

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Update

17<sup>th</sup> December 2010



### Richmond Church Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Ana, Neori and Joseph Mataika.

*Photo kindly taken by Colinette Searle, thank you.*

- Condition Surveys by Ignite have been completed for moderately damaged buildings. The written reports were distributed this week. The reports provide detailed schedules of damage and the scope of work required to repair the damage along with a sketch plan and photos of the buildings damaged. Repairs are programmed in for the first quarter of 2011. It is important for each Parish to review their report and confirm if they are in agreement with the damage highlighted or contact us to arrange a site visit to discuss any items in question.
- The removal of the stained glass windows from the front of the Durham Street church is continuing.

- Aldersgate – confirmation received this week from the Christchurch City Council of their ‘Green Sticker’ reclassification of Aldersgate and gives unencumbered access to the building. This green stickering does not give access to the Durham Street Church or Hall. The fencing around the car parking spaces on the west side of the Hall remains in place.
- More severely damaged buildings, work is continuing on detailed estimates for the scope and cost of repairs for Woodend, Bryndwr, Ashburton, Richmond Hall, Opawa Hall and Beckenham Hall. These will be available in the New Year and will provide the information needed for the Parishes to discuss options and for any repair work to begin.

### ***From the General Secretary***

*The effects of the earthquake are not evenly distributed across the city. Much of Christchurch has returned to some sense of normality, while for some the effect of damaged buildings or impaired businesses are an ongoing concern.*

*I want to commend the Christchurch people for their patience and resilience as they wait for engineers reports and information about what comes next. There are just not enough skilled staff to attend to every problem at once.*

*I want to commend the wider church for their generosity and compassionate concern. To have the help and support of others does give strength and generate hope.*

*I want to make a special commendation for those in Parishes and the Connexional Staff and our Project Managers, Insurance people and Assessors and Engineers who have carried additional loads since September 4<sup>th</sup>. Your care and your efforts are appreciated.*

*It is fitting that the Ignite Building Consultant reports are now available and that after the refreshment and renewal of the holiday break we can begin to focus on repair and renewal.*



***This is our last Newsletter for this year we thank you for your patience and help in getting to this stage of the recovery process and wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.***