



HAWKES BAY REGIONAL PRISON REPORT 2012

Te Pihopa nga hoa Minita tena koutou katoa

Many thanks must go to our National Director Rev Maku Potae and Board Members for their patience, courage working with the Department with the New High Trust contract that's now in place. It's taken some time for the Chaplains to work through the new contract but most now have a grip of understanding how we relate to the contract and others involved.

The New Chaplaincy Volunteers Hand Book is also in place which is confidential to Chaplaincy and volunteers. The good thing about the booklet is Rev Maku has given Themes in a two year cycle which we encourage volunteers to use. This helps prisoners when they are transferred to other prisons so they can continue their study.

One of the great things Rev Maku encourages is the Chaplains throughout Aotearoa to help train others using their cultural intelligent, knowledge and expertise at our training.

Hawke's Bay Regional Prison has come alive with Bible Studies from Monday to Friday almost in every Unit in the Top Jail with good numbers attending. Sunday Services is the same we try to cater for all Units on Sundays. Our Volunteers have great passion delivering the Word and singing hymns. There has been a lot of work by Maku and other Chaplains throughout the country putting a new stats form together. This has been great for Chaplaincy. I continue to run the Whakamomori programme for staff. The Pastoral work for prisoners and staff has been ongoing but with good results. Many thanks to the team.

The prison is still doing a lot of maintenance and refurbishing in the Top Jail. The Management have being very supportive in what Chaplain do on site. The Chaplains have a meeting every fortnight and I attend the Management meetings once a month relating back to the team.

Our National Director had to cut back on finances in the last twelve months but, there are reasons for that but, we have been supported with resources by our programme Manager and Volunteer Coordinator. However, Rev Maku has given us some good news where our NIT (National In Service Training) will take place towards the end of this year in Wellington next year in Dunedin year after in Auckland.

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Coordinating Chaplain

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