

NEW ZEALAND TEAM REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2008

WORK TEAMS

WORK PROGRAM

North Island

11 Aug to 5 September - **CBM** (Children's Bible Ministry) Camp, Raglan
 Sept - **Jeff and Jane Pelz**, TSCF - renew roof, painting & interior maintenance
 Sept - **Carey Park Christian Camp** - alterations
 October - **Youthzone**, Northland YFC - painting/renovating youth centre
 October - **Mercy Missions**, Auckland - mezzanine floor for food bank

South Island

25 Aug to 19 Sept **Te Waiora Christian Healing Centre**, Darfield - interior painting
 22 Sept & Oct **En Hakkore**, (retreat centre), Ranfurly - painting and renovations

North Island

Most of the month of August was spent at the **CBM (Children's Bible Ministry) Camp at Raglan**. Ernie Pene, Fraser Barrett and Haapi Wilson were there for the month and were assisted on some days by Associates: Doug and Ruth Carson, John Langhorn, Roland Richards, John Baty, Barry and Jenny Utting and MMM volunteers Jim Peden and Spencer Holmes. There were two big projects on the go. Painting the interior of the gymnasium was a challenge and alterations to some accommodation rooms was done too. This camp is on the top of a hill over looking the entrance to Raglan Harbour. Ernie wanted to stretch the job out just so he could enjoy the view for longer - it's fabulous.

South Island

The project last month at **Bridge Valley Adventure Centre** went very well with a great deal of work being accomplished. A freezer and a cooler room were installed, a small porch enclosed and fitted with shelves, a wall knocked out to enlarge the pantry all done in two weeks with the help of a number of the camp staff without whom we would never have been able to do half of it.

We arrived in Darfield about 1pm Tuesday 26th August after having to pull Alan Mitchell's house bus out of a bog with his little Mitsubishi and my van all hooked together slipping and sliding as we pulled and his wheels spinning. We finally got him onto firm ground all in pouring rain. There has been unusually heavy rains for many weeks throughout most of NZ in August.

Although the trip over the pass was interesting we were glad to stop and dry out.

Our first day here at **Te Waiora Christian Healing Centre**, was encouraging with much work being done with the help of Clive Denis and Cliff Hatton. The work is to paint the hallway and stairwell and hallway upstairs as well, plus a self contained flat and a small room also upstairs. Fortunately most of the walls and ceilings are in good order only a few spots that need a lot of work so they are ready to paint.

Rod Heape on behalf of the South Island Mobile Team

Living Hope, Vladivostok, Russia

A team of 17 people spent the month of August making alterations to a three storey building in Vladivostok, see picture below. This was a new area of work for MMM International and a huge challenge for each team member. It was hot and humid when the team arrived and working in dusty conditions wasn't always easy especially when the water was cut off and showers had to be delayed. The team got a huge amount of work done and we trust this building will be soon be used to house and rehabilitate street children from that city.

