass huts, buses, caves, stadiums, refugee centres, high tech auditoriums, boardrooms, tents, homes, hotel ballrooms, village halls, schools, factory compounds, convention centres, jungle clearings....and enjoyed their huge variety of expressions in praise, preaching and prayer.

The church in Asia can be honoured or persecuted, visible and invisible. It is often full of young people and many have recently come to faith in Christ from tribal, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and animist backgrounds. It is also increasingly found in the cities, not just the rural areas. The leaders and members can be rice farmers or PhD graduates.

Whether it be Mongolia, where in little over a decade the church has grown from 5 to 60,000, or in Vietnam where revivals are happening, it is so evident that Jesus is building His church. He is giving His followers the keys of His Kingdom, and as they use these in their context, then Christ builds something so unique and relevant. To see the church preaching the gospel, planting churches, and also demonstrating God's love through community development and confronting injustices is awe inspiring. Changing lives, transforming communities, influencing nations.

We are so grateful for the support and prayers that came from Elim churches in New Zealand for the recent disaster in Myanmar and the devastating earthquake in Sichuan, China. Your partnership with the local churches there shows the power of the Body of Christ. Apart from providing immediate relief, your support is now going to rebuild lives. In Myanmar it is providing fishing boats and nets that will mean sustainable food production. It is supplying tin roofs and plastic tanks to provide vital clean drinking water.

In China it is now resourcing Christians to be trained and released to provide counseling and hope for traumatized and grieving people. The Chief Commander of the Relief and Rebuilding in Sichuan has just told the church in China "Rebuilding buildings and livelihoods is challenging. But we can do it. Your efforts to rebuild people's hearts and souls are even more important. Please do not give up!"

And so as I sit in this slum area, surrounded by overwhelming poverty and oppression, I realise afresh that the church



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It is all about dynamic and vibrant believers who are being built by Christ into a passionate and authentic army of hope and faith. A few years ago I helped organize a conference in China, and during one of the meal breaks some of the Western pastors were sharing with their Chinese colleagues about the massive new church complexes and facilities they were building in their own countries. When they finished, one senior Chinese pastor simply said "We are so pleased to hear of all the building you are doing. Actually last year our local government authorities came to my church and literally dynamited our church building apart. So each one of the congregation took a small piece of the rubble home to remind ourselves that His church is never just built of bricks and concrete, but of living stones of believers" Now that's church building! What amazing stones! ■

HER WEAPONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

PS. JAN KELLEHER ELIM CATHEDRAL OF HOPE

In February we held our annual Her Conference called “Her Weapons of Righteousness”.

Our opening night was incredibly powerful with a variety of different dancers, ranging from Scottish & Irish to Hip Hop. Mary Simpson was our keynote speaker.

Whilst the weather kept us all indoors, it didn't seem to dampen the atmosphere at all. After our morning sessions with Mary, we enjoyed a great lunch, which was followed by workshops led by some of Elim's leading ladies.

The atmosphere of worship over the weekend was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many women from all over the South Island and a few from the North coming together, building relationships.

We have continued our theme of 'Her Weapons of Righteousness' throughout this year and have enjoyed an evening event with Clinton Kelleher sharing on Favour and just



recently Jeannie Knott joined us and spoke on Mercy. We have one more Her Event coming up in November and we are also now planning for next years Her Conference in February with Chris Pringle. ■

IRONMAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

As iron sharpens iron one man sharpens another.



This year at Elim Cathedral of Hope our awesome men's conference was themed Ironman. Our guest speaker was Steve James from CCC church in Canberra.

Many of the men were personally challenged and encouraged to confront and overcome issues that prevent us from being the men God has called us to be.

The weekend would not have been complete without the Ironman 2008 Challenge, definitely for men's eyes only as lycra clad contestants in one event overcame freezing waters and in another event had to manoeuvre an unusual obstacle course.

Next year men's event, “Be the Man” is going to be another great conference. ■



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PS. NICOLA GAZE ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE AUCKLAND - EAST

This June over 500 women gathered together at our women's conference, *Replenish*.

Guest speaker Gillian Cameron from Arise Church, Wellington encouraged us to break free in order to be a blessing and we laughed with JuliaGrace as she performed her beautiful and hilarious songs.

The highlight was the Replenish Foundation Award. This award honours women for their incredible courage, faith and strength as they have journeyed through pain, hardship and

suffering. This year's award was presented to Cathryn Fisher from Cambridge Elim. Since a near-fatal truck accident last year Cat has showed incredible determination and faith. The Replenish Foundation presented her and her fiancé an all expenses paid honeymoon to Rarotonga! ■

Join us at Replenish 2009 (12-13 June) with guest Speaker Ps. Leigh Ramsey from Citipointe Church, Brisbane. For more information visit www.replenish.org.nz



EASTER ENCOUNTER

PS. STEPHEN GREEN ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Easter weekend 2008 saw the third annual North Island Elim Easter Camp held at Camp Keswick in Rotorua. Encounter Camp, was an opportunity for Elim youth from around the country to get together, connect, build relationships, grow deeper in God and just generally get rowdy!

We had over 100 Elim campers from the North Shore of Auckland right down to Hastings. With youth being youth it didn't take long for old friends to meet, new friendships to be formed and a hole to be put in a wall! All the campers and leaders gelled really well and there was again a great sense of unity and oneness between the different youth.

From the word go we wanted Encounter Camp to be just that, a place where young people can encounter God in a real and relevant way. From Friday night through to Monday morning youth were inspired with fantastic messages from Tom and Suzie Brock from the USA. Both Tom and Suzie shared

practical and empowering messages which inspired the young people to practically walk out their faith with obedience and trust in God. Easter Sunday was celebrated with an impacting Easter message by Rebecca Green followed by a really special time of communion in our cabin groups.

If the saying "spoiled for choice" ever meant anything, it does now with campers at Encounter enjoying activities such as hip hop dance sessions, spiritual growth workshops, girl and guy talks, sports, X-boxes, movies, amazing praise and worship, morning and night services, a 24 hour prayer room, dance party, jet boating, sea biscuiting, our own

version of "The Singing Bee" and the Great Encounter Raft Race... I think I need a Red Bull just writing about it, my brain hurts!

The highlight of camp was not all the craziness but simply seeing 2 amazing young people decide to follow Jesus for the first time and 9 decide to be baptised on Monday morning in Lake Rotorua (in the pouring rain). Seeing young people stand up and sell themselves out for the cause of Christ is the reason we run a camp like this.

So roll on Encounter 09!!! Judging by the last couple of years, you don't want to miss out! 09 is going to be bigger and better than ever. Promotional material, brochures and information will be out by One Conference and we will be offering a special discounted rate if you register at ONE 2008. Along with all the usual madness Encounter 09 will have a line up of different speakers, instead of one key speaker, who are sure to challenge, inspire, encourage and bring our young people to their own Encounter with God.



Info packs will be posted to all North Island Elim youth Leaders/Pastors by October 2008. Watch out for it in the mail and be sure to get your youth registered.

Can't wait to see you there!!! ■





PS. MITCH JORDAN POWERZONE DIRECTOR

Powerzone is a curriculum that impacts **this** generation – speaking the right language, and having a style that this generation relate to. It is fast moving, visual and interactive – all things that are familiar with today’s children!

Our Vision is to see **every** church in New Zealand having access to dynamic appropriate children’s materials for their Sunday programmes. We know that Powerzone works, and our dream is to see children’s churches growing, right through this nation and beyond.

Powerzone is raising a generation of Power Kids - who know what it is to follow Jesus! The word “Power” stands for Pray/Obey/Worship/Enjoy/Reach.

These are the five core values that we believe are essential in developing a child to have a meaningful, dynamic and powerful faith.

OUR TWO LATEST MODULES

THE TEN COOL RULES

The Ten Cool Rules (aka 10 Commandments) are integral to a life surrendered to God. We have presented these rules through a movie called “The Great Race.” We meet up again with characters Mikie, Suzy and Manu in their quest for glory in the Great Race, and once again Mikie finds himself in trouble as he struggles to get his priorities right and follow God’s Ten Cool Rules.

Each week we focus in on one of God’s Cool Rules, and look at ways Power Kids can obey.

CREATION

Creation is an exciting topic, and one which is full of amazing & incredible facts!

We have endeavoured in this module to equip our Power Kids to be able to share the biblical account of creation. We know that God is our creator, and that ultimately He created us for relationship. We want the children to know their value and worth as human beings, created in the very image of God! Through the Powerzone Movies children will meet the Professor Schneckenbergelmeister, a crazy professor who teaches science to a group of children. Each episode of the movie looks at a different day of creation, and shows children what evidence exists to support the biblical account.



COMING SOON TO POWERZONE

POWER PRAYER JOURNEY

We will join Pita and Petra as they go on a journey of discovery finding out how to grow in their relationship with Jesus, their spiritual gifts, and to realise the power they have available through prayer!

MIND IS A HARD DRIVE

Submitting all our “senses” to God isn’t as easy as it sounds. In this module we will explore the different things that challenge our “eye gates” like computer games/dvds etc. Our “ear gates” like music, gossip and so forth. Technology is a growing tool that our children have at their fingertips - we want to help our children to make wise choices about what they get into! The movie will be a fun spoof on the “xtra-ordinaries!”

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A NOTE FROM MITCH

I love to see children passionate about Jesus, and passionate about His house. Church should be an exciting and vibrant part of a child’s week - yeah! I believe the potential Powerzone has to build a great church through your children is huge!

Recently I took a little road trip up to Napier Elim Church - if you’re spending any time in the bay city make sure you pay a visit. I had a great time with Sam and her kids ministry leadership team! Napier has recently rebranded their kids church to Powerzone and are using the Powerzone material.

Here’s what Sam has to say; “Powerzone is awesome in so many ways. The children love the prizes, the games, the movie, and even learn a few things in between!! For the leaders its all ready to go, the hard work is already done, we just run the programme!! We’ve only done powerzone for 7 weeks so far, but its awesome. Even my 3 year old is calling herself a “power kid” complete with power pose!!” ■

When God Says **BUILD**

PS. MARK TAYLOR MT HUTT ELIM CHURCH



We recently celebrated the opening of our new church facilities. An auditorium that seats 140, a huge Powerzone room, an inviting café area and a dream crèche. But to truly understand the miracle of God's provision in this great facility we need to look back in time.

Mt Hutt Elim held its first service on Saturday 24th April 2004 in the town hall. This facility has served us well. However, sometimes it was not available for our use and you could never guarantee what state you would find it in from the party the night before.

In a vision message at the beginning of 2007 I said that we were believing for our own church home, to be more effective in our community. This was a big ask for a church of 50 people with over half of them children, but God knew what He was doing.

Early in 2007 I became aware of a building up for sale on the main street of Methven. The ground floor was fully tenanted with two restaurants, a boutique Cinema and a heli ski office but the second story was a disused

night club. We started background work on council requirements, building codes etc but too soon the building went up for auction and we were not ready. However, soon after the auction we discovered that the building was back on the market.

After much negotiating and with the help of Elim Cathedral of Hope the building was purchased. Then the real work began.

The previous tenants had walked out leaving half empty wine casks, bird's nests in the toilets and a dark and dingy interior. The place was a mess. Many working bees were held to clear it out and demolish unwanted structures so that we had a big open space in which to rebuild.

The building consent from the council was finally issued in March this year. Although it



was held up, it came in God's timing because a couple of weeks later we had a team from Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM), who had not been available earlier, arrive to begin the building work.

MMM were truly sent by God to help us. They spent 6 weeks on site and did all the construction work, new walls, stage and cupboards. God provided the labour with the skills that were needed. But to undertake a project like this finance and materials are also needed. The only way of getting these was with God's help.

We took up a special offering in December and our church gave generously with money and pledges. That was the only time we asked but people didn't stop giving. 65 sheets of gib board, 150 metres of framing timber and numerous sheets of MDF arrived the week before the builders. So many things were donated by people in the church: the brand new carpet, the electrician, the interior designer, the 44 inch TV in the Power Zone room, the computer to run the data projector. When God's hand is on a project we don't have to worry!

Throughout this project we have been amazed by God's hand and His provision. Many times we have said if we had known how big this project was we may not have started!

We now have a top class facility that we can call home. A facility that is cheaper to own than to lease. A great tool to be more effective at reaching out to our community with the love of God and the gospel message. A great tool to build a great church. ■



FACING PAGE Mt Hutt Elim's opening service
THIS PAGE FROM TOP Building in original state, church building from the street, inside new cafe looking through to auditorium



ARISE & BUILD

NEHEMIAH 2:20

PS. STEVE GARLAND COROMANDEL ELIM CHURCH

At Coromandel Elim we have had a mind to build a church facility that would be the centre of the community.

We were refused consent to increase the size of our current building due to Heritage constraints. However, we knew God had given us a mandate to arise and build..

We penned a list of priorities for what was needed to fulfil the vision. From this it soon became obvious that it was necessary to construct a building which would contain what other venues in town don't provide. Although Coromandel already has four halls, these are all very limited in regard to seating, facilities and ambiance.

In late 2001 we purchased 9,400m² of land on the south side of town. Our brief to the architect became reality when we viewed the first drawings. Since this time, development of the land to accommodate the building has been completed.

We are now waiting for final consent from council to construct a purpose-built church and facility that will serve the purposes of God and of our town for generations to come. ■

ONE CONFERENCE 2009

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Greg & Ruth Haslam



LEFT Pastors Steve & Rosemary Garland

ABOVE Concept drawings of Coromandel
Elim Church's new facility



Greg is Minister of Westminster Chapel in London. He travels widely as a Bible teacher, conference speaker and writer. He has a real heart to bring Word and Spirit together through a biblical theology that is on fire. He desires to see the widespread emergence of healthy churches that can become a credible voice to our declining culture. This requires an informed and vigorous depth to his faith, and a dazzlingly different lifestyle in marriage, home, work and Christian community. Greg is married to Ruth and they have three grown-up sons.

He is the author of many articles and five books. The latest include 'Preach the Word!' (Sovereign World) and 'A Radical Encounter with God' (New Wine Ministries).

AUCKLAND

29 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 2009

*On the 15th of April 2008
7 of our own were lost*



Tony McClean Anthony Muller Floyd Fernandes Natasha Bray Portia McPhail Tara Gregory Tom Hea

WHAT IF IT WERE ME?

WARREN PEAT

EXECUTIVE HEAD SAINT KENTIGERN COLLEGE

Empathy. That capacity to walk in the moccasins of others, to journey in the time of their crisis, having no words to ease the pain, but to be there in whatever way as we identify with them and their feelings and emotions.

Our heartfelt prayers and our love were extended to the parents and the families of the Elim community in the midst of their tragic loss and subsequent grieving for those precious young lives lost on the Mangetepopo River.

But what if it were me? What if the Police were to call me, instead of Murray Burton at Elim, to tell me of an unfolding tragedy beyond anyone's ability to control? To tell me that so many precious lives of students and staff from our College were feared lost? What if it were me opening the door to the news that my child was lost on a canyoning expedition gone horribly wrong in the midst of amazing excitement and expectation? The glare of the media spotlight, the attention of a city and a nation, required to lead a community in crisis

in the face of enormous personal loss. What would I do, or say, or be in those circumstances? I can only hope and pray that I would have the faith, the grace and the strength to lead this community in the way that Murray Burton led Elim over those days. The courage to be transparently open, the openness to admit friend and stranger alike into the midst of the very personal grieving, the permission to allow the grief and pain of loss to be acknowledged and visible and shared, the generosity of spirit not to apportion blame or guilt in the face of hard questions and the enormous pressure to do so. Murray demonstrated the ability to be a truly Christian leader of a Christian community, able to model a Christ-like response for his students, his community and the nation. Where was God in the midst of this tragedy? God was in Murray Burton. He was in the voices of faith-filled parents like Andy Bray deeply saddened by their loss, yet trusting in Him still.

While the pain of loss remains, Christian faith at times like this provides hope and the promise of a better place for those who trust in Him. A future and a hope. In our empathy, our love and our prayers, we ask God to strengthen Murray as he continues to provide that promise of a future and a hope for his community long after the media spotlight has passed on, as they continue to trust God for the healing and the courage to go on. ■

Life is a God given gift that is more precious than anything. It has no price tag. It can only be used once. It is up to us how we use it. My six peers and teacher used the Gift of life for God's glory.

Kish Proctor, Year 12

YOU LIVE A LITTLE FAR

It's sure hard to say goodbye when someone you love goes away, And I still hate the way time can fly; it's a very hard price to pay, It's good to know where you are, and sure enough we'll meet one day, But still you live a little far from me to come and play.

I can't stop thinking of the smiles you shared, There aren't enough words in the world to describe the things we want to say, And you did a tonne of things I wouldn't have dared, I can't stop thinking of you every day.

**Janis Fernandes, Year 6
(younger sister of Floyd)**

THE MOURNING NEWS

Fear and uncertainty
Eyes fill with tears
Prayers fly from lips.

Hold on to faith
Hold on to hope
Hold on to love

Trust in the one
Who loves us;
The Father in Heaven

Seven died in His arms
Seven lives not wasted
Seven stories to tell.

Daniella Verissimo, Year 13

A LETTER

To Tom, Tash, Portia, Floyd, Tara, Anthony and Mr McClean

I still can't believe that you have really gone. It is like a nightmare which lives on every second of every day. It's hard to know I will never see your faces with those smiles which always brightened my day or hear your laughter as I pass in the playground. It breaks my heart in so many ways.

I walk around the corner expecting to see Tom. I wait to pass you at the lockers Portia, I see Tara at the picnic table. I miss your beautiful voice Tash and hear Floyd on the keyboard. Anthony you are missing from your place at the gate and I still hope to see Mr McClean's smile.

Faith is what is getting us through this. I know that on the 15 April 2008 you all saw our Lord Jesus Christ and He welcomed you into his kingdom with open arms and the words, "Welcome home my good and faithful servants."

What an impact you have made on me, on our school, and on our nation. You have taught me to live life to the full for Jesus as we don't know how long we have until we too are called home. I will always remember "who I am playing for."

**With love,
Susan Shields, Year 13**





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Auckland

Elim Christian Centre - City

74 Cook St, Auckland City
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Pastor: James Anson

Auckland

Elim Christian Centre – East

159 Botany Road, Howick
ph 09 538 0360 fax 09 535 5367
Pastor: Luke Brough

Auckland

Elim Christian Centre -South

Cnr Weymouth Rd
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Pastor: Andrew Garratt

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Brett Ave, Manukau
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Pastor: Ratten Singh

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Christchurch

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The Oasis Church

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Pastor: Bruce Collingwood

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625 Main Road
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77 Station Rd
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Pastor: Terry Mitchell

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Pastor: Bill O'Brien

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11 Heriot Drive
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Pastor: Ken Roach

Rotorua

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40 Ross Place
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