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# Williams Chronicle

Prayer and Newsletter of Steve and Rita Williams

## News from General Assembly

From October 9-13, we were privileged to be able to participate in the annual General Assembly of churches throughout New Zealand. Steve serves as Convener of the Mission to New Zealand Committee (church planting) and also serves on the national Overseas Committee and more recently on the Administration and Finance Committee. Rita serves on the national Women in the Church Committee. There is much happening in our denomination as we have seen a recent increase in the number of young men entering vocational ministry. We are very happy to report that our newest church plant in Napier is doing well and is now close to being financially self-supported. Also, theological education options include on-line course work at Grace Theological College/Birmingham Theological Seminary along with options for residential study in Australia and in the United States. Although we are still a small denomination by American standards, we see our Lord establishing a strong witness of His people in our land!



## Looking back on 2017

As we reflect on this past year, we are thankful for the opportunity we had to visit some of our MTW colleagues serving at Christ's College in Taiwan and as well as others serving in Japan. It is a blessing for us to support our brothers and sisters through encouragement and prayer.

Also, we give thanks to God for our local church, weekly growth group and our wider community of churches. These fellow believers are our life line in staying encouraged as we live in an ever-increasing godless society wanting nothing to do with our Lord.

### Praise and Prayer

#### Praise:

- Several young men have committed their lives to vocational ministry
- The new church plant in Napier seems to be thriving

#### Prayer:

- More resources in personnel and funds needed for continued church growth
- Future expansion into the South Pacific

## Looking forward to 2018

We are looking forward to welcoming MTW colleagues to Christchurch, New Zealand (more details in the new year). Also, we continue to work more closely with our Australian MTW colleagues as well as



other like-minded Christians located “across the ditch.”

Steve has been asked by MTW to take more leadership responsibility in New Zealand and the South Pacific. He has accepted and is grateful for this challenging opportunity.

We have already booked our tickets to visit Stateside between June and September. We will be contacting you regarding scheduling visits. It will be three years since we were last in the States so we are looking forward to times of reunion.

## Season's Greetings

As the end of the year approaches we would like to wish you all a wonderful American Thanksgiving as well as a blessed Christmas and New Year. Our prayer for you is that our Lord “will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus!” Philippians 4:19



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