



# PLUGIN



## North New Zealand Conference

Building Leaders • Growing Churches • Serving Communities

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### WELCOME

“**PLUGIN**” is a weekly newsletter of the Adventist Church in the north island of New Zealand. This is a shortened version. If you would like to receive the full version please sign up by visiting our website [www.nnzc.org.nz](http://www.nnzc.org.nz) to subscribe to the **PLUGIN**.

### LIFESPOT

#### READY FOR FINAL WORK?

From a makeshift pulpit, what might have been the first Christmas sermon in New Zealand was preached by Samuel Marsden in the Bay of Islands in 1814. This marked the beginnings of Christian mission to New Zealand, reaching Maori and Europeans in the population of the time. Nearly 200 years later, how do we stand with Christian mission? Can we wrap it up pretty soon, and make our passage into a New Heaven and a New Earth? Look around. Seems like we have a long way to go. Let’s place ourselves at God’s command as we enter a New Year. We have a promise—God will carry out his work “with speed and finality”. Romans 9:28. I want to play a part in that work in 2012. Do you?

-Pr Ed Gallagher, Senior Pastor, HAC



### BIG CAMP 2012

One thing that characterizes this world of sin is oppression, in all its forms. And one thing that hangs on God’s heart has always been the “least of these.” Israel was to show the heart of God but in turn they showed the heart of the world by also becoming oppressors. Have we forgotten this reality? Is our call to build the walls, a call of self-preservation? Or is it a call for our battle cry? That while being protected by God we risk our lives for the Kingdom ... to bless the world with the Light of our God?

- Pr Peter Casillas, Adult Tent Speaker, Big Camp 2012

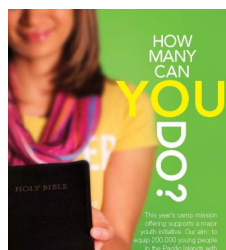


### Big Camp Offering

**Date:** Sabbath 7, January 2012

This year’s Camp Mission offering supports a major initiative. Our aim: To equip 200,000 young people in the Pacific Islands with Bibles to share their faith. Please generously support this year’s Camp Mission Offering. Together we can change the world.

Find out more at [www.worldchanger.me](http://www.worldchanger.me)



### CENTRE FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY

The Centre for Discipleship and Ministry is a 12-week, residential training opportunity for Seventh-day Adventists who believe they are called by God to realise “much fruit” for the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### What are the goals?

- To equip and empower participants for personal service, witness, and evangelism

17 December 2011

#### The PRAYERHOUSE Word

**"Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted."**

- Ephesians 4:30 (NLT)

#### 2011— THE YEAR OF WORSHIP

**"God never hurries. There are no deadlines against which He must work. Only to know this is to quiet our spirits and relax our nerves."**

- A W Tozer

#### PRAYER ZONE

**"Prayer must carry on our work as much as preaching; he preacheth not heartily to his people that will not pray for them."**

- Richard Baxter

#### Prayer Focus

*What a blessing it will be to stop and pray during the times when we find ourselves talking about the trials and cares in the lives of people we know. We can't do much when we talk....God can do everything when we pray!*

#### Mission

**To Grow Healthy Adventist New Zealand Churches by Mentoring, Supporting and Resourcing Leaders**

#### Vision

**To See a Spirit-filled body of Believers sharing Jesus in their Community**

#### Focus for 2011

**Worship**

#### Focus for 2012

**Discipleship**

#### ON A MISSION

The NNZC is on a **mission to build godly leaders, who grow healthy Adventist churches that serve their communities.** They look forward to seeing many more **Spirit-led** believers **sharing Jesus** in their communities.

- To train for ongoing leadership in local settings
- To provide resources that will aid effectiveness now and in the future

To help participants provide valuable assistance to pastors and other local leaders, as we fulfil our Gospel mission

Download an application at <http://www.nnzc.org.nz/events/181760>

Please send your applications to

**General Secretary**

**Private Bag 76900**

**Manukau, Auckland 2241**

**Applications Close Dec 18, 2011**

## NOTICES

### Office Closure

- NNZC Office to close at 1:00 pm on Thursday the 15th of December, 2011 for our **NNZC Annual Team Fellowship**.

### PLUGIN Schedule For the Holiday Season

Please note that our final PLUGIN for 2011 will be for Sabbath, 24 December 2011. We will resume again in time for Sabbath, 11 February, 2012.

### Office Closure Dates For The Holiday Season

#### North New Zealand Conference

**Dec 22 2011—January 9, 2012.** Reopens 10 January 2012.

#### New Zealand Pacific Union

**December 22, 2011—January 4, 2012.** Reopens on January 5, 2012.

### CHIP Summit Cancelled

The CHIP Summit due to be run at Tui Ridge from the 2nd- 4th December has been cancelled as Pr Paul Rankin will not be here.

### DVD's from Spirit Led 2011

DVD's from Spirit Led 2011 are available for purchase. If you missed out on hearing Pr Terry Swensen, please email Valmarie Young at [ValmarieYoung@adventist.org.nz](mailto:ValmarieYoung@adventist.org.nz) for your copies of the Plenary Sessions.

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

### 'GIFTED HANDS' - IAN GRANT INTERVIEWS DR BEN CARSON ON HIS LIFE AND FAITH

**Date:** 5 March 2012

**Location:** TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre, 770 Great South Road, Manukau, Auckland  
Dr Ben Carson is coming to New Zealand and we will have a special evening with him on the 5th of March at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre in Auckland.

## SUNSET TIMES & OFFERINGS

### Auckland

Sabbath 17 Dec: **8:37 pm**

Next Friday 23 Dec: **8:40 pm**

### Wellington

Sabbath 17 Dec: **8:51 pm**

Next Friday 23 Dec: **8:54 pm**

### Offerings

Sabbath 17 Dec: **Education**

Next Sabbath 24 Dec: **Local**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on events please visit our website – [www.nnzc.org.nz](http://www.nnzc.org.nz)

Dec 30—Jan 8

**Big Camp 2012**

## ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

The Adventist Book Centre is now open on Sundays!! Find us on Facebook as **Adventist Boom Centre NZ**.



ABC is the one stop shop for all your Christian resource needs, be it for you individually or your church. Drop in! Come visit us today.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Road To Bethlehem

**Date:** 18 Dec - 21 Dec 2011

**Location:** Tauranga Adventist School, 19 Moffat Road, Bethlehem

**Time:** 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Bring your family, friends and colleagues to experience an outdoor theatrical presentation that brings to life the true story and meaning of Christmas.

For more information please visit [www.roadtobethlehem.org.nz](http://www.roadtobethlehem.org.nz)

### Spirit Gifting Guide

Spirit Gifting guide available now!

A new, 27-page, full-colour Bible study guide on how God empowers people for Christian service. This is our primary printed resource for discipleship training for 2012—“Year of Discipleship”. Designed for group or individual study. Written by Ed Gallagher. Available at the ABC, \$11.50.

