

International Bits and Bites

From New Zealand – word comes from Rural Church Network writers Robyn McPhail and Garth Cant on the heels of the Christchurch earthquake.

- “Destruction was major.” “An engineer described the actual earthquake event in terms of picking up the whole Anglican Cathedral and letting it go again freefall.”
- A Methodist Colleague reflects – “For many of us the events of yesterday in Christchurch are unbelievable and we struggle to find words to describe what we are seeing and our own emotions.”
- Our prayers for the loss of life, the tearing apart of property, and the strain on all are offered. May God give strength to all as they reach for a new day.

From South Korea (on the Global Food Shortage) – Catherine Christie quotes from a newspaper in Seoul: “Government has established a national body to procure food resources and prepare measures to secure investment in agricultural production.” She asks what justice issues are involved?

- “The body responsible for this made no mention of support for rural producers in Korea.
- “Probably they will try to buy cheap crown lands in the Philippines, India – evict the people and grow crops in lands distant from Korea.”