

St Anne's, Porirua AGM 23rd Feb, 2020 Report on MISSIONS 2019-2020

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Firstly acknowledging that I have been away over these last 3 months, I give my perspective of this parish' involvement in 'MISSION' and MISSIONS over the last 12 months;

MISSION in Christian terms being 'a reaching out' to all in the Name of Jesus Christ; sharing the Gospel of Jesus by our Presence, and by Word and Deed.
MISSIONS being commonly thought of (in Christian Church terminology) as 'Overseas Mission' - although it may be 'near or far' from our home parish.

LOCAL MISSION: What has been accomplished in our Parish designated area, particularly in the more southern area where St Anne's church is located, and in the west.-

will no doubt be included in a report from Sala and the Group which meets on fortnightly Friday evenings.

Evidence of their commitment and activities can be seen in our Parish worship services and other gatherings -

- families and individuals have been drawn in to fellowship and being discipled; adding not only to growth in numbers of our congregation, but in the diversity of background, culture, language and faith experience - that altogether enhance and build up our Parish Family.

We thank and praise God for His blessing, guiding and enabling of this.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS: St Anne's, Porirua parish has an annual commitment to our Wellington Diocese for a monetary contribution to 'Overseas Mission' through the Anglican Missions Board (AMB). We are encouraged by everyone's response to the monthly 'Coin Trail'; the remainder coming from personal designated giving, and the Parish funds.

As St Anne's Parish we 'signed up' with NZCMS (Church Missionary Society) several years ago to be 'supporters' of 'Arthur and Julia'

- long-term mission partners for a good number of years now; and have visited our parish several times when home on 'leave and assignment'. They very much rely on our prayers (even more vital than the funding).

This means the parish does receive the regular mail-outs from CMS in Christchurch. Enough copies are set out on the foyer table - free for the taking - and very worthwhile perusing.

Over this last 12 month period I don't recall any Mission Partners visiting our parish when home on 'leave and assignment', but we do know Margaret Poynton {a former house-mate of Rev Rosie Dell} and some heard her speaking at St Mary's Whitby before she headed back to Papua New Guinea. Diane, Bob and I have passed on info. of CMS and other Missions meetings which all are invited to attend - to learn more of the world-wide Church and Missions activity, from New Zealanders actively involved - always eye-opening and encouraging our faith
- *and stirring our involvement and commitment !*

Updates of news are also available on the monthly 'NZCMS Interchange' on line.

We have 'good work' being done in 'reaching out' - but "The fields are white, ready for Harvest" the Bible says - so let us Hear the Voice of Jesus:

"COME TO ME! PRAY! GIVE! GO! "