

# PRISON FELLOWSHIP NZ

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### Daily Prayer Points—National Office

- Bringing together plans for Restorative Justice & Target Communities
- Development of plan for special approach to 18-24 old male offenders—at the Minister's request
- Innovative forms of funding— as soon as possible
- Implementation of marketing plan put together by Massey University. *New on Facebook*
- Planning details for National Conference

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

- Continuing and strengthening relationship with prison organisations to promote effectiveness with families/whanau
- Raising up of Godly leaders to establish the first Target Community in the Region (*Find 'Target Community' on the Prison Fellowship NZ website*)
- More community participants for the Sycamore Tree to be involved in this powerful programme
- Guidance for the Christchurch Prison Care Group as it moves ahead in this new phase of ministry

June 1

Both Auckland Women's & FBU commence Sycamore Tree.

June 2

Hawkes Bay commences Sycamore Tree.

June 3

Today Robin is talking at the Chaplains Conference about how we can better work together—Also pray for the Chaplains conference.

June 4

Those going into prisons bringing—bible studies, seminars, work skills, life skills, counselling.

June 5

Health & wellbeing of our staff and their families.

June 6

Govt: **Minister of Justice**—

Simon Power— will receive honest and wise advice

June 7

The discussions had with Ron Nikkel, PFI President/CEO, who was recently in NZ, will bring lasting & beneficial results (*see over*)

June 8

Ongoing work from the strategic planning day (May 25) for Target Communities.

June 9

Approval will be given for funds for PF from financial applications

June 10

Tracy and children of Jason Palmer who died in Middlemore Hospital after being punched in Springhill Prison

June 11

Meeting with Hawkes Bay Prison Manager re Target Communities

June 12

Nick Stamatakis from Greece is here as part of doing his PhD paper— he is participating in the STP in the FBU

June 13

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

June 14

Corrections will give the FBU Evaluation some serious time

to bring it to completion enabling forward planning and contract negotiations

June 15

Ian Elliott (Board Chairperson/Vice-Chair PFI) - For the responsibility he carries. The board will be innovative as PF becomes more and more a voice to be heard in the nation

June 16

Govt: **Minister of Corrections**—Judith Collins—will receive, listen, and respond with an open mind, to PF strategies

June 17

Those with responsibility will recognize the benefit of one-on-one vs. group programmes to bring dignity to the individual

June 18

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

June 19

Our link with Sharon Thorburn and the Kotuku Choir (at risk and prisoner's children) will bring an impacting 'sound' throughout the nation

June 20

That recent radical, ground-breaking conversations regarding finance will bear fruit and open new doors

June 21

HO staff have asked for prayer for 3 people. Jason, Louis & Mike—soon to be released

June 24

Increased faith, alongside a faithful God, as new ground and battles are undertaken  
Josh 1:8—see *Robin* below

June 25

The transition from Regions to Prison Care Groups—will be smooth, and the benefit obvious

June 26

Families of prisoners—wellbeing, protection, opportunities, peace

June 27

Angel Tree— some regions need new coordinators, administrators, church links—all positions and needs will be filled

June 28

Restorative Justice— an opportunity to repair *harm* done by criminal behaviour

June 29

Prison staff as they consider the recent tragedy at Springhill— courage and peace

June 30

PF's prayer base will grow both in numbers and power

**Christchurch Team:**

**Geraldine Ainsworth**— Sec/Tres/Admin—assists with funding

**Stuart Matthews**: Vol. Chap. Totara & Tawa Unit, 'Introducing Manhood'

**Norman Maindonald**: Vol Chap. Chch Men's & Rolleston—25yrs experience

**Heather Gullery**: Vol Chap. STP Fac. at Chch Women's—encourager & motivator

**Esther Lighfoot**: STP Fac. at Chch Men's

**Rachael Holder**: Angel Tree Manager

**Camren Moylan**: Mother of 5—assists when possible

**Lester White**: Christchurch Coordinator. Takes services at Rolleston in Totara & Kawhai units

Pray for their ongoing work with the prisoners, families and Corrections Staff. For each one, their families, wellbeing and health. Thank Father for the Chch Team

## RON NIKKEL, PRESIDENT/CEO



Ron Nikkel came to PFI in 1982 when there were only 5 national PF ministries. Today he oversees 115 representing every region in the world. Ron has held leadership positions with the juvenile offender programme of YFC in Canada & USA. He was born in Alberta, Canada. He holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology and English (BA) and a graduate degree in theol-

ogy—he studied at the University of Winnipeg (English & Psychology) and York University (Social Work). He holds a number of other positions mainly to do with Criminal Justice and Sciences. Ron is also an author and has written *Your Journey with Jesus*—

A big  
**Thank you**  
to  
**Estelle Woodford-  
Robinson**

For keeping prayer alive for  
Prison Fellowship NZ through  
W.I.N.G.S

Your commitment has been so appreciated and invaluable to our ongoing work

**Robin Gunston**

**24 June—Robin has been  
Prison Fellowship NZ Director  
for 1 year**

**Pray for him, his wife Maureen,  
and family and the  
team as they move forward**

**into all Father God  
has for**

**Prison Fellowship NZ  
this coming year**

**Note from the Prayer Coordinator**

*We hope you like the new layout.*

*It was decided that it would be helpful and more powerful if we were all praying for the same topic on the same day. I will be presenting a number of profiles of our leaders and staff. Also I will be asking the different regions/prison care groups to put forward prayer topics each month so we can get to know you and pray more informed prayers. Also if you have any PF related prayer topics for July Prayer Diary please send them through to me*

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