



November 2008

Dear Arielnik,

It has been a busy year so far and there is still more to come - so here are some of the activities we are involved in;

Study Groups

Ariel NZ now has about nine weekly study groups with one opening in Snells Beach, Mahurangi, and another at Te Awamutu both in the last month. These groups usually start off on "The Life of Messiah" and once that is complete they want to move onto more studies such as The Book of Acts, the Messianic-Jewish Epistles, Exodus, and so forth. It is a real blessing to see the change in people as they discover more and more of God's Word and apply it to their lives. We encourage people to consider leading a group and we are preparing an outline of the suggested prerequisites. Please contact us at the office if you would like to be involved. At the Ariel Camp next year we will have some sessions on "How to lead a Study Group".

Discipleship

Arlie Francis visited us in New Zealand in September and took the opportunity to share about the format and use of Ariel's 'Come and See' discipleship studies. See the Fall 2008 Newsletter for full details. This is a wonderful study which has assembled in a logical progression much of Arnold's teaching and will enable anybody worldwide to access the material via the internet- all for free. Our commission in Matthew 28.19 is "*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...*", and Come and See is part of our equipment. We are looking at ways by which we can encourage and assist people to be involved and see the Body of Messiah grow with sound doctrine and teaching.

Ariel Ministries Convocation

I have just returned from an Ariel Ministries Convocation at San Antonio, Texas. This was quite wonderful and I copy below my brief article for the USA Newsletter.

Ariel Convocation 2008

Diana and I first came into contact with Arnold and Ariel Ministries in New Zealand in 1990. Since that time Ariel Ministries has been the source of most of our spiritual food and the avenue in and through which much of our spiritual service has been directed. We continue to praise God for the fullness of the blessings which have flowed during this time, and for the teaching, the many wonderful people we have met, and particularly for the changes the Lord has worked in our lives through this ministry.

However despite all of this there was always a sense that the full potential and worth of this ministry was not being achieved, and the question as to why this was so remained.

I have just returned from the Ariel Ministries' Convocation at their Home Office in San Antonio Texas, attended by the directors, staff, and volunteers, at which the past, present and future of Ariel Ministries was discussed.

It is my conviction that the hand of the Lord is over Ariel Ministries and is about to thrust it forward into a global role.

The ground work for all of this has taken many years of faithful service by Arnold with assistance and input by countless others over this time. More recently the Board of Directors has given strong leadership for the direction of Ariel and this has been given effect through the Executive Director, Arlie Francis.

There is now assembled an impressive team of talented and capable people who have already prepared much of Ariel's teaching and discipleship material into formats suitable for application and transmission world-wide in the 21st century. Good experience has also been gained in the actual teaching and application of Ariel's material in the USA and overseas.

There was a wonderful spirit of harmony and unity at the convocation and a recognition of the presence of the Lord. There is now a strong sense of purpose and direction and an excitement as to how the Lord will use this ministry to His glory. The full potential of Ariel Ministries is now about to be unleashed. ‘Come and See!’”

Ariel NZ Trust Board

We took the opportunity of Arlie Francis’ visit to hold a board meeting and a number of exciting decisions were made. We will report on these in our next newsletter. I should add that Perry Trotter has been a Trustee since March this year and we are looking forward to his contribution and participation in Ariel NZ.

Ariel Camp 2009

Our programme for the 2009 Camp is of the highest calibre and is described in the brochure attached along with the registration form—register before December 22nd and save 5%.

Arnold Tour March/April 2009

A copy of the outline of the Itinerary is attached. More detail is to be added when available and updated on the website.

Gujarat – North West India

David Thomsom and I will return to Gujarat at the invitation of the Church of North India to hold teaching seminars with Pastors and Church Leaders, for two weeks in late November/early December 2008. This is an exciting follow on from our visit last year and may open up many opportunities for teaching and discipleship.

We have already translated the first five Ariel Manuscripts in the ‘Come and See’ Discipleship Study into Gujarati and look forward to seeing this teaching released in India as well as many more of the manuscripts.

Please pray for this opportunity and for God’s Word to go forth in power. Please pray for Bakul Christian, our representative, and for his family. Bakul has been instrumental in arranging these opportunities and in organizing all that we need whilst in Gujarat.

Support

We very much appreciate the prayer and financial support from those people who are committed to this Ministry. Ariel New Zealand is fully independent and has no income outside of that which comes from individual supporters. We have the same philosophy as Ariel Ministries (USA), which is “*God’s work done in God’s time will never lack God’s support*”

We feel it correct however to let our supporters be aware of our expanding activities which require increased prayer and financial support, in order that they may contribute as they feel led.

Much of Ariel New Zealand’s work is done at minimal cost, but the Gujarat work has transport and translation costs that cannot be avoided. We want to respond to this opportunity by making as much of Arnold’s teaching as possible available to these people.

We commend this to you for prayer.

On behalf of the Ariel New Zealand trustees we pray for you to have a blessed time of celebration of the Messiah’s first coming, and to look forward with expectation to His second coming.

In His Service,

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