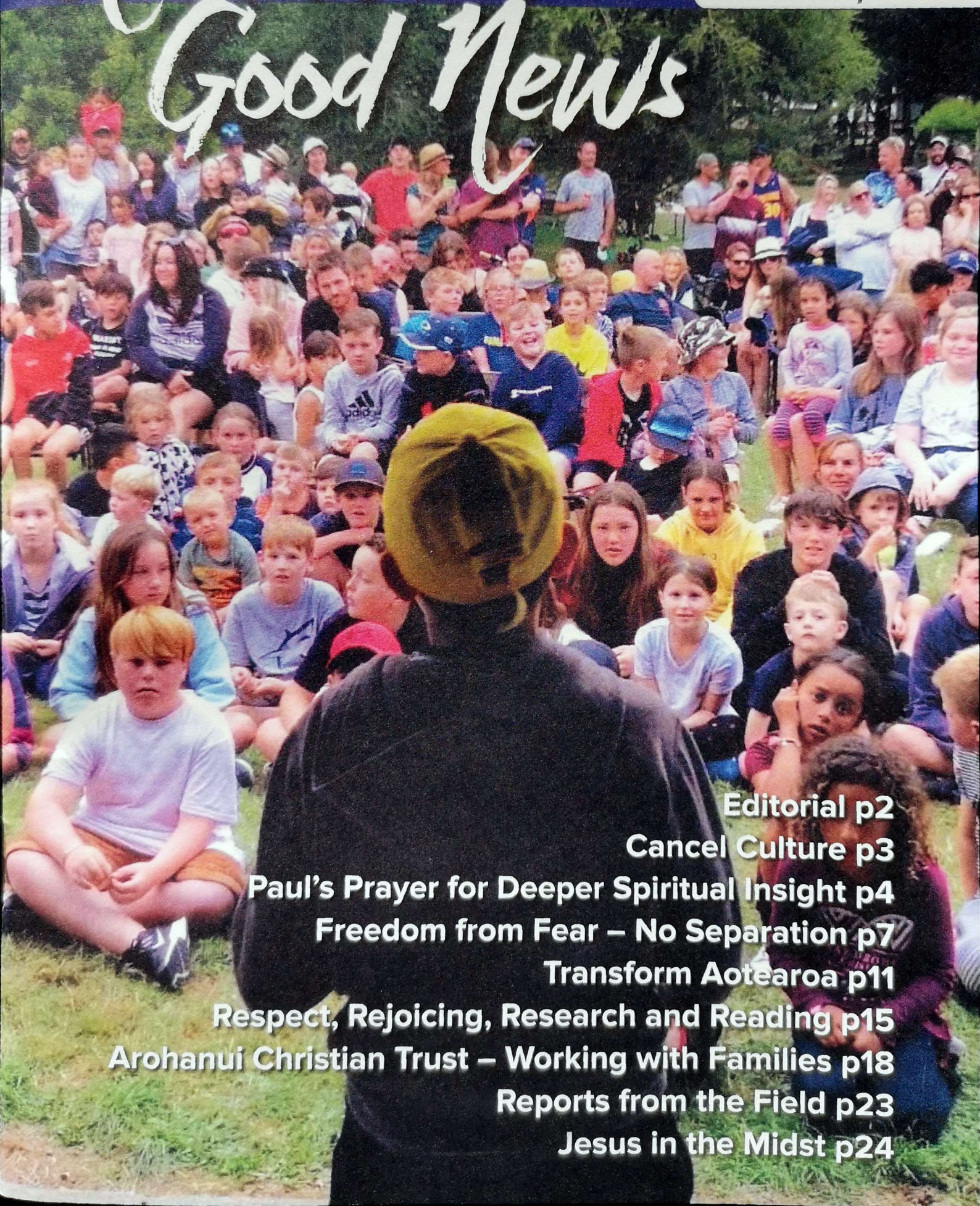


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Group learning barista skills



TRANSFORM AOTEAROA

Changing lives in Putaruru

Howard Goold is the Chief Executive Officer of Transform Aotearoa, an organisation based in Putaruru. He has provided a report on this ministry.

The organisation

Transform Aotearoa was birthed as a result of a leading Waikato farming industry man, Mr Ian Elliott, believing that God was wanting him to begin a work, starting in Putaruru, that would reach out to assist those people in our community who are disadvantaged and unable to rise to even a moderate level of sustainability.

Many of these people have either been in prison or close to going there, and we want

to be able to help them help themselves to avoid that destination, and to become valuable citizens in our community.

We are a Faith based organization, and share our Faith with our course attendees, but at no stage is there any pressure applied to individuals to gain advantages by responding to this input. It is there for them to receive or not as they choose.

We are totally reliant on the goodwill of the Lord Jesus Christ and our community to provide the resources to enable us to reach



Flowers to present to the local business community

tive to their particular interests. These have defined starts and finishes and recognition by certification etc. and are measurable as such.

With the completion of these courses, many become qualified with recognized licenses or certificates to then apply for permanent jobs in the community.

Transform Aotearoa Charitable Trust is a registered charitable Trust in New Zealand, and complies with all required regulation and monitoring with audited accounts annually.

Transformed lives

In a recent newsletter was a summary of some of the impact that Transform Aotearoa has been having:

"We know our God has a

purpose and a plan to prosper Transform and the people we minister to, he is in control. We are always expectant to see lives changed and destinies fulfilled.

"We have seen some amazing things that the Lord has and is doing in the lives of people throughout Putaruru.

Our weekly Heart-Warming Friday emails are testament of this. Lives that have been positively impacted or transformed because of their connection with us and most importantly the power of God.

"The feedback and references we have received from government and private

agencies has been humbling. We can finally see that our hard work and prayers have forged a path that we could only have ever dreamed of, is now becoming a reality. ...

"We have had a strong emphasis this year to see our people gain employment. To facilitate this we have offered Barista coffee making, Heavy Transport licencing class 2 and soon class 4 which provide our clients with a globally recognised qualification. Giving our locals a step up into meaningful employment which increase self-confidence and mana. Something we believe everyone deserves to feel."

Commendations

There have been some encouraging commendations from people involved in the community. A Police Youth Aid Officer at Putaruru said, "I have involvement with many organisations offering programmes in



Howard and Jill

the community and I can honestly say that Transform is one organisation which I will refer people to as they get results and positively impact the community." A Youth Justice Social Worker with Oranga Tamarii has commented, "They are a well-respected and trusted community agency that I am proud to work alongside to bring about change in our community. Having these programme opportunities available for our families has been a critical resource and I anticipate



Women's graduation 2020



Men's graduation 2020



Jo Norman proudly holding her HT Class 2 Certificate

that what is being taught to families now will have a flow-on effect for future generations."

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HT Class 2 graduates 2021