

New Zealand's Full Activity Plus Brings New Members

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With joy in our hearts two of us set off to visit our youngest city center, Hamilton. The two girls, Cherry and Lia, have to work very hard to shake the people into awareness. Although Hamilton is New Zealand's fastest growing city there is still a very heavy suburban complacency.

About eighty miles north of Hamilton lies Auckland city, our next destination. While we were there a German-Samoan boy, moved into the center. Another feature of our Auckland visit was a further meeting with Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, mayor of Auckland.

The mayor said he loves young people with high ideals who are willing to feel responsible for the state of the world. He was particularly interested in the fact that Rev. Moon is able to show, not only the young people but scientists, politicians, the clergy and other prominent public figures, what changes are necessary in the world if mankind is to survive harmoniously. The mayor said that communism is the enemy of mankind and that he was happy to learn that we have a counterproposal for communism.

Rev. Moon's blessing of the 1800 couples in Seoul must have really caused an explosion overseas because the shock waves reached as far as New Zealand. Quite a few newspapers published front-page stories with pictures. Reports also came over the radio throughout New Zealand. News of the giant wedding was on everyone's lips, as we all found out at our jobs during the day. New Zealand once again has been "Moon Struck." We have also had newspaper reporters chasing members of the family for the "inside" story.

One New Zealander knew about the blessing before it had even happened. A woman who is working with one of our girls in Hamilton had dreamt about a huge wedding in which many Oriental couples were being married. Of course she got a big shock when she read the front page of the newspaper a few days later and an even bigger shock when she realized she was speaking to a girl belonging to the same church group.

The spiritual highpoint of the month was a Friday we took off from work to mission from morning to night on the Cuba Mall. However, after only about five minutes on the street with our newly-issued license we were in trouble again with the Wellington City Council. They told us we were breaking the conditions of the license having more than three members active on the street at any one time but we quickly told them that there are only three members active and that all the others are "shopping." They looked at the rest of the family with their shopping bags and couldn't do anything but agree.

Our Friday action was treated as a condition and as such was very well received by the people.

Straightaway a person left the street to come to the center for teaching and soon after more followed. We were able to contact many people through this condition and so we have high hopes that we will have new brothers and sisters very soon.

We have many good ideas but need more people if they are to be fulfilled. So we decided on a special 21-day condition to double our membership. After finishing our normal missioning, we return to the center for a quick meal and then go back onto the streets to mission up until 10 p.m. One boy has already come out of this condition.

This nightly condition has shown us a very troubled Wellington -- criminal, violent and bloody. Those things which we do not normally see in the daytime we saw in the shroud of nighttime. We've got to change it.

"Full Activity Plus" was our motto for the South Island this month. A few of our members went to Christchurch and Dunedin. We found South Islanders very complacent people who have been richly blessed in material possessions but as a result there is very little spirit left. To shake these people means hard work. Sometimes we even had to yell at them. It was often the only way we could penetrate the surface of the people.

On our way south the four-hour journey to Christchurch was changed to a fourteen-hour journey as the whole South Island was plagued with floods. In many places long detours had to be taken because the highway had been washed into the sea. We were also confronted with robbers, but very special ones. At the top of a mountain pass a flock of keas stormed us when we stopped for a meal. Keas are beautiful big green birds belonging to the parrot family. They have no fear of man and so do not hesitate to wobble up to you and beg for food. They are always hungry and have only games in their minds. When begging for food is not successful they steal it.

Meanwhile, back in Wellington, the New Zealand Freedom Leadership Foundation was invited to a meeting of the New Zealand Human Rights Association in which Professor Eric Butler, an Australian professor of political science, spoke on anticommunism.

Attention was drawn to the FLF through its Three-Day Prayer and Fast against communist infiltration into New Zealand at Wellington's War Memorial. FLF member Michael Butler spoke out at the meeting on the counterproposal to communism. Much interest was sparked amongst the participants. Many took copies of *The Rising Tide and Communism: A Critique and Counterproposal*. Good political and economic contacts were made.

Recently, Rev. Paul Werner telephoned Wellington to inform Elisabeth Klima, the girl who accompanied me from Germany at the beginning of the New Zealand mission, that she would go to Fiji to begin the mission there. We were really happy to hear this and know that now the South Pacific can be Heavenly occupied. Elisabeth will leave for Fiji at the end of April.

Good news was received from Auckland. The mayor of Auckland Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, made a trip to Wellington recently and during a meeting with the mayor of Wellington said that the mayor and city councilors of Wellington should give the Unification Church full freedom to mission in their city because this movement is the most positive movement he had ever come in contact with.