

THE HISTORY OF

Ranui Baptist Church

Where people matter



The seven families that came from Henderson Baptist to plant a work at Ranui were:

John and Elsie Ball
Don and Melita Roke
Graham and Joan Carter
Norman and Goldia Parker
Ernie and Connie Andrews
Doug and Joy Hall
Graeme and Mary Cremer

Their initial vision was to reach children for Jesus. There are now thousands of people all over New Zealand and aboard, loving Jesus and building the kingdom because of this church.

Ranui Baptist Fellowship

1963 – Ranui Sunday School

The children and teaching staff to assemble at 9:30am on February 10th 1963 the starting Sunday.

1964-65 – Student-Pastor Ian S. Macdonald

Annual Report eighteen months ended 30th June 1965

Our time at Ranui has been a time of great personal blessing. We have been caught up in the keen spirit of enthusiasm within the Fellowship, and have found the work to be in good heart. There is a warm spirit of co-operation, which I believe should be jealously guarded as the Fellowship grows. Prayer is very real, and the desire for Bible study and discussion most encouraging. The need to reach into the district as the 'Servant Church' is now being realised, and as the Trans-Pacific Crusade approaches, we expect before God that salvation will come to many at Ranui.

Thanks must also go to Mr. Don Roke for all the work he put in as Secretary and in drawing up the Plans and specifications for our Church Hall and to the Rev. M. Bowden and the Henderson Church for their interest and assistance in the work here in Ranui.

Our 1964 year started with seventy children present and eleven of the teaching staff. For the 1965 year commencement we had sixty children attending and twelve of the teaching staff.

In February of last year (1964) a Sunday School picnic was arranged to Titirangi Beach and enjoyed by all. The picnic for 1965 Sunday School and Bible Class was held at Long Bay.



Pastor Ian and Pat Macdonald

Ranui Baptist Church

Ranui Baptist Fellowship was officially established as a Church in 1966.

1966 – Pastor Ian S. Macdonald

1966 to the Ranui Baptist Fellowship was a great year, for we opened our church hall here on Feb 4th 1966: thus making possible the formation of the Ranui Baptist Church.

On the 5th Feb: 34 foundational members were received into membership of the Ranui Baptist Church by Dr S.L. Edgar, then chairman of the church extension committee, and tutor at our theological college.

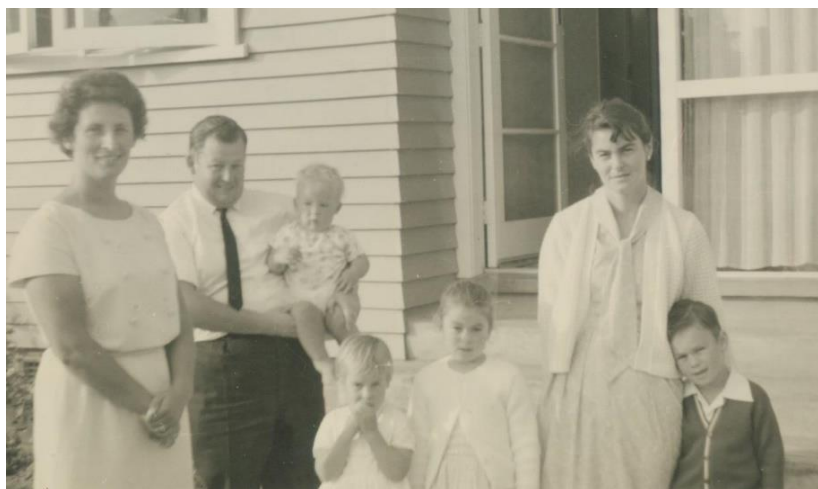
Then under the guidance of God, and through the practical interest of the church extension department, and the practical financial help of the Henderson Baptist Church, we found that by May 1966, just three months after the church had been

formed, we were negotiating towards the erection of the church manse, and had agreed upon and sent a call to the Rev Ian Macdonald, to be the first minister of Ranui Baptist Church.

On the 5th of August, the induction of Mr Ian Macdonald into the ministry of our church took place.



1967 – Pastor Ian S. Macdonald



Joan and Graham Carter, Miles and Vivien Carter, Christine and Elise and David Ball

1968 – Pastor Ian S. Macdonald

Many of our prayers have been answered in the past twelve months. God has been working in quiet and almost imperceptible ways, bringing about a slow but steady growth in membership, in attendances at both Services and Wednesday Evening Prayer Meetings. Contact with a Christian group in Tonga has opened up the exciting possibility of a visit to that country in the near future.

We are still building the foundations of the Ranui Baptist Church, but I believe that these foundations are being firmly laid. We pray God that He may be pleased to continue to build on this foundation.

Membership of 50.

Church attendance (yearly average for morning service)

	Adults	Children
1966/67	40	22
1967/68	42	20



1969 – Pastor Ian S. Macdonald

The Evangelistic ministry has borne fruit, both by our wholehearted support of the Billy Graham Crusade, and by the number of responses at evening services.

The ministry to the community was made much more effective through our “Focus on Family Life” series. In all this, the Deacons have shared in the ministry by active and

prayerful co-operation, and the solid support of Secretary Mr. Graeme Cremer and Treasurer Mr. Don Roke has been a real strength to the Pastor.

Without a doubt, the unique thrill of the year was the furtherance of our contact with the Baptist Fellowship in Tonga. In this time, I have made two visits to Tonga, where groups are meeting on two islands.

1970 – Pastor Ian S. Macdonald

There have been many encouraging features:

- A growing concern for prayer, in monthly half-nights of prayer.
- A new awareness of the need for “the personal touch” in Evangelism through the use of Christian homes and through natural friendships.
- A broadening “world-vision” through the thrilling response to missionary giving, and through furtherance of our contact with our adopted Tongan Fellowships.
- Spiritual growth among our people, and the inspiration of Youth Services and an effective Youth Mission.
- Entry for the first time into the Ranui Primary School to conduct four Bible in Schools Classes.

1971 – Interim Pastors Mavis and Albert V. Brown

Visitation – Our own experience tells us that this is still a very vital factor in pastoral oversight, and should not be lost sight of especially when the Church is without a Pastor.

The Church has a good name in the district. This means that she has also a tremendous opportunity to influence the local people.

1972 – Pastor Don Hopkins

In these first months I have given morning messages on ‘things most surely believed’ and some on Christian Stewardship. Visiting speakers have included missionaries and we have been enriched by the ministry of Mr. J. Oswald Sanders on three July Sunday mornings.

Note: J. Oswald Sanders was the general director of Overseas Missionary Fellowship from 1954-1969, formally known as China Inland Mission; founded by Hudson Taylor in 1865.

1973 – Pastor Don Hopkins

Reasons for thanksgiving include: Some people converted to Christ; faithfulness and dedication of Deacons and other workers; service given to several churches and groups by lay preachers and other helpers; our first missionary, Truby Mihaere and family to Tuakau (South of Pukekohe); completion of survey of nearly every home in the vicinity which has brought opportunities to share our faith in Christ; survey of Hobsonville area resulting in two home groups meeting every week.

1974 – Pastor Don Hopkins



Pastor Don Hopkins

1975 – Pastor Don Hopkins

At the Deacons' conference in September we took a close look at the Church's life and programme and set some goals for the year. One goal was 'Keep world missionary needs

regularly in the programme'. This has fitted in well with our denomination's "1975, Year of Missionary Emphasis".

We are a serving Church and there are lay preachers and young people's groups who continually conduct services mainly in this north-western area. Sunday services provide for worship, praise, fellowship and spiritual growth.

1976 – Pastor Don Hopkins

The mailing list was prepared for our 'Outreach for Christ' and there were more than four hundred addresses. Our work in Girls' and Boys' Brigades has shown considerable growth this year with over 140 on the rolls at my last count.

This year we accepted the invitation to shepherd and encourage the Massey Baptist Fellowship.

At the end of our Church year the tenth Anniversary Outreach for Christ had a deep effect on some of us and was the means of helping some to know Christ.

1977 – Pastor Don Hopkins

Ranui Baptist sponsored our Pastor for a three month ministry in Fiji with the Lautoka Baptist Fellowship. I am sure that we have in this not only become involved through our Pastor in a 'wider ministry', but have known blessing in our local work through the ministry of guest preachers over this period of time.

During this year the Massey Fellowship has really got underway with Rev Doug Ramage as Pastor. While this has affected our attendances and giving at Ranui we are very happy with this development and are thrilled to see and hear of God's blessing through the work and witness there.

1978 – Pastor Don Hopkins

I am glad with those who are encouraged in their work for the Lord this year, whatever their department or area of service. In all events we need to be humble and prayerful and to remember that it is Jesus who builds His Church.

During the year I have been involved in various aspects of the Church's life – visitation, preaching, teaching, encouraging, sharing in the work of the departments. I acknowledge the encouragement and support of my family and their involvement in numerous ways. I have continued as convenor for Bible-in-schools at Ranui.

1979 – Pastor Don Hopkins

Home groups have been a feature this year and have been greatly appreciated. They have provided fellowship, encouragement, Bible teaching and in some of them people have received Christ. Systematic door-to-door visiting that began last year has continued and is a definite attempt to reach people for Christ. This area of our Church's activities has led to more conversions than any other.

1980 – Pastor Don Hopkins

Particularly in recent weeks I have observed a seriousness and closer attention on the face of some than I have seen before when I made a direct challenge about Christ e.g. at Friendship Club and the Brigades. Keep praying for these and other groups where we reach people who need Christ. I am greatly encouraged at the work being done in home groups for Bible study and fellowship. Prayer support is vital and the faithful pray-ers praise God for some miraculous and wonderful answers.

1981 – Pastor Don Hopkins

We began 1981 with the challenge to make this fifteenth year, a year of celebration, that would include, an Easter Festival, Winter Bible School, Church Family Camp, an American Visitor, Week of Evangelism and Re-union Weekend.

I have endeavoured to keep before us, the Church's 'primary aim' of edifying Christians and winning others to Christ.



15th Anniversary

1982 – Pastor Don Hopkins

My goal is to help people know Jesus as Saviour and Lord and to grow in Him. I want to encourage every department and person to do this and so fulfil the biblically based aims that are outlined in our constitution.

Reports tell of very good work done in Christ's Name for people of all ages in our community. These Church-based activities are appreciated. Through them we show the love of Christ and can encourage others to trust Him.



Church Fundraiser

1983 – Pastor Don Hopkins

In all departments I have encouraged both outreach to the unsaved and growth in Christian maturity. With these two emphases I have sought to be available, to be a friend and to be myself as God made me and is making me.

My sincere thanks go to all who work together for our Lord here in Ranui. We are all part of His body whatever our job. Thanks Roger and Peter, deacons, elders, deaconesses, my supportive wife Edna and family and all others 'whose names are in the book of life' and who belong to the Ranui team.

1984 – Pastor Don Hopkins

A year ago we were being encouraged by newcomers and firstcomers on Sundays. This has continued but there has not been the addition to membership I'd hoped for. However, membership increase should not merely be numbers, but loyal people committed to the Church's work.

This year will be remembered for the new foyer which is a joy to us all.

Considerable effort and commitment went into the Christian musical "The Witness". This has brought inspiration and encouragement to those who presented it as well as to the hundreds who have looked and listened.

1985 – Pastor Don Hopkins

My work has continued as pastor, preacher, teacher, counsellor, encourager, administrator and in other areas as required. Aware of shortcomings, I am still learning and thankful for experiences which the Lord uses to equip me more fully for His service wherever He may lead.

This has been an encouraging year with people added to the congregation, departments in good heart, baptisms and members received.

1986 – Pastor Don Hopkins

I have sought to help people in a variety of kinds of need and this includes the conduct of weddings, funerals and similar. The whole Church family is a team together and I appreciate the load that many carry.

It has been a difficult year financially as the church has had the first and toughest year of repayments on loans as part of the building programme.

1987 – Pastor Don Hopkins

This is our 21st year as a Church and we began celebrating on the anniversary date in February by starting to have Sunday services in the new sanctuary. The year's emphasis is on outreach and June has been a special month with visiting speakers who had earlier associations with the Church and a Tom Frew Mission.

A highlight this year was the Luis Palau Mission to Auckland. Those who were involved found joy in this big event with Christians of many persuasions and blessing has come into the Church family as a result.

1988 – Interim Pastor Alex Simpson

Looking back over the year, it has been a difficult one, without a fulltime Pastor. At the same time I would like to give thanks to God for His provision in so many ways.

We are very thankful to God also for Alex Simpson who served two, three month periods with us as Interim Pastor.

The long hours of seeking God's direction in the calling of a new Pastor and the joy of His provision once again as we heard that Colin and Julie Crocker and their son Barry would be joining us in September.

1989 – Pastor Colin Crocker

The Lord has set before us an open door of witness to the growing community around us. As long as the church has been here some have had a compelling vision to go through that door of witness to the community. Others are in the church today as a result of their witness. Our vision in coming to Ranui

has been to encourage renewed effort and fruitfulness in outreach and witness, and resultant church growth.

Witnessing is sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. To grow in our effectiveness in this is a major aim for the year ahead.

1990 – Pastor Colin Crocker

The past 12 months have been a mixture of blessing and discouragement, progress and set-back. Some of the things that have adversely affected the life of the church have been of our own making and could have been avoided. Others seems to have been more directly a matter of spiritual warfare. Satan is constantly seeking to frustrate, and if possible to destroy the work of Christ. We were challenged about this by one of our members during the year with the result that weekly times of corporate prayer for the church and community have been established. However, our prayer life still needs to be strengthened – not so much by further meetings, but by more commitment and enthusiastic involvement in the corporate prayer opportunities we already have.

1991 – Pastor Colin Crocker

We see ourselves as a community church in Ranui, providing opportunities for worship, Bible teaching, fellowship, pastoral care, Christian growth and service for all people of all ages who wish to discover and move in the reality of life with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Evangelism, and practical compassionate service in the community are twin essentials of our mission in the local district. The support of overseas mission and the practical involvement of many in ministry to the poor, the hospitalised and those in prison in greater Auckland are further dimensions of our sense of mission as a church.

The growth and development of our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY which we recognise as an area of prime opportunity and responsibility in this district which has many young families and children.

1992 – Pastor Colin Crocker

As a church we've been blessed with growth in some areas. These include Playgroup, Girls Brigade and Friday Club. It's significant isn't it, that these are all related to children. What a great opportunity there is in this district for children's work.

Significant growth has occurred in individual's lives this year. In most cases this has been due in no small measure to the encouragement, care, counsel and friendship offered by others in the church. This is the Body of Christ functioning as it should.

1993 – Pastor Colin Crocker

I stress the value of encouragement, the value of faithfulness, and the value of prayer.

Ranui Baptist Church, Purposes:

1. Love and Unity
2. Spiritual Maturity
3. Mission and Outreach
4. Caring and Serving
5. Growth



Pastor Colin and Julie Crocker

1994 – Pastor Rick Velvin

Setting goals and clarifying the vision is the first step. We adopting the following phrase as our vision statement.... “To enable all people to experience the reality of the Lord Jesus Christ in their daily lives.”

Two areas that will need special attention in the future are Youth/Sunday School and Home Groups. Both of these groups have plenty of scope for ministry and for you as a church to combine the gifts and creative abilities that the Lord has given to you to use for His name’s sake.



Pastor Rick Velvin

1995 – Pastor Rick Velvin

This is the 29th annual report of the church since it moved on to this site in 1966 with a membership of 34 people. It is interesting to look back at some of these reports and see that there is a recurring urging and encouraging everyone to continue with the task of presenting the living Christ to the community around us.

Our vision for the next year is the same as 29 years ago. Different words, but the same meaning.... TO ENABLE ALL PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE THE REALITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

1996 – Pastor Rick Velvin

This year we have completed 30 years of the journey with Jesus building His Church here in Ranui. Our destination hasn't changed, but our community has.

Having Phil Brown as Associate Pastor gives recognition to this and has been a great asset to the youth and 20+ group.

Giving greater importance to the Deacons portfolio's means our leadership structure needs to be modified so that we can be more proactive and more intentional in our approach to what we are doing.

Establishing an Office at the Church allows for the administration area to be handled differently, improve communication and share the workloads.

1997 – Pastor Rick Velvin

The fire on Feb 5th will stand out.

Deacons went through the "Setting Your Church Free" process. It was an opportunity to review the past, acknowledge mistakes and to celebrate our strengths. While there were no instant and obvious results, more people since then have become Christians than in the previous two years. I believe this was perhaps the most significant event of the year.

The Alpha course is an excellent tool for evangelism. I was encouraged by the Church's decision to support this as it does cost to put on a meal each week for the participants.

The Church camp was great.

Each of the Ministry Portfolios will become more effective when more people see them as an opportunity for them to contribute as part of a Team and discover how God wants to use them to impact the community around us with the gospel.

1998 – Pastor Rick Velvin

The last year has been rather busy, but our best yet for a long time. So I give thanks to the Lord and praise Him for His good works. For the 15 people who have been Baptised in the last 12 months.

I particularly want to thank all those who are contributing to the Sunday evening service for the way that they have allowed

the Holy Spirit to lead and to respond with a deep desire to want to pray and be fully committed to following Jesus Christ.

1999 – Pastor Rick Velvin

The Children's Church programme Oasis has a growing number of Children coming along, but a declining number of leaders available to help run it. The Alpha Course continues to be effective. The Gift to the Nations (Jesus video) has made a good start with a high percentage of homes accepting the video.

Prayer will always be a key to our effectiveness, so it's been great to have the early morning prayer times. Everyone is encouraged to come when they can – 6:30 – 7:30am.

Attendance at the morning service is increasing with good numbers at the evening service. Some of the Services have been outstanding as God has used different people to contribute to the worship and ministry.

2000 – Pastor Rick Velvin

Encouragement isn't something that we can overdo on. Let us commit ourselves to this important task of encouraging each other.

Glenice Jensen has taken on the role as co-ordinator of our prayer chain.

In the last twelve months, a more concerted effort has been made to establish and maintain the small group structure within the church.

2001 – Pastor Rick Velvin

One of the keys to being more effective is to have others take on the Ministry Leaders roles. Effectiveness is the whole Church in mission each taking his or her part in seeing that the different ministry areas are attended to and as we define Elders and Deacons roles more accurately, the opportunities for others to pursue their passions increases.

One sad and yet at the same time joyous (for Goldia) occurrence was the passing away of a foundation member – thank you Gloria for all your efforts over the past 35 years.

2002 – Interim Pastor Trevor Donnell

I believe Ranui Baptist has a good future under God's good hand. I want to commend those who have hung in there during difficult times – it's so much easier to abandon ship when the storms rage.

What I want to see is a church that is known for the way it fulfils the Great Commission.

I hope to be able to keep playing a small part in the church while a new pastor/leader is established and I look forward to seeing the great things God will do in this place in the coming days.

I would also like to express thanks on behalf of you all to Robert Murray who tirelessly works away on the church finances. Let's all make Robert's job a little easier by giving more.

2003 – Pastor Russell Watts

As a church we spent a good portion of last year pastorless. While this offered up many challenges for the Eldership, the support of the Ministry Team Leaders played a significant role in getting us through much of this time. Also, during this time, as church family, we collectively made an undertaking to set some new goals, and in reality completely changed the way we have done church for the last three decades.

Russell Watts and his family joined us in January of this year, and they have very quickly become a real part of Ranui Baptist Church. The enthusiasm that Russell brings is very contagious. Thus church has come to the end of this year with a genuine sense of renewed optimism and enthusiasm and a great desire to go deeper with God.

2004 – Pastor Russell Watts

It has been a very real blessing to see how the various Ministry Leaders and their teams have become impassioned about their Ministries and have really started to develop and run with their areas of service.

This year has also seen an incredible increase in baptisms and new people attending at Ranui, and with these new people comes a new set of unique gifts and abilities. All of this adding richly to the life of the Church.

This continues to be (and I believe will always be) a loving church to lead and to serve in.

2005 – Pastor Russell Watts

A month ago I had a very brief and impacting picture pass through my mind as I lay awake praying for the church and thanking the Lord for you all. It was the scene I see from the front of the church often as I preach, the families faces looking back at me as I felt a huge amount of genuine Christian love for the folk I was looking at.

What surprised me was that I noticed a small, very white cloud over the congregation and my attention was drawn towards it. It felt like the Lord was saying to me Russell you love these people but I want you to notice and believe more that my Shekinah glory is over these people. Believe Me more for evidence of My power through this church.



Pastor Russell and Juliette Watts

2006 – Pastor Russell Watts

I believe as a church we are more focused than ever. We recognize and are better equipped as a whole church for all to be involved in friendship evangelism. We have had an increase in Holy Spirit ministry within the church. We have also for the first time in the three and a half years I have been here have a genuinely clear focus on missions (Mission without Borders).

People who come to Ranui Baptist Church continually say how warm a church you are and how easy it would be to belong here.

2007 – Pastor Russell Watts

Life is a mixture and this last year sure has been. On the negative side we had in the past year a whole lot of problems which were unusual for us as a church (predominantly folk not dealing with concerns in a biblical manner). There was much more internal work pastorally than in previous years.

On the positive side there had been much to celebrate. The prayer life of the church has stepped up another notch. Evangelistically so much has improved. Children's ministry on Sunday morning has really encouraged me. New songs in worship have brought a freshness and helped clarify who we are and what we are here for. Having come through the struggles and the disappointments of this past year I know I am a stronger and wiser pastor.

2008 – Pastor Russell Watts

As a pastor I look to three indicators of a church's health. I look at the baptisms, the church membership, and the giving. Having passed over sixty baptisms since the AGM last year and blitzing the 200 active membership mark I have been really encouraged.

As a pastor I am feeling overly tired (as I guess many of you are) but the fruitfulness and the love of this church really encourages me!

Throughout the year we have seen huge fruit in personal evangelism. The champions of our Outreach have been

Christine Bartle with the 'Son-shine Club', Michael Luifau with the 'Matthew Party', Ngaire Otti with the 'Water into wine café', and Margaret Asher and her team have had a huge impact through the 'Cutting Edge Healing Meeting' once a month.

2009 – Pastor Russell Watts

We continue to see people saved and disciplined well.

I am so grateful to the Church Trust for their appointment of Graham Davis as Community Chaplain and Graeme Stewart as Community Services Activator/Administrator.

Worship has been the standout ministry. While I believe I have directed and led that well the attitude of the worship teams and especially Tai Taua's leadership through encouragement and practical support has been legendary. We now have five functional worship teams.

2010 – Pastor Russell Watts

One of the hall marks of this year has been the contribution our leaders have made to the whole church. Our eldership is always a great team to be in (under Peter Soole's chairmanship) but this year our ministry team leaders have been exceptional.

As always, this past year I have tried to encourage you all to keep fishing for the next person to join God's family. Each one of us serving as we are called and gifted is what makes this missionary family such a good family to be in.

2011 – Pastor Russell Watts

The records that Carole Soole keeps show that it's been a really good year for salvations and that we have had the highest number of youth baptisms since I have been here.

The new folk that have made RBC home and many have come into membership are really the full spectrum of society and spiritual maturity. New members quickly join ministry teams and make valued contributions.

It's been a pleasure and a good investment of time to have put so many people through pastoral care training and the parenting courses this year.

2012 – Pastor Russell Watts

We lost a lot of big families to Australia over the past year and quite a number to other churches. This would be the highest turnover I have experienced in any year of ministry and the year with the least salvations.

April and May however were the turning points for me, as “missions month” returned us to regular, weekly salvations and stories of God being God. I continue always to give thanks for our eldership who are such an amazing, supportive, wise and practical team to work with.

2013 – Pastor Russell Watts

I believe that the culture of the church this year has become more worshipful and more sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit. I also believe that there has been a shift in regard to evangelism and many more people now feel excited and confident to talk about the Lord to others.

Every part of the church family from the youngest to the oldest is important to us. We all have a ministry, a service in or through the church. We are better ‘together.’

2014 – Pastor Russell Watts

Serving with you all at Ranui has so many challenges and yet because you are a humble family and there are so many needs I suspect we see more miracles and blessings as a result.

If you were to ask me for one word to describe what I see happening in the church over the past 12 months I would choose the word maturity. While we have had a similar number of people baptised this year as in previous years these new Christians have grown incredibly fast. As a church we have come to move even more confidently in the prophetic, healing and deliverance etc.

2015 – Pastor Russell Watts

What a year. I have been busier than I ever have been (with much more, Trust, Youth and leadership than normal). We have seen some of our dearest family members promoted to heaven this year (I don't recall ever having had so many funerals in six months) and the church family continues to be super active in reaching the lost through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and words of truth. I have been getting at least one invitation a month to support other pastors/elders or to speak at another church re evangelism.

2016 – Pastor Russell Watts

I celebrate Pastor Dwayne's appointment and the growing number of gifted young adults I see in this church. I am continually amazed at the way this church family meets the needs of the disadvantaged in our community so well.

People coming to visit RBC continually say that we are a special people, very real, very Holy Spirit and evangelistically focused, very humble. I believe family those things describe you all well. There is so much good going on in this family and what you do for Jesus is important.

2017 – Associate Pastor Tai Taua

What with the Lord relocating our brother and friend Pastor Russell up north, and passing the banner of ministry team leader of praise and worship to our gifted and chosen Dan Heke, and then re-adjusting my role a little bit, has been satisfying, and exciting, and knowing that it's God's will for each of us.

In the absence of a Senior pastor, I have been accountable to the elders, and meeting with Graham Davis, Robert Murray and Pastor Dwayne on a weekly basis to discuss issues and share ideas regarding the welfare and daily operations of the church and so forth.



Pastor Tai Taua

2018 – Pastor Matthew Needham

As a family (Matthew, Natasha & Genesis), we look over the last year with thankfulness and praise to God in bringing us from Fiji to Ranui. We thank the church for helping us to get settled in and for making this our new home.

In first coming to Ranui there were a couple of things I wanted to encourage; one was prayer, and the other was homegroups, including the one we started at our house. 8-9 am Monday to Thursday there are at least a couple of us who meet to pray for “Ranui Revival.” We expect to see more breakthrough in the coming year.

I wanted to see the gospel going out and therefore for RBC we had Christmas evangelism month, where we distributed 8,000 Christmas tracts, and Easter evangelism month, where we distributed 15,000 Easter tracts.



The elders praying for Pastor Matthew and Natasha

2019 – Pastor Matthew Needham

As a church we are to carry a move of God – “Ranui Revival”. There are four points for doing that, which are: 1) Repentance; 2) Prayer; 3) Evangelism, and; 4) Discipleship. This helps to explain my prayer, vision and goals.

I have been taking communion with a number of folk on a monthly basis. In the case of Joy Hall, our communion time then grew into a fortnightly Bible study group in the rest home. We have recently started a weekly Bible study at Western Park Village. For our monthly leaders’ prayer meeting, I included this year a devotional on the life of King Solomon. The aim of this was to give a constant reminder that all of us need vision and faith to press on to complete the work that God has for us.

The church had a quiz night, where we raised finance towards the missions trip that Alan Telford and I had to Uganda.



Planning Day 2019

2020 – Pastor Matthew Needham

To be continued.....



