

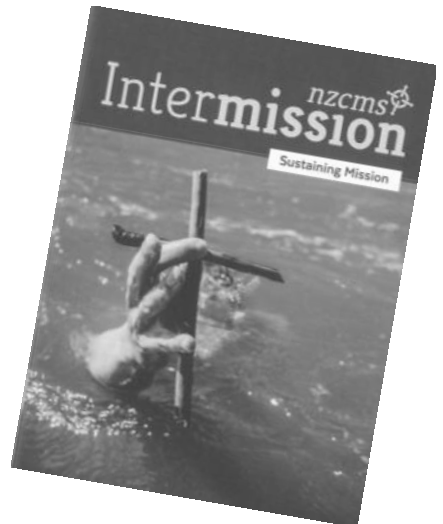
**Refugee support** - Nelson receives refugees from Myanmar (Burmese) and Bhutan (Bhutanese and Nepalese). In fact there are 400 of the former and 200 of the latter already in Nelson with approximately 8 new families being received every month. The Red Cross in Nelson coordinate support and there are needs we as churches in the region can meet. Brightwater parish are helping the Red Cross with providing for some of these families. They have already started to coordinate a 3-month gift to several new families from Burma of weekly fruit and vegetable boxes. The next project is to help the new influx of 4 families arriving in mid-June. These families will need things like rice cookers and towels, and pillows. I would love us at church on the Hill to help. Please either email Martin Harrison [waimearev@gmail.com](mailto:waimearev@gmail.com) or call their office 542 3694. From Matthew 25... "Master what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink...? Then The Master will Say " I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me" Thanks for your consideration.

**Bishopdale Theological College** - Early Bird Enrolment Deadline for Semester 2 is this coming Tuesday 7 June .Courses for Semester 2: On the Journey with God – Formation / Making Sense of the Bible – Biblical Interpretation / What does God think about the Church? - Church in the Mission of God / What has shaped our culture, assumptions & beliefs - Worldview and Ways of Life / Encountering God in the Old Testament - Old Testament Introduction / Why read the Psalms or even pray them? - Psalms / Who was Luke, what made him different? - The Gospel of Luke. Enquiries to: [registrar@bishopdale.ac.nz](mailto:registrar@bishopdale.ac.nz). Website: [www.bishopdale.ac.nz](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz)

## Missions Matters...

### Creation care for Christians?

Have you ever wondered what the Christian faith has to say about global warming or ecology? Did you know that creation care forms part of the "Five Marks of Mission"? NZCMZ have just published their latest issue of *Intermission* on this very subject. It contains five short articles which will get you thinking and has details of useful websites. There are some copies of this little booklet in the big wire rack at the back of the church.



### Advance notice for your diary

The newly reformed Overseas Missions Group would like to invite you to a Coffee and Dessert Evening to hear an update on the "The church in Malaysia – situation and challenges" to be given by our own church members Evelin and Kai Kruse on Saturday 25 June at 7.00pm. Malaysia is one of the key countries in South East Asia which perhaps we don't know enough about, so here is the opportunity to come and learn and pray more effectively.

- John Palmer

# Notes

