

prayermatters

■ New academic year

Please pray for the student leaders and staff workers as they prepare for the coming academic year. Pray for preparations for orientation weeks, that many new students would join our groups and that many opportunities for conversations about Jesus would open up. Pray for those who have recently taken up positions of leadership in our groups, and that God would raise up leaders where they are needed.

■ Launch 2014

As students gather 10-14 February in Waikanae, please pray that they will grow in unity and love and knowledge. Pray for great conversations and teaching from staff and the guest speakers, Mack and Leeann Stiles.

Pray that students will leave equipped and enthusiastic for evangelism.

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Auckland

International students

Please pray for us as we meet students and that activities like the English language programme, Newswatch, day trips and meals with a local family will be ones they enjoy.

Please pray for students to come to the Unitec international student BBQ, where they can find out about these programmes, and for students at Unitec and Massey who attend an introductory course to understand the Good News.

Pray for the partnership with St Paul's Church in Auckland, as lunches for internationals restart. New students come along for friendship and conversation, and many hear about Jesus there for the first time.

University of Auckland

Give thanks for a great Auckland planning day in

November, and for new student leaders for this year.

All the groups have made a good start planning for orientation and the start of semester on 3 March. Pray they would continue to plan well and that orientation events would bring people to the groups and to know Christ.

Waikato

Please pray for Charissa and the new HCF committee as they plan for next year, and for students' lives to be transformed as they read God's word.

Palmerston North

Thank God for the opportunities that the university is giving us to contact students, and for the group of non-Christian international students who have

been meeting for dinner and Bible study over the break.

Praise God for awesome leaders, and pray that we might be able to contact a lot of first years.

Pray that the students' zeal for sharing the good news of Jesus with their friends might be maintained all year.

Wellington

This year begins with staff leaving the Wellington team and few student leaders available to plan for the semester. Please pray that students will be able to build community and welcome friends despite these challenges, and that they will trust God for growth and guidance. Pray that leaders will have wisdom and perseverance, and that new students would feel welcome.

Lincoln

Thank God for the opportunity to attend Launch, and those from Lincoln who are enthused for campus mission in the year ahead.

Please pray for O-week, that we meet both Christians keen to be involved and non-Christians who are open to hearing about Jesus.

Christchurch

Please pray that all our orientation activities will allow us to make contact with many students – both Christians and non-Christians – so we can share the gospel and get people connected.

Pray for both staff and student leaders, for wisdom and discernment as we plan what opportunities to invest time in this year.

Pray that we will work with a sense of gospel partnership. Pray particularly that prayer will be an integral part of the ministry.

Otago

Please pray for students during orientation week (17-22 February) as they connect with new and returning students, and as the groups (medics, dentists, nursing, VCF and OCF) restart their weekly meetings. We also hope to start new groups for lawyers at the university and artists at Otago Polytechnic.

Please pray for the TSCF students as they join with other churches and groups to serve the campus and seek to be a redemptive influence during O-week. Under the banner of the Combined Christian Groups (CCG), they will be helping out in the welcome tent in the tent city on the museum lawn, offering gospels and material about the various Christian groups. They will also serve sausages and hot drinks to students at night.

Under the banner of Red Frogs, we will be in all the major orientation events serving water and snacks to help students stay hydrated and offering free rides home for students from the events.

Students always ask why we do these things; please pray that the Christians students would have the confidence to take the opportunities to explain something of the hope we have in Jesus when asked questions.

Please also pray for the International welcome dinner that OCF will host on 27 February and for Ben Carswell as he speaks. The dinner is a key time where the group meets new international students and looks to start some evangelistic Bible studies.