



Dear Friends,

I am writing to update you with some exciting news about James.

As you are aware James has made a great contribution to the work of TSCF in Wellington and New Zealand. Having initially come to focus on web development James has turned his hand to many things. His flexibility in doing everything from student work at Victoria University to work renovating our systems, to doing vital work on our finances, to overseeing the new website has been vital in this phase of rebuilding the ministry. We simply could not have managed without him, so thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers for James over the past couple of years.

I have been aware for a while of the pull in different directions that James has felt between working with students and working in wider ministry from the office. We have spoken about where his sense of call is leading and how he can best serve the work of the gospel here. I believe that James' blend of gifts and experience will always lead to a certain amount of multi-tasking but that the balance of his time and energy should be employed directly working with students in this next phase of ministry. This has led us into discussing how he can best be trained and developed for this role.

This led us to suggest that James went to Regent College for a summer school earlier this year. As you may know James has done some study at Carey College in Auckland, mainly by distance learning. We felt that the block course in Vancouver would be a good experience and that he would enjoy the Regent community. This proved to be the case. Since coming back the call to longer term student work in New Zealand has crystallised and we have been looking at how best to prepare and be up skilled for that. I am also conscious that with UCCF and TSCF James has had a number of years giving out in different kinds of ministry.

We have concluded together that spending a year at Regent College could be a fantastic opportunity for James as he prepares for a new phase of student ministry in New Zealand. Regent is a world-class institution and has strong links to IFES. Ruth and Jose who are our staff seconded to Ecuador are there at the moment and are finding it very beneficial. James has applied and been accepted on to the Masters of Christian studies program starting in January 2009.

I am hoping that most of those who support James will continue to do so while he is studying and when he comes back to NZ. We are exploring the best way to handle the funding but the intention is that James will stay on TSCF staff while he is studying. He will be in touch with you personally but I wanted to put the

decision in context; to thank you for your support; and to ask you to pray for James as he packs up and transitions to another culture for a season and as he starts this important time of study. One of the great things about Regent is the way it emphasizes character development alongside academic study, so do pray for James in that context and in that community.

If there is anything about this that you would like to chat about further do get back to me.

Many thanks again for your support of James and for your partnership in the gospel in New Zealand.

Nigel D Pollock

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National Director of the Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship



Dear Friends,

It seems like only last year that I was preparing to leave the UK in order to move to New Zealand and join TSCF but that was three years ago! Back then committing to TSCF for three years felt like committing for a serious amount of time but actually is has just flown by. I had originally thought that by now I'd be ready to head back to the UK or maybe somewhere else but the reality is that I feel that God is calling me to more here in New Zealand but, as Nigel explained in his letter, in a different role.

Across the last few years I have been able to contribute to various roles in the office as systems administrator and web developer, and more recently as a finance officer. It has stretched me and I think we have been able to make significant improvements. But I believe that the time has come to make the step into full time campus based student ministry.

I am wholeheartedly committed to TSCF's vision of students reaching students for Christ and love the work that we do with students. But I have also had the desire to spend some time in theological study, not only to develop and strengthen my own faith, but also to be able to better resource the students that we work with. To be honest I had never really thought I'd be able to study full time but the opportunity has now presented itself and I am really excited not only to be able to study for a year but also with the prospect of returning to TSCF in 2010 as a full time member of campus staff.

My change of role leaves a gap in the office that it is quite urgent is filled. The TSCF office plays a vital role in supporting TSCF field staff as well as the day by day running of the organisation. We have been stretched at the best of times and losing even someone who works in the office part time like me will leave a significant gap. So please do join with us in praying the God will raise up the right person to take on the office finance role.

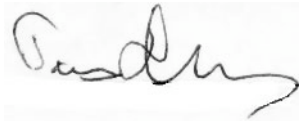
As Nigel said Regent College is a world-class institution. And tertiary level education sadly does not come for free. My estimated costs for the year is about £15,000 for tuition fees and living costs. I have been granted a £700 scholarship and I am going to be committing some of my own savings but I am currently still £3000 short of that target. I am writing to new potential supporters in New Zealand and the UK in order to try and raise this. But I am also writing to ask if you would be willing to continue your support for me while I am studying. I am very grateful for all the support I have received over the seven years I have been involved in students ministry. Without supporters like you it would not be possible. If you are happy to continue your current level of support then there is

nothing you practically need to do, your support will still reach me. If you do wish to stop your support then please let me know.

Because this has all happened very late in the year I have had to press ahead very quickly. I have formally accepted my place at Regent, have applied for a student Visa for Canada and started work on a new office procedures manual for the finance role I have been covering this year. I was asked how many days I have left at work and I have thirty! On top of that I have to work out how I am going to store my stuff while I am away for the year. So it is set to be an interesting couple of months!

Well you've had plenty to read so I'll leave things there for now. If you do have any questions please feel free to get back to Nigel or I. Thanks again for your support and prayers

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Allaway', written in a cursive style.

James Allaway