

# ROUND THE NATION

## Sallies to meet

The Just Action conference, The Power to Change, which is being held as part of Mission 2010, a combined congress of The Salvation Army New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory will be held at the Telstra Clear Pacific Events Centre in Manukau City, Auckland, from September 29 to 30. Just Action is for all those with a heart for the Army's mission to fight suffering in all its forms, to speak out and act against injustice, and to be a force for justice, faith and mercy in the world. Speakers are Jim Wallis, president and executive director of Sojourners and Dave Andrews, coordinator for training with the Community Initiatives Resource Association, and educator-at-large for TEAR Australia.



EDUCATOR: Dave Andrews

## Teacher to help in Nepal

Vice Principle (Academic) of Carey Baptist College, Dr Laurie Guy, has set off for his first trip to Nepal with over NZ\$6600. The money, which was raised by staff and students at Carey, will go towards buying books and other equipment for the library at Nepal Baptist Bible College. Dr Guy will be conducting a week of intensive teaching at the college to help train local evangelical missionaries.

## New season for global prayer

Global Day of Prayer was marked for the last time this year, and a new focus is planned. New Zealand Christian Network has been involved with the campaign since 2004, first with John Fulford, who died last year, and this year with Mike Knott of Elim Church in Wellington. The international organisers of GDOP report: "The growing momentum of the last 10 years has now laid the foundation to saturate nations in prayer. It's time to shift our focus from 220 nations to facilitate a lifestyle of prayer with as many people in as many places as possible. In this new season, we will no longer aim at the goal of having organised events in every single country of the world, but rather to increase the number of gatherings on Pentecost Sunday in smaller settings, such as local churches, family homes and businesses instead of stadiums and assembly halls." — New Zealand Christian Network

## Seminar for women

The Beatitudes: God's Peculiar People is the theme of a seminar for Christchurch women, on September 17 and September 18, at St Christopher's Anglican Church, Avonhead. The Rev Kay Clark, assistant minister at St Michael's Anglican Church in Vaucluse, Australia, will lead the seminar. It will look at Jesus' teaching of what it means to live under God's rule, which though not easy, results in blessings. Three talks will be on: Mourning with the broken-hearted; Peacemaking; and Going against the flow. Mrs Clark and her husband were missionaries in Hong Kong from 1974 to 1984, before she was chaplain to female students and a lecturer at Moore College, an Australian theological college. Organised by Latimer Fellowship.



QUALIFIED: The Rev Kay Clark

## Exploring prayer

A seminar to explore and experience various styles of prayer will be held on September 25. Participants examine praying with Scripture, the prayer of Jesus, contemplation, and personality and prayer-styles. It will be led by Jovita Parker, a member of the Association of Christian Spiritual Directors of Aotearoa NZ and the Walk By Faith coordinator for the Auckland Roman Catholic Diocese. The event is at the Roman Catholic Diocesan centre in Auckland.

# Church urged to give men purpose

## Opinion poll finds what makes males happy

The national director of Promise Keepers NZ believes a lot of men "feel ring-fenced by their responsibilities" and "the search for meaning" is the reason men find happiness in their freedom, according to a recent opinion poll.

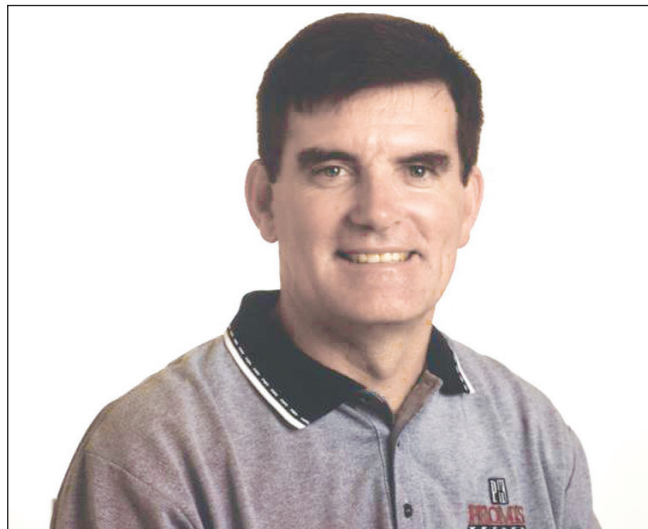
Paul Subritzky says the findings "are very real" and is calling churches to provide men "with a compelling vision and a defining purpose for life."

"They want to be involved in something significant — something bigger than themselves," says Mr Subritzky.

The survey asked 2000 people aged 15 and over to rate factors that contributed to their personal happiness.

New Zealand women said they found happiness in their families more than anything else, but for men it was freedom.

Eighty-two per cent of females gained the most happiness from their family



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— Paul Subritzky

while men preferred their freedom (36 per cent) and

time to pursue their leisure activities (32 per cent).

Freedom was particularly important to males aged 50 to 59. Mr Subritzky was concerned that "many churches give their men a small view of God yet God's call to mission is a powerful call that will lead men to heroics and cause a balance to come into their lives."

Tim Sisarich, executive director of Focus on the Family NZ, agreed that balance was an important issue, and encouraged couples to discuss their needs.

"If a wife can learn to make space for her husband's need for freedom — he is more likely to respond positively to her need for family time," explained Mr Sisarich.

"Love that is freely offered is always more satisfying than if coercion or manipulation is involved."

The survey was conducted by Synovate on behalf of an international beverage company. ■

# Parachute partners with Sanitarium

Sanitarium has signed on to become a principal sponsor of next year's Parachute Music festival. This means they will be the official breakfast providers of the Festival at Hamilton's Mystery Creek from January 28 to 31.

'The Great UP&GO Volleyball Blast' will see punters playing against bands, while a nutrition competition will promote

healthy eating to Festival attendees.

Sanitarium will also host a colossal 'Weet-Bix For World Vision' breakfast on the Sunday of Parachute, providing festival-goers with breakfast in exchange for a donation.

All proceeds of the breakfast will go towards World Vision's development project with Parachute Music in Tubehoneza

(Kigali, Rwanda).

Parachute Music Founding CEO Mark de Jong says, "We are delighted to be partnering with such an iconic Kiwi brand, and feel that both Parachute and Sanitarium have a lot to gain from this new agreement. Next year's Parachute Festival will certainly be healthier with Sanitarium's presence, and their strong social conscience aligns closely with

our Festival values."

Sanitarium Marketing Manager Mark Roper agreed. "Parachute Music Festival has become a classic part of the Kiwi summer, and a real meeting place for the community."

"We're looking forward to joining the thousands of festival-goers and hope to add some unique Sanitarium flavour and inspiration to the event." ■

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