

HAWKES BAY REGIONAL PRISON

CHAPLAINCY REPORT 2013.

Tihei Mauri Ora,

Tena koe me nga ahuatanga o te wa, o tatou mate noho mai I roto I te ao wairua. Tatou o te ao ora, kia ora huihui mai tatou.

(Greetings to you and yours, to our many dead who dwell in the spirit world. We of the world of the living, greetings to us all.)

Tena Koe Pihopa me nga hoa minita o Waiapu..

Firstly I would like to thank Bishop David for his support both to the Prison Chaplaincy and the Rohe.. The relationship with Waiapu continues to grow..

There has been much change in the prisons through out the country an Prison Chaplaincy in the last 12 months. The National Director, Maku Potae, and the Board have worked very hard to set goals for the next 2-3 years.

Bible studies have been very successful both during the week and in the evenings. Our average attendance over a monthly period is 238 prisoners.

Sunday Services are also a huge commitment for our church volunteers and 360-400 prisoners attend per month.

Chaplains have been encouraged to be part of the activities programmes in the Chapel area. Art work, Harakeke, Te Reo, waiata, whakapapa volley ball, touch rugby, and other activities take place. This is to help our prisoners to be more active, get them out of their cells to improve mental, spiritual and physical health.

Under our new High Trust Contract we have to look at building a strong relationships both within the prison and in the community. Therefore communication is very important for us and we consult with each other and team build. .We meet every Tuesday and our new co-ordinating chaplain goes to debrief meetings with management every morning, management Liaison meetings once a fortnight and to Taradale for the Ministry meetings once a month. All Chaplains now have to commit themselves to Right Track Training with all the staff.

I was privileged to be presented with the Bronze Award certificate for running the Whakamomori programme for staff over the the last 4 years.

Regional Co-ordinating Chaplain Maurice Mclaughlin is now our new regional chaplain for Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Whanganui, and Wellington. Maurice came up from Christchurch prison and he is quickly adjusting and working in well with staff ,Management and prisoners.

My new half time responsibility now is as the Cultural Advisor for NZ Prison Chaplaincy

Rev John Flavell