

# prayermatters

## ■ Leaving staff

Both Gillian Wildgoose (former Auckland team leader) and Gina Wong (former Wellington team leader) are now studying and seeking wisdom for the future. Please pray that this would be a refreshing season for both of them, after many years investing in others' lives, and that God will give them guidance as they plan for the next chapter.

## ■ Staff changes

We thank God for bringing Rachel Fransen (PA), Vicky Chang (office administrator) and John Riley (finance) to the support team in Wellington. Please pray that they will continue to adjust well to their new roles and be blessed in them.

Jeff and Jane Pelz have returned to the Auckland office after a year's furlough in the States. Please pray that the settling back in will go smoothly, and that they will find doors opening as they seek to share the gospel with students.

Andy Shudall has taken up the Auckland team leadership, and Val Goold is overseeing CF in Wellington now. Please pray for them as they become even more involved with staff and students, for wisdom prioritising responsibilities and perseverance following up opportunities.

## ■ Minty

Praise God for an encouraging winter Minty gathering. Staff met with the four ministry interns over several days and reported good Bible



studies, helpful discussions, and obvious growth.

Please pray for the 2014 Minterns. We seek to build on the momentum from this year's programme, and hope for good numbers and a unified team.

Also pray for current Minterns considering the future, both their ministry and work options. And pray for staff as they fine tune Minty to provide the best discipleship training they can.

## ■ National conference

Praise God for a great turnout and rich teaching at "Roadtrip Through the Word" in July. Students from different groups and regions prayed together, studied together, and learned from each other. Pray that Paul Windsor's teaching throughout the week will stay with attendees and nourish their souls, and pray that friendships within and between groups would continue to flourish.

## ■ Launch

Please pray for the team who are planning next February's student gathering in Waikanae, called "Launch." Pray that they will have a clear vision of what students and graduates should be focusing on and learning as we seek to live undivided lives and be true witnesses.

## Auckland

Praise God for the fellowship at the Celebrate Auckland event in July. The encouragement of having local students, staff, grads and supporters together for an evening, thanking God for what he's been doing and seeking his will for the future, was a highlight for the Auckland team.

### Auckland University EU

Pray for the retreat September 6-9, in partnership with with AUTCF – for planning, logistics, and growth in friendship and a heart for the gospel.

Pray also EU leaders and group attendees will all get a fresh vision for the purpose of the group. There are opportunities to partner with Christians living in the halls; pray for initiative and wisdom.

Praise God for three new Bible study leaders.

### Veritas

Some of the older members of the group have moved on, so please pray that the momentum will be sustained – that new students will join and that new leaders will take the place of those leaving.

### Unitec

Praise God for the events students ran at the campus Spirituality Week. Many people stopped by for the Weetbix challenge, and an encouraging number engaged with the group over the question “what would you like to ask God?” Please pray that follow-up with those students would result in more people coming to the weekly Bible study.

Pray also for those coming to Newswatch, an English language programme for international students at Unitec Mt Albert and Massey campuses, that they would have a sense of joy and community when we meet.

### Auckland CMF

Praise God for the “Dinner with a Doc” evenings. Students have been encouraged by meeting local Christian doctors and seeing faith in practice.

Pray for some second-year students to step up to lead the group next year.

### Auckland OCF

Praise God for a great Easter camp, for the growth of the OCF community and the involvement of many new students. Please pray that the many non-Christians who have come to events would be motivated to find out more.

### Massey Albany CF

We are thankful for a great semester – back studying Romans, and expecting a good turnout at the next barbeque.

### Massey Albany International Students

Pray for friendships to blossom with the new international students and old friendships to deepen. Please also pray for good interactive Bible sessions on Fridays as they act out the passages in Mark. And pray they would believe in Jesus and walk with him.

### MIT

Praise God for new groups starting this term, and for a good number of new students coming along to all groups. Pray for more to catch the vision of meeting with other Christians on campus, and that each member would be established in their faith and reach out to others.

Pray that the group on the south campus would be effective in sharing the gospel and building contacts on a campus that has virtually no social life. Thank God for new contact with unreached students, and pray for more opportunities to meet seekers and develop relationships.

## Hamilton

### HCF

Praise God for the mid-winter Christmas party, for those who came and the seeds sown. It was the first time the new members of the leadership team worked together on an event.

Thank God for the forming of a hostel group. Pray for the leaders and that God will be glorified through this group.

Praise God for the insights and wisdom of last semester's speakers. Pray that in the coming series of character studies on Judas, Nebuchadnezzar, Jonathan and Esther, the word of God will not return void.

Praise God for the graduates and graduating students who support the group. Pray that they will find joy in their jobs and wisdom to face the challenges in the workplace. Pray for new members and leaders, that the vision will burn in their heart and they will not be distracted.

### Wintec

Praise God for last semester and those who shared their lives during Tuesday lunches. Please pray for those who have graduated, that their journey with God will continue to grow. Pray for new students to join us as we restart the group.

## Palmerston North

Please pray that "Jesus week" events will encourage many more students to find out more about who Jesus is and why they should care.

### MUCF

Praise God that Milo Mondays are providing a way for students to connect on campus.

### PNOCF

Please pray for the new people coming along to Christianity Explored, and for those teaching and discipling them – that Jesus would be known and loved.

## Wellington

### VCF

Pray for newly elected committee members and the returning co-presidents (Toby Meyer and Nat Tan) as they prepare for the new year.

Pray for fruit to come from a marae weekend where some heard the gospel for the first time and there was a challenge to consider bi-culturalism.

## Lincoln

### Lincoln CF

Praise God for the AGM in August with a theme on Global Reach. Kate, Jono and Rachael were thanked for their service and Hannah, and Shaun and Adrienne welcomed to the leadership team; please pray for them as they take up their new responsibilities.

## Christchurch

### CU

Please pray that students attending the Christianity Explored class, and others who have expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus, would come to have both a head and heart knowledge of him.

## Otago

### VCF

We are thankful for and have been praying for the work involved in IFES, in particular the groups involved with the SPaRC conference. We are blessed to be part of an international mission and praise God for the ways that we can give glory to him through our service.

We are thankful for all the discussions and applications from our Bible study of John this semester and pray that as the student leaders plan for next semester that they would know what God is calling VCF to at Otago University.

## SPaRC

Praise God for the time of fellowship at the South Pacific Regional Conference amongst believers from Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Tonga, many with connections to other islands. Pray that the teaching and small group times will have a lasting impact – spurring student leaders on to delve deeper into the word and invest more into students' lives, and creating a thirst in those who are new to the gospel that only Christ can satisfy. Pray for unity amongst the various member groups of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in our region, that we would continue to support and encourage one another.

- Please pray for the work that Students International staff are doing in Lautoka and around Fiji. Pray that they would continue to have the resources to meet the needs around them. And pray that staff involved in sharing the gospel, teaching, caring for the disabled and elderly would be sustained, encouraged, and well equipped. Pray that God's goodness and truth would be seen through all they do.

- Pray for students from the Solomon Islands. Those who are studying elsewhere, where IFES groups exist, have it on their hearts to begin a Christian group at the new Solomon Islands National University. Praise God for their commitment to sharing the gospel in their homeland, and pray that resources and workers will be raised up to make their vision a reality.

