

from DEATH

to LIFE

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## Conference Issue

### President's Report

God is good! This year we have continued to broaden and to deepen our work.

New subscriptions have come from Australia, USA and Canada. We have had contact with people as far away as Kenya who are now benefiting from our materials. This is good but we still require the support of local people to keep the work going. We ask you all to renew (or begin?) your membership and to find a friend who would be willing to support the work. Perhaps you might consider joining the Executive? Perhaps there is some other way you can help?

Our publishing work continues to grow. Our Newsletter is looking better than ever. The content is attracting attention, worldwide (not the whole world at once but one person at a time!). Our evangelistic tracts are being used by many people in many countries to reach out to friends and neighbours who don't yet know the Lord. We continue to add to our list of conditionalist videos, books and tapes. Warren

Prestidge's book, *Life, Death and Destiny*, will be added to our list soon (perhaps by Conference).

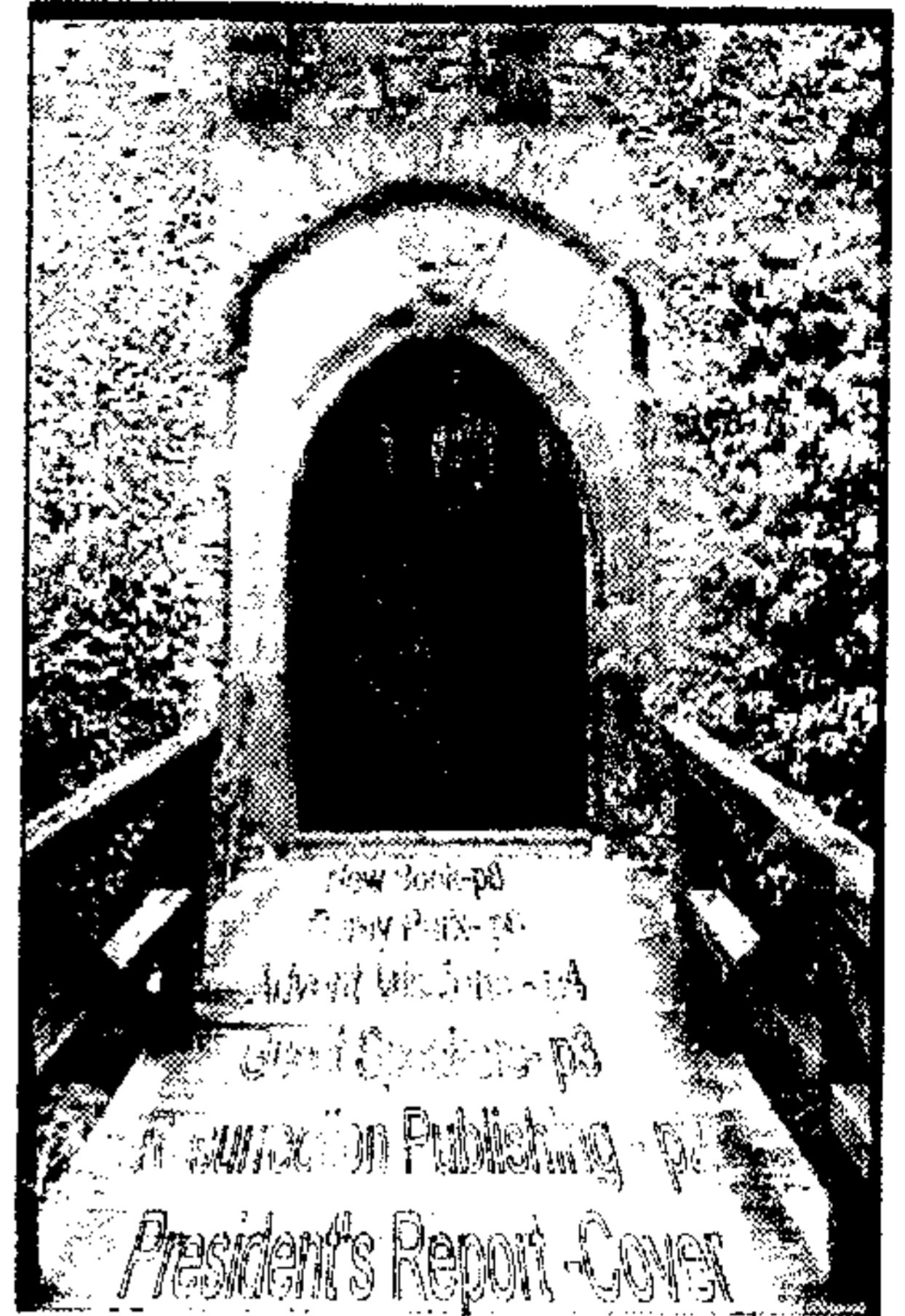
We continue to support Carey Park Christian Camp and Advent Christian Missions as well as Conditionalist Christians seeking theological education. This is a valuable part of our ministry.

By God's grace we want to do all this and more next year and on into the future. We are making a difference in the world and for eternity. We are making a difference for the Kingdom of God! It is true that our labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor 15:58).

I would like to offer my personal thanks to all the Executive for the work they do on our behalf. Thank you also to each and every one of you who support the Conditional Immortality Association, whether financially, prayerfully, or by giving our materials away.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at Conference this year.

**David Burge**  
PRESIDENT.



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# Conference 98

Saturday June 20th, 1998

9.30am to 4.30pm

Carey Park Christian Camp,  
Henderson Valley, Auckland.

Key Note Speakers:

Rev. Don Dickson (Thames Baptist)

Pastor Russell Carle (Takanini Church of Christ)



# 2 Resurrection Publishing Annual Report

This has been another good year for us. Interest in the Association has continued to increase in a small but significant manner, and we have been slowly increasing the output from this department.

**Newsletters.** This report appears in our tenth issue (second for this year) and we are planning on two more before Christmas. We have settled on the current format after trying one or two variations and have had positive feedback from a number of readers, both about the format and the content. As always we welcome submissions (preferably in writing) concerning ways to improve, questions, articles and criticisms.

The full colour cover (and often centre pages) has become possible due to the lease of a colour photocopier. This allows us to have full control over the production process, from preparation to printing to posting. This in turn has enabled us to eliminate many of the errors that appeared before when sometime after proof reading the text format would be altered and problems occurred. The photocopier has also proved to be a source of extra income for the Association, covering the cost of copying the newsletters.

**Pamphlets.** Our last pamphlet, *Invitation To A Feast*, has been well received with sales of 350 coming from Australia, New Plymouth and Auckland. We are continuing to work in this area as we see it as an important area to encourage people into thinking a little bit more about the Gospel of Life only in Christ. A more detailed discussion of our work with the pamphlets appeared in the last issue of this newsletter. Time permitting we would like to produce at least one more pamphlet before Christmas.

**Books and Videos.** The undoubted highlight of this year for us has been the publishing of Warren Prestidge's book, *Life, Death and Destiny*, which may well be available at Conference this year (if not pre-orders can be taken!). We will be actively promoting this book through-out New Zealand (in *Reality, Stimulus* and *Challenge Weekly*), as well as encouraging sales from overseas. An initial print run of 1,000 has been agreed on. We expect that the retail price will be \$19.95 (inc. GST) but we will be offering it at Conference at \$15 as an introductory special. A fuller description of the book appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sales of books and videos have continued during the year

but we all need reminding from time to time that we need to individually encourage others to think further on these issues. Maybe you could consider buying an extra copy of Warren's book to give away?

At the moment we only have the first edition (hard cover) of Edward Fudge's book, *The Fire That Consumes*. The second edition (soft cover) was slightly updated and has sold out. We are ordering more of these. We want to clear the earlier edition so we will be offering these at Conference (or by mail order before then) at only \$25 (regular price is \$49.95, sale price has been \$37.50). This is excellent value and we highly recommend this book as it continues to be a major catalyst in the on-going debate about death, hell, judgment, etc. We are unsure what the price of the newer ones will be when we get them.

**Audio tapes.** Don't forget we have copies of the Conference addresses of our guest speakers at the last two Conferences, and we will be recording and making available the two addresses from today.

**Seminars/ Conferences.** During the year the President and Editor were invited to take part in a seminar on Conditional Immortality that the Hamilton Church of Christ had

arranged. This was well organized and a very worthwhile time for a variety of reasons - book and video sales, membership of the Association, the profile of the Association, as well as the actual learning and discussion that took place. We welcome the opportunity to share in seminars, services, home groups, etc.

We have suggested to the Executive that next year's Conference take a different format with business being discussed in the morning sessions and the afternoon/ evening being a widely advertised seminar dealing with a particular area of interest (e.g. 'Death'). By securing top keynote speakers, choosing an interesting and provocative title, and advertising this appropriately we hope to encourage a wider range of people to attend.

**Website.** We are looking to create a website for the Association. Lack of time due to other priorities (newsletters, pamphlets, the book, etc) has been the big factor in the slow progress on this next project. However we will be getting it up and operational as soon as possible. Our new Email address is:

[respub@world-net.co.nz](mailto:respub@world-net.co.nz)

Thank you members, readers and purchasers for your support in a variety of ways over this last year.

In His service,

*Carl Josephson*  
Editor.

## Keynote Speakers at Conference 98:

### Rev Don Dickson:



Don was given a grounding in the Christian Faith at the New Plymouth Church of Christ and was baptised as a Christian believer by Pastor Cyril Cooney.

Later he attended the Takanini, Walters Rd. and West St Churches of Christ taking part in preaching and various other tasks while a student at University and Teachers' College. As a teacher he took a full part in Anglican and Baptist Churches preaching, leading Bible Studies and Youth Programmes. He entered the Baptist Theological College in 1963, completing a response to a call to fulltime ministry which he first heard at Easter Camp in Salisbury House in 1948.

He married Olwyn in 1966 and together they have served the Lord as a pastoral team in Petone (1966-1970), Manurewa (1970-1975), Tokoroa (1975-1980), and the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle (1980-1990). They are currently serving in Thames.

### Pastor Russell Carle:

Pastor Russell Carle and his wife, Noelle, and their children, came to NZ to pastor the Takanini Church of Christ, at the request of the Advent Christian denomination in the U.S., and the Takanini church people. An enormous move for them, driven by the desire to see a revival of God in the church in Takanini, and longer term, an important goal to begin planting new churches. *"Somehow new churches have often brought more people to know the Lord than well-established ones... maybe because of fresh vision, etc."*

Russell studied at Wheaton College and gained a B.A. in Biblical Studies. He began his ministry in 1981 and has pastored churches in the U.S and Canada.

His passion is to see lost souls saved from the power and penalty of sin.



# Advent Christian Missions New Zealand

## Report to 1998 Annual Conference of The Conditional Immortality Association of New Zealand Inc.

During the year we report on, we have seen our God answer many specific prayers and concerns that we have had for the fields of ministry of Advent Christian Missions that we are particularly interested in - praise His Name!

We have prayed for several years that the Lord would raise up suitable advisors for India, to fill the gap left by the retirement of Beryl Hollis (Ching) and Marion Damon and Barbara White in 1995.

The Lord graciously answered our prayers, and Earl and Martha Wright, from Panama City, Florida, are now in India, serving the Lord and the members of the Blessed Hope Fellowship and the Advent Christian Conference of India. They need our continued prayers as they settle in to living and serving in that very different country.

Once the Wrights were appointed, we prayed for the speedy issue of visas for them to enter India.

The Lord graciously answered those prayers and visas were granted in a very short time after application.

We prayed for Marion Damon's health when we learned that she had suffered very serious illnesses to do with her heart and brain. We prayed also for Barbara White, for strength for her, as she had a much greater load of duties and responsibilities because of Marion's illness.

The Lord graciously answered those prayers, and Marion is once again very well and back to almost normal duties. Barbara is also grateful for the extra strength the Lord gave her in difficult times.

We have prayed for many years that the divisive situation within the Advent Christian Conference of India would be remedied, and that the proclamation of the Gospel would again become first priority for that group.

The Lord has graciously answered those prayers during the last few months, and tremendous reconciliation has been achieved. Elections for a new President have been held and progress is being made on the many very difficult matters which are still to be resolved.

Our regular Missions Prayer Meeting has prayed for many specific practical matters in the churches of the Blessed Hope Fellowship - matters concerning their Pastors and their families, their ministries, their facilities, their contacts, their zeal to share the Gospel with others

The Lord has graciously answered many of those prayers, and we have been encouraged and thrilled to learn of those answers from letters received by Beryl Ching from her friends in India.

We have prayed for the situation in respect to the land at Oro Bible College in the Philippines, particularly that the work and ministry of the College would not be affected by the problems encountered by the adjoining Maranatha Bible Church's building project.

The Lord has graciously answered those prayers, and the OBC land is now "safe" and is to be vested in a separate title very soon.

We have prayed for nearly two years, with the Dr. Steven Lay family (missionaries in Japan), for the very serious health problem of their daughter BethAnn.

The Lord graciously answered those prayers, and BethAnn's health is very much improved. She recently graduated from University and is well enough to begin her career as a teacher.

These items remind us, if we need reminding, that our God is great and powerful and active, and that He hears and answers the prayers of His people. There is still a great need for prayer for the work of Advent Christian Missions around the world - in India, the Philippines, Malaysia, China, New Zealand, Japan, Honduras, Mexico, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, South Africa, Croatia, Romania and the United States.

We hold regular Missions Prayer Meetings when we pray for specific matters and people in some of those fields. We get a regular (weekly) Missions Prayer Update from the United States which helps us to pray specifically. We invite YOU to become a regular Prayer Partner with us for the work of Advent Christian Missions.

We express our appreciation to Ralph and Hazel Wood who had accepted the responsibility for leading a Missions Prayer Meeting on the North Shore, until ill health meant they had to withdraw from that commitment. The concept of an additional prayer meeting was an exciting one for us - is there someone else who is prepared to take up the challenge and accept the responsibility for leading a meeting on "the Shore"?

## FINANCIAL

During the year the Lord has continued to bless, through the faithful giving of His people, as individuals and as churches. We are very grateful for the continued faithful generous support we receive, particularly for the Blessing Fund and the Faculty Scholarship Fund at Oro Bible College, for the College of Evangelism at Kodaikanal and for Blessed Hope Fellowship capital projects in India.

In summary, we have forwarded the following amounts for the year ended 31 March 1998:

To Oro Bible College Student Blessing Fund	\$4,000
To Oro Bible College Faculty Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
To India capital projects	\$9,016
To India College of Evangelism	\$2,334

It should be remembered that these amounts, whilst seemingly modest by our standards, provide very large sums of money when exchanged for local currencies in the Philippines and India.

During the year we also loaned a church in the Philippines a sum of money to purchase sewing machines. The plan is that the ladies of their church will use these machines to make children's clothes for sale, and will thus increase their personal incomes and the income of the church. The loan will be repaid by tithing the income, and when the capital is repaid we will make it available for a similar project at church level.

## WORK TEAMS

The Team planned for Christmas/New Year 1997/98 to go to the Philippines to assist with the construction of faculty housing at Oro Bible College was postponed, and subject to final discussions with the Directors of OBC is rescheduled for 1999/2000. It is not too early to begin to pray for this Team, and in particular that the Lord will touch the people He wants to be part of that ministry to our brothers and sister in Christ in the Philippines. The Team which was postponed would have been our largest Team ever - we are confident that our people will respond to the call of the Lord next year.

We have a Team planned to go to India at the end of this year. In faith we have booked to leave on 27 December and return on 18 January 1999. There is a very important project to work on this time - the roof of the students' hostel at the College of Evangelism at Kodaikanal leaks very badly, and is to be replaced. Not only will this Team be able to help in this practical way, but will be able to begin to build a

New Zealand relationship with the new folk in India - Earl and Martha Wright. We are looking forward to serving the Lord with the Wrights in India. It is possible that Rev George Teshera - Regional Director for Asia /Pacific - will be in India at the same time and will spend some time with the Team. 5

We have very few volunteers for this Team, and are presently waiting on the Lord for His confirmation that it is His will that we should assist with this project. Please pray with us that there will be suitable people moved to volunteer to join this service for the Lord. Please pray also that we will be able to raise the funds necessary to pay for the materials for the project.

## APPRECIATION

I would like to record my appreciation to the members of the Trust Board for their service during this past year. Special thanks to Beryl, for the time and effort she puts into communicating (in Tamil mostly) with the folk in India, and in preparing regular newsletters concerning the work in India. Thank you also to the individuals in each church who are our Missions representatives, and thank you to each of you who has prayed or given or supported in any other way the work of Advent Christian Missions throughout the world. Your efforts have been blessed by our Lord - the Good News of Life in the Lord Jesus Christ continues to be shared in many ways in many places.

In the Lord's service with you,

*Ernie Schache*

## Prayer Items

- Praise for answered prayer
- North Shore Prayer Meeting
- Work teams to India and the Philippines
- Ongoing Mission work around the world



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# Annual Report

## Carey Park Report to C.I.A. Conference 20 June 1998

It's been a year of change!

We seem to say it every year, but this last year has again exceeded all previous years in the 'busyness' stakes! We are ever grateful to our Creator for His guidance and faithfulness, in all aspects of the work!

### STAFF

We are blessed with a wonderful, hard working staff. Since last year, Pam, Herby & Anna have left us, and Richard & Carol and Fiona have joined us. Richard assists with the maintenance, but spends a lot of time also in the preparation and assisting of the ministry camps. Richard is also very capable with computers! Carol, his wife, is part time cleaning and kitchen-handing.

Fiona has taken over the Education Officer role vacated by Anna earlier this year. All Anna's hard work in preparation is being complemented by Fiona's implementation and 'selling' of the programmes to schools. Schools are now using (and paying for) the programmes, and are keen to do them next time! Because the programmes have a Christian content in them, their continued use can only be positive in presenting our Creator to unbelieving teachers and students.

Most of you will be aware that Tim has been out of action since early March. What started as a torn ligament, has unfortunately escalated into something much worse. Our staff have managed admirably in Tim's absence, all pulling together to keep the Easter Camp and ministry camps on track and a great success.

Please pray for Tim, that the Lord would uphold him during this time, and bring healing in His time. Also, please thank the Lord for, and pray for each of our staff: Jan, Christine, Colin, Kevin, Justin, Richard & Carol and Fiona as they serve the Lord in their tasks.

### MINISTRY

The reason Carey Park exists is so that the gospel would be presented in some way to all who use our property. We are humbled to be a part of His mission field.

#### School Evening Programmes

These programmes continue to be accepted by school staff to fill up an evening. Nothing better to fill it with than the Gospel! Evening programs with Schools has almost been a weekly event. Richard and Fiona have also been involved in this area, it's great to see staff from different areas fulfilling the spiritual needs of the campers, as well as the physical.

#### Holiday Kids Camps

Again we have provided Kids, Skids & Teen Camps in the holiday breaks. More children have been added to our follow-up programme as a result of these camps which is great because this means the Word of God is going into more homes.

We have had great leaders this year, so continue to pray for more quality leaders for these camps. **Please**, if you are able to recommend anyone, let Tim know.

We plan to run a Leadership Training Week in the July holidays this year. This week will train and equip leaders for all children's ministry. Of course we will provide excellent opportunities for the attendees to use their new skills at our camps!

Please continue to pray for these camps, and the children that pass through them. Pray that the Power of God will change the lives of a lot of the kids who come to camp. Pray for patience and wisdom for leaders, as we seek to offer these kids hope in a hopeless world.

## PROPERTY

If you haven't yet noticed, please look out (if you come to conference) toward the mini-golf course and be encouraged by our miracle "Re-Creation" Centre. The permit was approved early March, and we were able to use the hall for the BYM Easter Camp (with the help of some silicon sealer!). God has been proved wonderfully faithful again! With the assistance of the East Street Church of Christ Trust Board, the ASB Community Trust and a few individuals, our Re-Creation hall stands nearly complete today, and debt free. The first resolution regarding a building of this sort was minuted some eight years ago. Finally, in the Lord's time, we praise the Lord for this most excellent addition to our property.

We are still in negotiations with DOC regarding the land over the river. We are seeking exclusive rights to use the land for educational purposes, and effluent dispersal in return for our maintaining the land. After our original requests being lost in the system (not at all like a Govt. department!), we now need approval from 3 of the local Iwi before DOC will proceed with our application. Please pray that these negotiations will be directed by the Lord, and that He will provide the answer to our effluent dispersal system.

Salisbury Lodge will have its bunkrooms partitioned off into small rooms, when a TMI team come through in July. They will also work on a confidence course down at Salisbury Lodge.

The maintenance on a property of this size, and with the usage it enjoys, is quite a major task. Our staff endeavour to keep up with it, but volunteers to assist with this would be so valuable.

## GENERAL

The Lord has been good to us this year financially, as we have been booked more than ever before. With the education programme and our Re-Creation hall, we expect to fill up more of our quiet periods during the winter months. We are again very grateful to the CIA for their continued financial assistance

On a sadder note, it was a tragic February for us, with the drowning of a boy whilst attending a school camp on our property. We are very grateful to the Lord for his comfort and encouragement during this time, and to all who sent messages of support. Because of our safety policies and procedures, the camp was in no way held to blame for the unfortunate accident.

Finally, thank you to those who have supported us by way of prayer support, practical support and 'pocket support'. We really appreciate, and need your input. For those who are not on our 'Friends of Carey Park' database, please fill out a form (available at Conference: or write to Carey Park Christian Camp, 397 Henderson Valley Rd, Henderson Auckland; or phone 837-0494 ), and we'll keep you up to date with what's happening.

In His Service,

*Wayne Schache*  
Chairman

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## Don't forget

- We will have books, videos, tapes, pamphlets and Newsletters available at Conference as usual
- Bring your sub money to Conference to save postage.
- Consider volunteering to be involved with the Association work - in Missions, Camps, Publishing, or the Executive.

# **New Book!**

# **Life, Death and Destiny**

By Pastor Warren Prestidge

Here's what two leading New Zealand scholars say:

*I have read Warren Prestidge's book with a great deal of interest. I think Warren's presentation of the case for a conditionalist understanding of Biblical truth on the nature of life and death, and the ultimate destiny of the saved and the unsaved, is very thorough and cogently presented. ....*

*I liked the humility and tolerance of (Warren's) statement on p88., "Not that only conditionalists are truly or fully Christian! Not that non-conditionalists are apostate! At the very least, however, it is time for traditionalists to stop labelling conditionalists heretical!" Surely after reading this book, people, even if not convinced, would surely agree with this sentiment. ....*

*I appreciated the book very much. It is a very good, thoughtful presentation of a vitally important subject. I hope it will enjoy good circulation, and will be read by many, both those who are already convinced of its truth, and those who are not, but are willing to consider the case for an alternative presentation from their own convictions.*

Rev Dr David Stewart, Principal Emeritus, Bible College of New Zealand.

*I must congratulate Warren on a fine piece of work. He has marshalled the evidence for the conditionalist view in a masterful fashion and argued the case well. His list of Biblical references is surely exhaustive. The content I find almost completely acceptable.*

Rev Brian Smith, Principal Emeritus, Carey Baptist College

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