



# Tauranga House of Prayer

## The Vision and Values

The Tauranga House of Prayer is a missions base that is committed to:

1. Prayer: In the spirit of the Tabernacle of David - Intercession, Worship, Devotion
2. Fasting: In the spirit of Joel 2:12-17
3. The Great Commission: Proclaiming the Worth & Excellency of Jesus to the Nations
4. The Forerunner Ministry: 'Preparing the way of the Lord' at the end of the age

throughout church history, the ministries of (1) Prayer, (2) Missions and (3) Theological Training have been divorced from one another. These distinct streams are beginning to merge together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in a significant way.

The THOP Missions Base's desire, in the grace of God, is to see radiant expressions of Prayer, Missions and Theological Training within the context of day and night worship in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David.

## The Mandate

The Holy Spirit is orchestrating a global concert of prayer far eclipsing any other prayer movement in history. Our Mandate is bound up within this phenomenon.

In the spirit of the Tabernacle of David, following the model given by the prophet Joel (Joel 2:12-17), like Anna (Lk. 2:34-36) and John the Baptist (Mt. 11) before us, we're setting ourselves before God both to "gaze upon His beauty" (Ps. 27:4) and to cry out for mercy upon a wayward land.

The Mandate of Day and Night Prayer, the heart beat of the Tauranga House of Prayer Missions Base, is to establish worship teams to eventually lead 84 two hour prayer meetings a week that are open to the public and serve as our ministry 'head quarters.' In this context, we're believing that God is going to redefine Missions training and equipping and Theological education in such a way that will shake the South Pacific.

In Isaiah 24:16 the prophet Isaiah promised that in the last days, in the midst of great judgment and revival, crisis and glory, there will be those at the end of the earth who will sing 'Glory to the Righteous One'. This is both a promise and an invitation.

The Tauranga House of Prayer (THOP) is committed to serve & under gird the Church in our city & nation at this strategic time in our history until He returns.

If you're interested in joining the Tauranga House of Prayer full time, have a look at the Internship programs that are offered on the "Revive Internship" page.

## History

The story of this THOP begins over 25 years ago with a specific leading of the Holy Spirit confirmed by many that Tauranga is to host a significant House of Prayer that would serve the whole Body of Christ in the region, nation, and surrounding nations in the South Pacific.

During 2004, sovereign events occurred during & following the IWT Campaigns, confirming that God desired that this House of Prayer vision was to move from concept into reality. Teams from the International House of Prayer (IHOP) in Kansas City, USA visited in May and August 2004 to help encourage and support the establishing of the HOP. Also in 2004, a core steering team was commissioned to spearhead the project, consisting of local pastors and other leaders in Tauranga.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, a small prayer room in Bethlehem was dedicated as a 'manger' in which the HOP would begin. Prayer meetings have been held on a regular basis in this room as well as being available for people to come individually.

In 2005, the THOP team has felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to move from the 'vision phase' to the 'building phase'. Aaron (NZ) & Kristi Walsh (USA) from the International House of Prayer (IHOP) staff came to Tauranga for the first 3 months of the year to assist in further laying foundations for THOP.

In February of 2006 the first Revive Internship began as did 4 hours of prayer a day. Since then, we have grown in numbers and in grace.

Along with running two internships a year, the Tauranga House of Prayer is holding daily prayer meetings.