

New Zealanders Join "Forgive, Love, and Unite" Prayer and Fast

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This month has been a month of hard work and inspiring results for the New Zealand Unification Church. They began with the 40-day prayer and fast for the Watergate crisis, hoping that the Watergate message of "Forgive, Love, and Unite" will appear in New Zealand's national paper. They have given the newspaper the materials on the project. The New Zealand press continues to publish stories on the American Day of Hope tour. "To pray and fast for President Richard Nixon gives the New Zealand members an increased feeling of world unity and hope for the American nation," writes national leader Siegrun Kuhaupt. "Reverend Moon's work in America prompts us to labor harder than ever."

"Our national headquarters here in Wellington is now known to thousands," Siegrun continues. Most people they contact immediately associate them with the "big white house on the hill." From early morning to late at night, they contact people on the streets. The many visitors to the Wellington and Christchurch centers have resulted in new members. At the end of December, two girls went to Auckland, on the northern tip of the country, to start a new mission. The Christian groups who had opposed their work earlier have disappeared at the moment.

Recent contacts have included Professor Geering, head of the Department of Philosophy at Victoria University and a well-known religious author. Officials of the New Zealand government have recently received Reverend Moon's Watergate Statement and the Divine Principle book. "This is one of several profitable approaches made to the New Zealand government," Siegrun added, "and we now feel a strong and warm relationship has developed between us."