

Ray & Shaneane are our senior missionaries of WB Baptist Church who we have supported for at least 25yrs. WB Baptist are their main supporters.

Their influence is broad and wide and they engage with many communities on many levels, locally, nationally, regionally and internationally.

They appreciate your support and acknowledge the need for that to continue as it reflects the depth and reach that we have as a church community, after all 'I am you and you are me'.

Their community engagements are many:

- YWAM NZ: National leaders (convenors)
- Island Breeze NZ: Directors
- Island Breeze International: Leadership team
- Te Whaariki: A body of Baptist Māori leaders around NZ that walk alongside the National Baptist Centre
- Koha medical ship: Board member
- Mātai tipu: Community engagement initiative that provides garden beds around all of Tauranga
- Rūrea Taitea: International indigenous engagements such as the Inuit in the Arctic circle etc
- Leadership development and oversight of our international course on 'Principles of Cultural Redemption'
- Rukua village: Located at Faith Bible College. This is a collaboration with FBC, Rukua & Wilberforce Foundation. Ray serves as a 'Pouhere' which is like a connector to local marae etc

Since the last update in this space 1 ½ years ago we have been very busy on all levels.

2025

June

- Shaneane went to speak on a PRCS at the university of the Nations in Kona Hawaii

July

- Ray went up to the Arctic in Nunavut speaking at a gathering with Inuit from Nunavut & Greenland
- Ray & Shaneane attended the Island Breeze International gathering in Manitoba

Aug

- Spoke on DTS in Vanuatu, Queenstown and Fiji as well as hosting a team from Taiwan and hosting Carey Baptist College (Ray & Shaneane spoke in Queenstown)

Sep

- Spoke on the School of Worship and DTS in Vietnam (Da Lat & Nha Trang)

Oct

- Installation of carvings at the new national Baptist and Carey office in Auckland

Nov

- Spoke on DTS in Waitangi, Queenstown and Auckland (Shaneane and Ray spoke in Queenstown)

Dec

- Unfortunately one of our DTS students drowned in PNG. Ray had to travel to PNG to uplift the ashes and escort the remains back to his parents in Dallas Texas
- As a result of this tragedy we cancelled the Hong Kong & Tonga trips

2026

Jan

- The year began with the loss of one of our Island Breeze International leaders in Davao, Philippines. Ray went to the funeral to represent IB International
- Ray & Shaneane went to Hokkaido Japan to the first International Indigenous Museum gathering

Feb

- Shaneane went to Australia to see her parents
- Ray spoke on a DTS in Vanuatu as well as hosting a team from Hawaii

Mar

- Egypt to attend the Joshua 18 gathering in Cairo. (This was later cancelled due to the situation in the Middle East)
- DTS in Waitangi as well as Queenstown (Shaneane and Ray spoke in Queenstown)
- Also participated in the 100th anniversary of Carey Baptist College and the opening of a new office space for Vision West in Rotorua

April

- Hosted our national YWAM elders and leaders in Tauranga
- Visited Motueka Baptist Church together with one of our Māori leaders there who are doing a phenomenal work together called 'mahi pai'

May

- Shaneane went back to Australia to help her mum after surgery
- Ray hosted a team of Inuit students and staff from Ottawa for 10 days at Whetu Marae
- Ray officiated a naming ceremony of the Trinity Lands accommodation block in Paengaroa

June

- Ray & Shaneane spoke on the school of worship in Hanoi, Vietnam
- Ray opened up the Baptist regional gathering in Matamata

July

- Ray spoke on a DTS in PNG
- Shaneane spoke at the National Baptist Māori gathering in Ōtautahi Christchurch
- Ray & Shaneane went to Saskatchewan to engage with the Cree nation, specifically Peepeekisis Cree nation and to participate in their annual Pow wow. **This was such a highlight in many ways**

Aug

- Ray goes to Mongolia to speak on the school of worship
- Ray & Shaneane have meetings in Kona Hawaii and also visit John & Jill Nu'uali'itia who pioneered Island Breeze NZ in 1990. John sadly has stage 4 pancreatic cancer and is currently in hospice care

Sep

- Global Leadership Gathering in Chiangmai
- Hosting Arotahi at Whetu marae for the weekend.
- Myanmar to speak on the School of Worship

Oct

- Ray speaks on a DTS in Nelson
- YWAM NZ national whanau hui in Whangārei

Nov

- Shaneane is looking at going to South Africa to be part of 'train the trainer' and will be meeting with our Island Breeze International leadership team which we both are part of
- National Baptist Hui in Tauranga hosted at Golden Sands Pāpāmoa

Dec

- Ray goes to Tripura, India TBC

Prayer needs:

- Pray for our support. Our support level has dropped significantly (15k per year) we need our backbone to be strong
- Pray for wisdom and God's grace. We are seeing God open up all these amazing doors and opportunities in this season of our lives that are aligned to who we are
- Pray for good health upon us both and our family
- Indigenous connection:
 - **Inuit in Nunavik & Nunavut.** Pray blessings over this region and the communities and for healing to flow
 - **Peepeekisis Cree Nation and surrounding reservations of treaty 4 in Saskatchewan.** Pray blessings over our friends and all they put their hands to
 - **Ainu in Hokkaido.** Pray for deeper connections as we continue to cultivate and nurture the relationships we have with Ainu
- Pray that Ray & Shaneane intentionally take time outside of ministry to rest and be
- Pray for the continuation to bless Tauranga with these raised bed gardens. 404 gardens to date and over 108 gardens done in Welcome Bay alone
- Pray for the communities we engage with locally, nationally, regionally and internationally that they continue to walk in the freedom of life and all its fullness

Feel free to contact us should you have questions or just want to have a cuppa ☺

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