

# PRISON FELLOWSHIP NZ

## PRAYER DIARY Is. 42:3



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### Daily Prayer Points—National Office

- PF will soon have a response from the Minister re the 18-24yr olds proposal
- There will be major funder responses this month—Heaven's gates will open
- Satisfactory outcomes between PF and the Service Provider for Private Prisons
- Safety and productive sessions as Barry Timms joins the PFI Pacific Commission Conf in Singapore **2-7th**
- Robin preaching twice at Knox Church in Lower Hutt **8th**
- Finalisation of the business plans of Faith Based Unit, Target Communities, and RJ—for the Board
- Board meets on **28th**—wisdom as business plans are discussed
- Finalisation of arrangements to meet with Alison Thom—new GM Rehabilitation & Reintegration-Corrections

### Regional Prayer Points— featuring *Otago (OCF)* this month (*see over*)

- Thanks for the faithful leaders who go in each Sunday, some travel a distance
- Thanks for the supportive staff at OCF
- More community participants for the Sycamore Tree Programme (STP)
- That a high profile life sentence prisoner may get day release
- For the set up of Target Communities (see website) for those who want support after release
- More church volunteers for high security units on Sunday afternoons



#### August 1

The first day of imprisonment is punishment every day after that is preparing them to come out

#### August 2

That prisoners will learn what it is to live and think with dignity

#### August 3

Alpha is commencing in some units around the nation

#### August 4

Following a planning meeting for the next 5 years—that the FBU will have extraordinary success

#### August 5

Restorative power of the 'Cross'

#### August 6

Govt: **Minister of Justice**—

Simon Power— discernment and courage to make long term decisions

#### August 7

3 week gathering of 'Notorious' Gang and families & the S. Army— life changing results

#### August 8

Hawkes Bay team as they negotiate for the continuance of STP

#### August 9

Approval will be given for funds for PF from financial applications—large requests are being made this month

#### August 10

The staff have busy schedules—wisdom and discernment

#### August 11

As with Solomon—PF will walk in wisdom and then have the 'wealth' to accomplish

#### August 12

2 words over PF— Reform & Revolutionize

#### August 13

Continued planning for our end-to-end vision from – imprisonment through restoration and reintegration

#### August 14

Corrections will give the 'FBU evaluation' some serious time to bring it to completion enabling forward planning and contract negotiations—continuing prayer request

#### August 15

Robin Gunston—as he works to make the outcomes of the 'Conference' a powerful statement, touching the nation—see website

#### August 16

Govt: **Minister of Corrections**—Judith Collins—will know a good plan when she sees it—and have the courage to implement it—18-24yr olds

#### August 17

The thought will continue to grow, that each prisoner is an individual and they should be treated as such

#### August 18

Both PF and Corrections need 'tools of implementation' to move forward steadily into the future

#### August 19

Every prison will soon have a strong Care Group around them

#### August 20

PF will continue to gather strategic people around them

#### August 21

Released prisoners and their coaches from Wellington Region meet together for "maintenance meetings" – pray for encouragement in their walk on the outside.

#### August 22

The vision and plans for 'after care' will grow and clarify

**August 23**

After a series of meetings, key churches will respond to being involved in 'prison work'

**August 24**

Increased faith, alongside a faithful God, as new ground and battles are undertaken  
Josh 1:8

**August 25**

Be inundated with bookings to the 'groundbreaking' PF conference in October —see website

**August 26**

Families of prisoners—wellbeing, protection, opportunities, peace—available Target Communities

**August 27**

Angel Tree— Regional Coordinators will find their Area Coordinators and link churches

**August 28**

Restorative Justice— there is a continuing groundswell of meetings and interest—wisdom for this exploding ministry

**August 29**

Prison staff—as they contend with new regulations, positions and difficult prisoners

**August 30**

PF's connections with those bidding for Ak. Remand Prison

**August 31**

Decree—your dreams for PF

**Chaplains (OCF)**

- As they deal with problems in the Low Security Chapel Services—that the men who come may participate with open hearts

**Heartbeat of Father**

**As I have prayed and thought through the prayer topics for each day I believe it is important that you be given the opportunity to pray individually what Father is impressing on you to pray for each topic. Though we are together praying daily, it is so powerful when we also pray from our own revelation. Hence some days will be left rather open-ended for you to pick up personally and discover and pray your own passion through the 'Heartbeat of Father'**

**Thank you for your commitment to pray - it is making a huge difference Blessings Caroline**

**IAN ELLIOTT** BOARD(1990), CHAIRPERSON OF PFNZ (1995) & VICE-CHAIRMAN OF PFI BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CHAIRMAN OF PFI BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Ian, as a part of a large missionary heritage, was born in New Zealand but grew up in Nigeria—'as a missionary kid' returning to Auckland to complete his education before moving on to the Waikato to commence an agricultural career. Margaret and Ian married and now have three adult children and four grandchildren. Over the past 25 years Ian has been executive chairman for 3 Charitable Trusts involving Dairy, Kiwifruit & Forestry. He is now Management Supervisor for nine dairy farms (4200 cows) in Sth Waikato and 80 hectares of kiwifruit. Ian's other involvement in the lives of NZer's is too prolific to mention here, but they cover such responsibilities as a, Developer, Finalist, Judge, Member, Participant and Consultant. Ian has been an executive of PFNZ for 20 years, working with inmates, their families and victims of crime, seeking to bring change. Ian has just returned from Chile as part of his role as Chairman of PFI board of Trustees—he was profoundly impacted after visiting some of their 18 F.B. Units

**Thank you Lord:**

At the National Party Conference last month the Minister acknowledged being in communication with PF with regard to 18-24 yr old prisoners

Stories are trickling in of more and more prisoners coming to the Lord—Yay!

Prayer training day was a great success with the Staff now having personal pray-ers 'Armourbearers'

We are taking 'Prayer Training' into the FBU.

**Robin, Barry & Chris had an amazing time in the Auck. area, making strategic contacts for Target Communities and Angel Tree. Also having a number of those 'chance meetings'**

**Sycamore Tree Commences**

**Rimutaka VPU—2nd**

**Manawatu—13th**

**Remember:**

**Faith Based Unit—men, staff, vision—your own heart of prayer for the unit**



Kim Workman Oso, BA

It is with surprise that we heard of Kim Workman's resignation from the Board of Prison Fellowship. He has a long and distinguished history in public service and when he joined the Board in 1995 and going on to be Director from 2000-2008 he took PF into the public arena. Kim has an amazing and extensive network of influence and contacts so we are sure he will continue to be a 'voice of conscience and wisdom' in our nation. We wish you all the best Kim and pray that you continue to dream for and impact Aotearoa in a big way.