

NEW ZEALAND FOR CHRIST CAMPAIGN WITH TOMMY HICKS

We have just received the first word through Len Jones that the Tommy Hicks' campaign in New Zealand has been a great success! It seems likely that the meeting in Wellington has exceeded all others in size and scope in that country.

A report from sponsoring churches in New Zealand follows: We have just concluded, what is beyond any doubt, the most remarkable series of meetings ever held in this city. For the first time a comprehensive working unity has been achieved in Full Gospel circles which has not existed in this land before. Leaders and members of many other denominations have attended the meetings, and hundreds of people who attended the meetings showed many times by their loud, sustained applause, that they want more such campaigns to be organized.

Tommy Hicks put first things first every time, and the first approach was invariably to those who do not have peace with God in their hearts. The "healing line" was formed after his Gospel appeal had been completed — a line of people averaging about 80 persons per night. The proportion of people who returned to testify of definite healing was very good indeed, and numbers of written testimonies were handed in as well.

Special mention must be made of the absolute saturation of prayer which preceded the campaign. All the sponsoring churches (Apostolic Church, Assemblies of God, Elim Church and National Revival Church) and other interested friends, gathered every week for many weeks before the campaign to pray.

It was a great joy to all when on the last Sunday night, the chairman was able to announce that the entire expenses of the campaign (just over \$3,400) had been fully met. The Lord's people gave willingly and freely from glad and grateful hearts.

Brother Hicks laid hands on dozens of people who attended these meetings seeking the full blessing of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In all, approximately 130 people were baptized in the Holy Spirit during these meetings and some of the prayer meetings. Tommy Hicks has not spared

himself throughout the meetings. He has preached every time with all his heart, soul, mind and strength. As he goes forth from New Zealand our prayers go with him. and the Lord willing, both he and his audiences here desire to see him come back to New Zealand to spend a much longer time.

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