

Kiwitracts and GO International

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GO International update



Tongan TV live!

During April I headed off to Tonga with Darren Green and Ben Woodcock from the Northcote Baptist Church. The goal was to provide evangelism, discipleship and leadership resources for the churches and to connect with key people for future ministry. While I had two weeks to find key people to take on the GO International resources, Darren and Ben were only staying for 5 days and so time was critical. Fortunately a huge opportunity opened up in the first few days which saw all 3 of the us invited to appear on Tongan TV and be interviewed live for 30 minutes. Despite having no time to prepare, the interview went well with everyone giving their personal testimony and then sharing what they were doing in Tonga.



Darren, me and Ben with the host of the TV show

After the interview I was asked if I wanted to preach at a church service the following week (the other guys had to go back to NZ). This service was also filmed live on the Tongan TV and i was able to share the electronic Gospel presentation from Proclaim the Gospel International. While nerve wracking, it was a fantastic opportunity and we pray many Tongans were challenged and converted as they watched it.



Preaching live on Tongan TV...very nerve wracking but well worth it

Tongan Radio live!



After Ben and Darren had left I was given the opportunity to speak on a local radio station. I was interviewed for about 40 minutes and was able to share about the GO International resources, preach the Gospel message, explain the two sides of the Gospel (benefits and costs/responsibilities) as well as encourage and pray for the Christians in Tonga.

We praise God for these exciting opportunities (TV and radio) and pray He will use them to encourage, challenge and equip the saints for the work of ministry in Tonga.

Preaching opportunities



The Tongan New Life Church where we took the Sunday service



Ben sharing at an English speaking service

Evangelism

Darren led the way with the distribution of a number of English tracts to the locals. I was able to trial a new one on one evangelism tool (The Tongan Test). It was very important to be clear that just going to church, believing in God etc did not make them Christians. It was great to see the lights go on for a number of locals as they heard the Gospel.

New Tongan 'The Test' tract



One of the highlights of the trip for me was getting 'The Test' translated into Tongan. I met the person who did the translation work at an English speaking service. He is an evangelist with the Methodist church (the biggest church in Tonga). After a couple of meetings with him and one of the evangelism leaders we are hoping to get 25,000+ printed and sent over from NZ. I will be meeting with the evangelism leader in NZ to ask for funding...please pray for this.

School's Outreach



It was great to share the Gospel with many of the students at Tonga High School and a local primary school.

YWAM opportunity

After meeting with one of the leaders of the Tongan YWAM I was given the chance to share with the students. I preached the Gospel using the Proclaim It! presentation then went through the benefits and costs/responsibilities of following Jesus. It was well received and I hope to have more opportunities to teach and equip YWAM students in the future.

Website

The GO International website (www.gospel-outreach.org) is now up and running. The site contains a number of resources for various countries and will be updated as new resources are created.

Partnership Opportunities

With these exciting new opportunities opening up we would like to invite you to get involved in what God is doing through this ministry. The following are just some of the current options...

- **Sponsor resources for Tonga:** With many groups wanting to use the Gospel tracts we are in need of sponsors to cover the costs. So far the New Life

church, Wesleyan Methodist Church, YWAM base and others have shown a desire to get the tracts in Tongan. While some of these groups are able to contribute to the costs there are others who simple don't have the funds available. If you would like to make a contribution to these much needed resources (there is very little Tongan Christian literature available) please contact us at: kiwitracts@clear.net.nz

- **Sponsor a school outreach:** We are still looking to reach more students with Gospel tracts this year and want to give you the opportunity to sponsor the resources distributed at the schools (maybe the one you attended or where your children attend?). The cost is 15c per student.
- **Part-time office worker:** As the ministry continues to expand so does the paper work and administration. We are looking for a person who would be willing to donate their time to help with this vital aspect of the ministry. At this stage it would be 5-10 hours a week. The role would include sending off invoices, posting off orders, doing the banking, clearing our P.O. Box, making up sample packs and other jobs as they arise. If you live in Auckland and would be available to help please contact us at kiwitracts@clear.net.nz.
- **Support for a full-time worker:** We still need to find funding to support a full-time worker who can visit churches, teach seminars, mentor evangelists and promote the work of Kiwitracts. We are budgeting for \$500 a week. If you are able to contribute to this fund please see below*.
- **Tract distributors:** We are in need of willing tract/e-card distributors. If you have some spare time in the afternoon (3pm-4pm) and would like to take part in distributing the Gospel to High School students please contact us.

*If you are wanting to partner with us you can send us your details and we can post out an A/P form or you can simply phone ASB bank on 0800 803 804, give them our account name and account number: The Kiwi Tract Charitable Trust, 12 3072 0643068 00 and tell them how much you would like to give (a one off amount or ongoing A/P). They can set up the payment over the phone.

If you have any questions please contact us on kiwitracts@clear.net.nz.

Blessings

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