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Monthly Update | JUNE 2009

## For Your Information

### 2 June

Queen's Birthday (Observed)

It's not her actual birthday, but it's the day it's celebrated in NZ, the UK, Australia, and more.

### 16 June

Lane's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
(see below)

### 21 June

Father's Day (US)

If you see our either of our fathers on this special day, give them a hug for us! Nate will have to wait until September to celebrate in NZ.

### Lane turns 1 this month!

It's so hard to believe that it has been a year since our little Laney joined our family. She brings us more joy than we can express, and we can't wait to see what's in store for us this year.

Thank for you for all of your words of intercession, encouragement, and advice during this first year of parenthood. We feel so blessed to have such a loving circle of support around our family.

## Learn the Lingo

### dear

(adj.) expensive

Example: "Forgetting to renew your Warrant of Fitness is a dear mistake."

## What's in a Name?

These famous words of Shakespeare have been especially poignant for us this month, as our team been discussing and choosing a name for the church plant. From brainstorming to ranking to getting feedback from some Kiwis, we have been busy with this exciting but weighty task.

After much debate and even more prayer, we have decided upon the name that will be the main identity of not only our church plant, but also what we hope to accomplish here in Christchurch, and New Zealand as a whole. So, without further ado, the winner is...

### RECHURCH.

What we like about it:

- It's noticeably different, yet sounds kind of familiar.
- It encourages people to ask questions, or to investigate what it's about.
- It can grow with us.
- It has limitless possibilities for application (rediscover, reconnect, regift, regroup, etc.)
- *Most of all, we believe that this name encapsulates what we desire to accomplish with this church plant - we want to bring the people of New Zealand back to church. We want them to try it again. We want them to rediscover the faith and tradition that 90% of New Zealanders have abandoned.*

## So where's the "Christian Church/Church of Christ"?

While we are eager to retain and celebrate our Restoration Movement heritage, the terms "Christian Church" and "Church of Christ" carry different weight in New Zealand than they do in the U.S. In fact, some churches in New Zealand have used these titles to promote a wide variety of doctrines and practices.

So, in an effort to give the church a clean start and a fresh reputation, without any of the connotations that surround any existing congregations, we have omitted these suffixes from the name. However, we remain true to our doctrinal roots, and we carry on the legacy of what the Restoration Movement was about - a church that honors Christ by focusing on Scripture, emphasizing unity, and recapturing the purposes of church displayed in the New Testament.

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## Prayer Update

### **Praise: We found a house!**

It's still a chaotic mess, but it's ours (well, at least as long as we pay the rent). Words cannot express how relieved we are to finally settle into a home and unpack all of our boxes. Thank you for your prayers!

### **Praise: Nate finished the Christchurch Marathon!**

With a time just under 4 hours 30 minutes, and having run through rain, snow, sleet, and hail, he was very relieved to be done. But he finished without injury - thanks for praying!

### **Our Health**

Please pray that we will all have healthy immune systems to get us through another winter.

### **Our Marriage**

With the stress of culture shock, church planting, and a toddler, it's easy to forget to spend quality time with each other. Please pray that we will be active in protecting our most important human relationship.

### **Our Families**

Please pray for all of us as we reacquaint ourselves with being long-distance families.

### **Christchurch**

Please be in prayer for the people of Christchurch - that their hearts will be softened and their ears prepared to hear the message that we will be bringing this year.

### **Financial Provision**

We're working with our team to raise \$165,000 from new church partnerships to get the church started. Please pray that our team efforts will be a success!

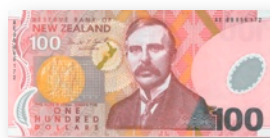
### **Guidance in Parenting**

We imagine that every new parent feels as inadequate as we do. We appreciate any prayers on our behalf as we navigate Lane's second year of life.

### **More Workers**

The harvest is ripe! Pray for God to send more workers to NZ and the South Pacific region.

## Partnership Update



Our team is continuing to make contacts in the effort to raise start-up funds for the RECHURCH plant. Some positive responses are starting to come in as a result of the presentations done during furlough. *Please*

*continue to pray that God will provide the funds we need to gain a healthy momentum over the next year.*

We have the following personal totals to report as of June 1, 2009:

		% of Total Need
<b>Avg. Monthly Support:</b>	\$5,000.00	100%
<b>Avg. Monthly Ministry Funds:</b>	\$ 461.67	31%
<b>Special Gifts (May):</b>	\$ 50.00	n/a

If you would like more information about how to get involved in any of these areas, please contact us. We would be happy to send you some materials and walk you through the process of joining our support team.

## In Conclusion...

Things are beginning to move forward! A church name is just the beginning - money coming in from donors means that soon we'll be able to rent meeting space and start making preparations for our Preview Services which will start in a few months. Marketing will be distributed in local communities, events will take place to introduce RECHURCH to the people of Christchurch, and momentum will begin to build toward our launch day in February 2010.

With so much happening, it's easy to become overwhelmed with the task at hand. It's easy to try to do too much, or to become consumed with our lists and forget what we're really here to accomplish. *Please pray that we will remain focused on glorifying God in ALL that we do over the coming months.*

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