

# prayermatters

## ■ New staff

Continue to pray for new staff members as they settle into their new roles and a new year – Paul Denmead, Benedict Kok, Mike Summerfield, and Geoff and Liz Robson.

Praise God that Wannu Kijono is able to provide much-needed administrative support in the Wellington office for a few months. Please pray that the right people and roles will be in place long-term to keep TSCF's administrative wheels turning.

Pray also for more staff members to work on campuses, particularly in Wellington and Auckland.

## ■ New students

Pray that outreach in this new term will result in many students becoming part of TSCF groups and, most importantly, many coming to faith in Christ.

## ■ SPaRC

Please pray for the staff and students who will attend the IFES South Pacific Regional Conference (SPaRC) over Easter week in Fiji. This tri-annual event was postponed in 2012 due to the terrible storms that hit Fiji. The conference is hosted by the Fijian IFES movement, Pacific Students For Christ (PSFC).

Pray also for the two-day mission preceding it, which presents an opportunity for students and staff to be encouraged and to learn from each other as they engage with God's word.

## ■ 2013 Minterns

Thank the Lord for Kerry Te Punga Mackay (Massey Palmerston North CF), Rachel Mckenzie (Dunedin CMF) and Simon Sim (Dunedin OCF), this year's ministry interns. Pray that this will be a great year of growth for each of them, both spiritually and vocationally. Pray that the tagline "Growing disciples for life" becomes a reality through this programme.

Please also remember staff members Ben Carswell and Jen Allaway as they disciple them.

## ■ Looking back at summer

Thank you for praying for the Staff & Families Conference and the TSCF stall at Parachute. Both events were encouraging.

The week-long Catalyst Conference for young graduates was cancelled, as registrations a few weeks out were too low to make it viable. We still desire to encourage thought and action among those entering the workforce. Please pray that graduates making that transition this year will make those important connections between their faith and their work.

## ■ Finances

Praise God for the generosity of supporters, which has made the end of the 2012 financial year better than originally anticipated. Please pray that continued generosity along with resourcefulness on the part of staff will allow TSCF to fulfil its mission unhampered by financial strain.

## Auckland

### MIT

Students in polytech vocational courses face unique challenges to their faith and practice. Biblical standards are often opposed in courses where ethics are significant, and off-site practicums and the lack of student associations make it difficult to establish weekly meetings.

One group at MIT is forging ahead anyway, connecting students through a Facebook group, building fellowship, and searching the Bible for guidance on work and ethics.

Please pray for faithfulness and courage in students facing “professional” intimidation, for growth in networks that support and encourage Christian students to live and proclaim their faith, and for the gospel to impact staff and students.

## Wellington

### CU & ICF

ICF and CU plan to merge this year. They praise God for His faithfulness, encouragement and leading. Please pray for a smooth merging, for the committee to work together well, and be aware of the Holy Spirit’s leading. Pray that they will keep in mind their different aims while complementing each other.

The groups are reaching out to some of the Wellington hostels and the Foundation students; please pray for open doors, hearts of service among the members, and a readiness to befriend people and share Jesus.

## Lincoln

The Lincoln groups and leaders are thankful that team leader Timothy Hodge has returned from overseas, and they’re loving having him back.

Please pray that student leaders will feel refreshed and excited about leading CF and ICF groups, and that God will be the centre of all plans over the next weeks and months. Pray that the connections made during O-week will be blessed and good relationships are built through them.

## Canterbury

### CU

The group made more than 140 contacts from the first week on campus; following them up has been a mission! Praise God for the new staff on board this year who have made this possible – Paul Denmead and Geoff and Liz Robson. Please pray that they would meet people where they are at and won’t let anyone slip though the cracks.

Thank God also for many new faces at the welcome BBQs, and their passion to meet together and see Christ proclaimed on campus. There were also a number of internationals and first years at an outing to Cave Stream; pray that the CU will be constantly looking for ways to include these new members and point them to Christ.

## Otago

### VCF

The group is excited about the new opportunities to share Christ with students on campus this year, particularly in O week. Pray with them that their witnessing from the combined Christian groups tent during Clubs day and with Red Frogs at orientation events will impact students for Christ.

Pray that they will keep a strong vision in the work of TSCF throughout 2013 to honour God with everything they have to give.