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**DVI PROCESS IN FEBRUARY 2011  
EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND**

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*The city of Christchurch is New-Zealand's second largest city with a population of 376,000. It is situated on the East Coast of the South Island and serves as a gateway for Tourists, Overseas Visitors & New-Zealanders coming to the South Island. On February 22nd 2011 a devastating Earthquake struck at 1251 hours, causing catastrophic damage to the infrastructure of the city with the loss of 185 souls. This paper reviews the response to this event, the establishment of a field mortuary and the D.V.I process employed. This process was unprecedented in New-Zealand. The emotions of the presenter are described, especially with regard to experiencing the event, along with the following two and a half years of ongoing aftershocks. Some 13.000 aftershocks have been recorded/felt since the 7.1 Quake of September 2010 to May 18th 2013. Of this number 5000 have been magnitude 3 or more on the Reichter scale.*

*The presenter was in the unique position of experiencing the February quake, endeavoring to resume a normal day to day family lifestyle, restore a Periodontal Practice and, cope with the ensuing stresses whilst also being intensely involved with the development and operation of the D.V.I process.*

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