

Community Church gave an inspirational message in the morning, speaking about ministry to the school children in state schools in New Zealand. ■

On course to help the poor

Christianity and helping the poor are inextricably linked.

This is the message from a new course being launched by World Vision New Zealand and Carey Baptist College this month.

"It is impossible to call yourself a Christian and then turn your back on the poor," explained World Vision CEO Chris Clarke, who will be playing an active role in facilitating the course.

"This is not a new message — our aim in partnership with Carey Baptist College is

to give Christians the opportunity to more deeply understand the theological and biblical basis for helping the poor and to equip them with a sound understanding of effective, hands-on development practice."

The course, to be taught at Carey Baptist College in Penrose, Auckland, is part of Carey's NZQA Bachelor of Applied Theology programme. It starts on July 19 and runs for 12 weeks.

College lecturer Dr George Wieland will facilitate the course with Mr Clarke. ■

Promise Keepers events to kick off

By Michael Hamilton

Promise Keepers men's events for 2011 kick off in Dunedin at Elim Christian Centre in Harrow Street on July 29 and 30. Speakers at the 10 events around the country will include well-known ministers or pastors, celebrities, and men who have a powerful and significant ministry for God.

The other South Island meeting will be at La Vida Centre in Upper Riccarton, Christchurch on August 12 and 13. Meetings will also be on in Tauranga, Wellington and Auckland. The event's theme, which

has been chosen in line with the Rugby World Cup is 'Game On', with the slogan, 'Transforming Ordinary Guys into Extraordinary Men'. There will again be breakout sessions for those aged from 11 to 17 and 18 to 30.

National director of Promise Keepers NZ, Paul Subritzky says they used the sports metaphor for this year "as we talk about pressing on towards the goal and winning the ultimate eternal prize, heaven (Philippians 3:14).

"We have made it our mission to help pastors and leaders to move men from being observers to getting actively

involved in the church community," said Mr Subritzky. Promise Keepers has been working alongside Christian sportsmen to put together testimonies in print and video for inspiration at the events.

"The speaking team are preparing diligently for Game On as they seek to hear from God and rely on his power to equip them... The entire training package will inspire men and equip them to unleash God's power to help others as they talk and pray for others," Mr Subritzky said. "Promise Keepers NZ is dedicated to equipping men with the tools



ON A MISSION: Paul Subritzky

to be great dads, husbands, sons and friends." ■

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