

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

² Abraham the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, Joseph the father of Judah, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse,

and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's

wife, ⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa, ⁸ Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah,

Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz

the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ Hezekiah the father of Manasse, Manasse

the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah,

¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah ^{1a} and his brothers, who were taken

into exile to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,

Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,

Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,

¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Eliud,

¹⁵ Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob,

¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom

was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David,

fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile

to the Christ.

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CHRISTMAS: HOME AND AWAY

THEY SAY THAT INSIDE EVERY OLD PERSON is a young person wondering where the time went – and certainly this is never more true than at this time of year! Yet in the midst of the busyness of the Christmas season I can't help but think that maybe we're missing something.

It seems to me that as Christmas approaches we can get so caught up with the excitement and spectacle of it all that the important things – the things that normally ought to occupy us – get pushed aside. I can't speak for anyone else, but when it comes to Christmas I tend to focus on family, friends and home to the point that leaving these for the sake of the Gospel doesn't really figure in my thinking. Yet that is exactly what Jesus did for us that first Christmas. He left his father's side to journey to a 'far country': an unfamiliar and uncomfortable place.

You see, at its heart Christmas is not a celebration of home and all things comfortable. Christmas is a time to remember the one who gave up the comfort of home for the glory of his Father. The uncomfortable truth is that the baby born in Bethlehem is the one who would give his life for your sake and for mine with the challenge to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations". Indeed this year, as in past years, while we gather to celebrate and give thanks for God's coming among us, many parts of the world are still waiting to hear the Gospel story that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17).

And therein, it seems to me, lies a profound blessing – for Jesus promised to those who go, "that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, will receive in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property – along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30).

And so as Christmas dawns upon us, and as you consider the Incarnation, pause and let the wonder of it all not only infuse our worship services, but also renew with increasing enthusiasm your commitment to world missions, remembering that Christmas is not so much a date but a state of mind. As Calvin Coolidge remarked, "To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

God bless you as you celebrate His grace this Christmas, and on behalf of the team here at AMB, thank you for your support this year.



DOING MISSION TOGETHER



Canon Robert Kereopa
Executive Officer

A key lesson identified in a recent Mission survey of the Anglican Communion worldwide is the importance of “Doing Mission Together”. For many parishes, doing mission with partner parishes overseas may seem like a distant dream, complicated by financial costs and communications difficulties. However, the recent Mission to Samoa by St James Church of Nukuhau, a very small “Tikanga Maori” Parish, in partnership with St Andrews of Taupo, a medium sized “Tikanga Pakeha” Parish, demonstrates that parish to parish (to parish) missions are not only possible, they can be extremely fulfilling. The two parishes took a Missions team to All Saints Parish in Samoa, partly to help renovate the old vicarage there (see story p5), and have now established an ongoing 3-parish partnership.

Here are some suggestions on how parishes can form relationships with overseas parishes, while developing a positive approach to Global Missions:

1. DEVELOP A “CAN-DO” MISSION MINDSET

Barack Obama’s American creed “*Yes we Can!*” is really the creed of Mission. It is very important for a parish to develop a positive Mission mindset as a motivating force to develop new Mission based relationships. Developing a “Can-Do” Mission mindset will take time for the whole parish to capture, but it is well worth investing the time and energy in.

2. MAKE MISSION A PARISH PRIORITY

Making space in Sunday worship for *Mission Prayers* and a short *Mission Hot Spot* is a good place to start. Having a dedicated *Mission Sunday*, or *Mission Month* each year also provides a positive way for the parish to focus on Mission. Organising *Mission Dinners* are tremendous opportunities for fellowship around a *Mission Speaker* invited by the parish, perhaps even a speaker from your partner parish.

3. GO WITH A PARISH MISSION TEAM

The time sacrificed to organise a Parish Mission Team to GO and visit another parish is well worth the effort. This will have a dramatic impact on the “Mission mindset” of the parish, not just for those who go, but also for their families. Learn from other parishes who have already sent Mission teams and put in the extra effort needed to fundraise and prepare the team for their Mission.

4. ENCOURAGE PARISH MISSION CHAMPIONS

Mission minded people should be encouraged to see themselves as Mission champions who *enable* others from the parish to get involved with Missions. Organising a Mission team takes commitment, dedication and a willingness to be in the spotlight. We need willing and available Mission champions to lead the way.

5. DEVELOP HEALTHY CROSS-CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS

Developing healthy cross-cultural relationships involves a subtle shift in thinking from “my parish” to “our parishes”. The priorities for “my parish” may not suit the priorities for “our parishes” so we need to review them. It takes time to learn about each other, and the contributions each parish can make to one another. In time, the two parishes may wish to form an ongoing long lasting parish to parish relationship.

6. SUPPORT A MISSION PROJECT

Another way to develop relationships with a parish overseas is to support a specific Missions project. Anglican Missions can help you choose a project which fits well with the aspirations of your parish. Check out our website www.angmissions.org.nz or contact our Church Support Officer directly: email hamish@angmissions.org.nz

7. LEARN FROM YOUR PARISH PARTNER

This is probably the most beneficial outcome from developing parish to parish partnerships. For example, the Mission team from Taupo who went to Samoa learnt a lot about what it is to be and live as a community of faith – the Samoan way. Their example is a positive role model for other parishes to emulate.

Doing Mission together is worth investing the effort and resources in. If you want help to get started, call us at the Anglican Missions office.

Let’s grow in Mission and Partnership together!

Robert Kereopa
Executive Officer



Samoa Mission: a "Home away from

3 TIKANGA PARISHES TOGETHER IN MISSION

Cleve Pointon, a typical Kiwi bloke, is not your traditional missionary. But Cleve was a key member of the Missions team who went to Samoa recently, among other things to help renovate the old vicarage at All Saints, Apia, Samoa. You see, Cleve is a builder by trade, exactly the skills needed to replace rotting timber more than a century old, and build 2 new rooms which will house guests and Mission teams who visit Samoa. Cleve went with his wife Michelle and their 3 young children, members of St Andrews, Taupo, mixing Mission with a little bit of tourism.

Clinton Bramley, another typical Kiwi bloke, an architect from Taupo, planned the "Building Project", and worked as a labourer on the build. He's also a non-stipendary priest from St James Nukuhau, a small Tikanga Maori parish in North West Taupo.

A team of 16 from these two Taupo parishes united together to go on a 2-week Mission to Samoa, at the invitation of Father Richard Schwalger, vicar of All Saints. The 3 Tikanga growing in Mission and partnership together – at a parish level!



Cleve Pointon, Taupo builder went on a Mission to Samoa with his wife Michelle and their children Mikaela, Alana and Harrison.

BUILDING UP THE CHURCH, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Working on the old vicarage building was not the primary goal of the Mission – although it was a worthwhile outcome. The primary goals as stated in the Mission journal each of the Mission team used during the Mission stated:

- Building Christlike Community, physically and spiritually – The 3 Tikanga working together in Mission.
- Building our relationship with God, individually and collectively.
- Building our relationship with each other as a Fellowship in Christ.
- Building our relationships as a 2- or 3-Tikanga fellowship.
- Building our relationship with God's creation, especially the Land and the Sea.



A Mission Team from Taupo helping to renovate ALL SAINTS VICARAGE, Apia, Samoa.

When the team came together again for a debrief meeting after the Mission, the feedback certainly seemed to confirm these goals were achieved for everyone on the Mission. Their comments were filled with grace and gratitude, particularly towards their Samoan hosts. Perhaps the greatest confirmation is the decision by the 3 parishes to continue their unique parish to parish 3-Tikanga partnership. The Taupo parishes are planning to host Fr Ricky and his wife Naumati in March next year, and All Saints Samoa are planning to host another Mission team from Taupo next spring to continue with stage 2 of the building project – installing a new kitchen and ablution block.

The name Fr Ricky gave the Mission before they arrived – "Home away from Home" – is well on the way to becoming a reality.

A YOUTH TEAM GOES TO SAMOA

The catalyst for a joint Mission was the joint Youth group started by the 2 Taupo parishes about 12 months ago. Their Co-Leader, Rachel Kereopa, is no stranger to Mission teams, having already been involved with Mission teams to Fiji and Tanzania. After 8 months of fundraising and preparation, 5 youth aged 15 to 17 embarked on the Mission adventure of a lifetime. And what an adventure it was: helping the building team by demonstrating their painting skills; working on the Parish peace garden; sharing with the children at All Saints kindergarten; playing touch rugby and other activities with the Samoan Youth, singing songs at the Church services; leading daily devotions; while taking in the culture, the sights and a splattering of tourist activities including swimming with turtles! "Mission and Faith go hand in hand", says Rachel. "It is a tremendous privilege to be with our young as they learn more about themselves, their relationships with others and their own Faith."



Taupo youth Cruz Karauti-Fox, Crystal Hepi-Te Huia Gatonyi, Chelsea Kereopa, Brook Pattison and Pearl Whitinui (out of picture) had the adventure of a lifetime. Here they are working on the Peace Garden at All Saints Church.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN PNG

On a recent trip to PNG, Hamish Thomson spent time looking at what the Anglican Church was doing and how we can strengthen our partnership with them. In a country that remains one of the least developed nations on earth, and with the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS and TB in the Pacific region, the Anglican Church in PNG continues to make inroads in the areas of health and education.

For example, Anglicare StopAIDS, which started out in 1999 as a parish initiative from the crypt of St John's Cathedral in Port Moresby, has grown to become the largest national NGO HIV/AIDS service provider in PNG with offices in Port Moresby, Popondetta and Hagen – recently winning a tender to provide support and supervision for all the HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counselling and Testing sites in the Southern, Central and Western areas of PNG. The contract also includes consulting on, and the accreditation of new VCT sites in these regions.

The Anglican Church is also one of 20 church denominations which manage rural health services in PNG. Together these churches provide 45% of total health services and 49% of rural health services. Anglican Health Services currently has over 130 Health Workers providing services through 15 rural hospitals, 12 Aid Posts and 400 Village Clinics – as well as managing 2 nursing schools.

In a country where 40% of the population is under the age of 16, the government relies on the churches to help provide education services. The Anglican Church in PNG looks after more than 260 schools and serves a vital role in helping those in remote places access education as well as managing a growing adult literacy project throughout PNG.

Watch out for the next issue of Mission Action and more details about the work of the Anglican Church in PNG and the difference your support is making!



FRESH FACES WITH CMS



The new year brings some new faces of mission with the New Zealand Church Missionary Society.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY



The Rev Steve Maina, former General Secretary of Church Army Africa, arrives from Kenya to take over from Tony Andrews as General Secretary of NZCMS.

Steve (37) is widely experienced in mission. He is part of the Faith2Share network (www.faith2share.net). Church Army Africa has sent out over 500 evangelists and missionaries in eight countries of Eastern and Central Africa.

He is a founder board member and chair of Christians for a Just Society, an advocacy ministry seeking to bring the values of God's kingdom to all spheres of life, and also a trainer of trainers with Samaritan Strategy, African Working Group, seeking to equip church, business and political leaders throughout Africa in holistic discipleship. He is a part-time lecturer at Daystar University, Carlile College and the Nairobi Graduate School of Theology.

Steve, who will be based in Christchurch, will be accompanied by his wife Mary, a counseling psychologist, and daughters Rinna (8) and Tanielle (5).

NEW MISSION PARTNERS



Martin & Lily Emo, from St John's Kerikeri, leave in January to serve with CEPAD in Nicaragua. CEPAD is the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua, which includes the Episcopal/Anglican Church. It is a Nicaraguan-run, Christian non-profit organization working to serve poor communities through community development in the poorest country in Central America.

Martin, a secondary school teacher, will act as an educational adviser, and Lily will use her photography and design skills working in publishing and communications, as well as putting in to practice her post-graduate studies in development.

Darryll Paddison, from Church of the Saviour, Blockhouse Bay, also leaves in January for East Asia, where he will do language study in preparation for work in English Language Teaching.

Also in January Bishop **Derek and Alice Eaton** from Nelson Diocese return from their two year "retirement" stint at All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo. They are delighted at the appointment of the Rev Mike & Helen Parker from Scotland for the English-speaking ministry at the cathedral and at the installation of the Rev Bill & Hilary Musk from England to be rector of St George's Tunis and for Bill to become Area Bishop for North Africa.

In November **Scott & Nikki Wheeler** of St Mary's Karori responded to a direct invitation from Bishop Mdimi Mhogolo to spend three months in his Diocese of Central Tanganyika. Nikki is a physiotherapist and Scott has been doing development studies from Massey.

CMS is hopeful that the increase in the number of its Mission Partners can be supported by an increase in giving to the AMB.



Alistair and Vicky Hookings are back from Tanzania on home leave. They will be available for Deputations in the Auckland Diocese in February and March. For more information please contact Hamish Thomson:

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NEW BOARD FOR AMB

NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

At our 4 November Board meeting we welcomed five new members of the Board, as elected at General Synod. Your representatives for the next two years are:

The Most Rev Jabez Bryce	Co-Presiding Bishop
The Right Rev Gabriel Sharma	Tikanga Pasifika (Chair)
Rev Richard Schwalger	Tikanga Pasifika
Mrs Lola Koloamatangi	Tikanga Pasifika
The Right Rev John Gray	Tikanga Maori
Rev Pane Kawhia	Tikanga Maori
Miss Kahu Miller	Tikanga Maori/Youth Representative
The Right Rev Philip Richardson	Tikanga Pakeha
The Rev Canon Chris Rodgers	Tikanga Pakeha
Mrs Mary Estcourt	Tikanga Pakeha
Canon Tony Andrew	NZCMS
The Right Rev Richard Ellena	Other Societies
Mrs Jackie Pearse	Provincial General Secretary

There are many challenges facing the Board in the future and a Mission Consultation is to be held 30 March to 1 April 2009 in Auckland to discuss the Board's strategic direction. The Board wishes to hear from the wider Church in this Mission Consultation and invitations will be sent to bishops, diocesan mission councils, grant partners and related organisations. In conjunction with this consultation a brief survey will be sent out to invitees, vicars, mission motivators and parishes so you can have a say. If you want to find out more contact the Anglican Missions office.

Kia ora, and warmest greetings to you all. My name is **Kahu Miller** and I am currently one of the Tikanga Maori representatives on the Missions Board who is doubling as a Youth rep. My role on the board as I see it is to be the voice for those I'm elected to represent. I belong to Taupiri Pariha, which is 10 minutes north of Ngaruawahia, and can be found there most Sundays of the month with my nieces and nephews, their mums and dads, nannies and koros. It's a small church, but I love it. I have been serving as a member of the Missions Board for the past two and a half years now, first elected on at the General Synod in Christchurch in 2006.



Kahu Miller

It has been a real learning experience for me over these past few years being on the Board; getting to know how things work, who does what, and where they do it, and at times has even challenged my views on how effectively missions within the church really function. Overall I'd say that we seem to be doing alright, but like everything else, there is always room for improvement. How we improve depends on how we prioritise, and how we prioritise is up to you.



Lola Koloamatangi

My name is **Lola Koloamatangi** and I am currently one of the Tikanga Polynesia representatives on the Missions Board. I come from Tonga where I am part of St Barnabas Parish. After 34 years in the Tonga Police force I decided it was time to retire and so in 2006 I stepped down as Deputy Police Commander. I now work as a Mediator within the Courts of Tonga and I look forward to serving on the Missions Board. I am married and my husband Taniel and I have five children and eight grandchildren.



Robyn
Hickman

OVERSEAS AND OUTREACH UPDATE

New Zealand Association of Anglican Women

Daily living with Jesus



Revive Relate Rejoice

In 1886 Mothers' Union was introduced to Christchurch, NZ, only a year after MU became organised on a Diocesan basis in Winchester, England. The Objects of the early Mothers' Union were simple but demanding in order to encourage a holy and moral life.

After the World Wars, marriage issues intensified as soldiers returned home to wives who had been separated from them for long periods, having had to cope on their own, and a more liberal and compassionate approach was needed.

Events leading to the formation of the Association of Anglican Women, or AAW, included the World Wars, the rise of Socialism, the General Strike, and the Depression. Women began to demand equal rights with men and the new Marriage Act in NZ, finally passed in 1964, changed the divorce laws.

Discussions carried on throughout the country to find a name that linked all Anglican women's groups and finally, in 1969, AAW was decided upon. Their aims are simply:

1. "To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the church
2. To promote and safeguard Christian Family life."

2009 will mark the 40th Anniversary of the Association of Anglican Women.

AAW is very active in the fields of Social Concerns and of Missions.

Social Concerns is affiliated to National Council of Churches and many members of AAW are involved with remits and committees of NCW.

The Overseas and Outreach section is concerned with supporting and encouraging those who are working with

women and children in Melanesia, Polynesia, Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, Pakistan and a number of other countries from time to time.

Following my visit with the then President to Fiji last year, the AAW Executive has introduced a Special Project for the Anniversary year. The AAW groups all over New Zealand are raising money for a gift to be presented to AMB to go towards fresh water in some Fijian villages. It is distressing to discover the illnesses caused in some places by contaminated water from streams or rivers, and that women and children are required to carry this water over long distances to meet basic needs. A water tank collecting rain from a village building roof, such as the church, provides many people with good water.

If each Diocese raises \$1000 we will have over \$8000 as our special gift. Some Diocese have already started fund-raising for this worthwhile project.

