



# New Zealand

New Zealand, a small island nation, lies about 1,000 miles southeast of Australia. New Zealanders enjoy a high standard of living, receive subsidized health care, and are among the best-fed people in the world. The country offers breathtaking scenery. But much of the Christianity they once had is dying fast. Today New Zealand is quickly becoming a secularized society. Outwardly New Zealand is a prosperous country, but its prosperity covers desperate spiritual need.

## NEEDS

The gospel was first preached in New Zealand 200 years ago (1814). A large percentage of the population, both indigenous Maori and settlers from Europe, claimed Christianity at the turn of the 20th Century. By the turn of the 21st Century, New Zealand had become a secular society. Christian values and beliefs are now considered old-fashioned.

The Charismatic Movement has infiltrated most evangelical groups in New Zealand. Finding a church that holds to the truth of the Word of God is difficult indeed. Independent Baptist churches of any kind number only about 25 on New Zealand's North Island and 10 on its South Island.

## HOW YOU CAN SERVE

What New Zealand needs is strong, fundamental churches that teach and practice the whole counsel of God. These churches can then reach people for Christ and help them grow into mature Christians.

Baptist Mid-Missions needs dedicated church planters to be involved in these ministries:

- personal evangelism
- discipleship
- children's and youth ministries
- women's ministries
- literature distribution
- leadership training

Who will start these churches?  
Could the Lord be calling you?



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