

# To Base Camp and Beyond

### Everest first captured my imagination in a log cabin on

an island in British Columbia. Browsing in a second hand bookshop I picked up *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer, an account of the 1996 Everest expeditions which were caught in a storm while high on the mountain. Fifteen people lost their lives, including Kiwi guide Rob Hall. I became fascinated with what drew men and women into the 'death zone', the name



given to the area above 28,000 feet. Above this altitude the air is so thin that it is at the limit of human physiological function. This combined with the low temperature and difficult conditions means no one can survive there for long.

Over the next few months I read everything I could find on Everest. I guess I came to the mountain later than many Kiwis who have grown up on the achievements of Hillary and Tensing but I began to mentally map the routes. The names of the mountain; Chomolangma, Sagarmāthā, and the Kiwi sounding Peak XV, the points on the journey; Lukla, Namche Bazaar, the Khumba Glaciar, Western Cwm, Lhotse Face, the South Coll, the Yellow Band, the Balcony, the Hillary Step; places I will never visit but which carry significant memories for those who have.

So at our Staff Training Conference last August when I was asked 'Where are we now?' I found myself taking a vivid and drawing Everest on the flipchart. Given that we were in Upper Hutt, rather than Nepal or Tibet, this was not the most obvious starting point. As I tried to answer the question I spoke about the mountain in an attempt to map where we had come from and where we were heading as a movement.

In 2004 TSCF began to recognise that it was time to go back to the mountain. Matthew Scott wrote in his final Annual Report 'I believe that the time has come to lead again guided by the Spirit of Jesus.' When I was invited to come by the Board to consider leading this expedition Andrew Saunders met me at Auckland airport. Over coffee he said. 'Please come but don't come alone. If you can, bring some friends who have experience who can get things moving again'. I visited several times in 2005 and found that the climbers were discouraged, low on resources and a little lost. SLC 2005 looked at the Psalms of Ascent. We sat on the grass in the sunshine with staff and student leaders and began to dream a

little The Board were under no illusions as to the size of the challenge that we faced but were willing to step out in faith. That week we embraced a fresh vision to start climbing again. But this was not a vision to go somewhere that TSCF had not been before. This was a call to return to the mountain of Hillary, Tensing and Mallory, or in our case the mountain of Guinness. Laird, Orange, Miller and in more recent times of Malcolm, Ang How Kheng, McIntosh, Grantham, Saunders and Yee, The mountain we climb is to see students coming to Christ and discipled for life; to see the gospel engaging culture and the Bible applied to every area of life. We are working to raise up a new generation of influence in New Zealand and around the Pacific Rim.

I have been very conscious on this expedition of following in the footsteps of those who have gone before. We are grateful for those who have established camps, fixed ropes, cached oxygen, created maps and dedicated their lives

to the summit. We would not be where we are today were it not for their service, sacrifice and support. Ed Hillary often spoke about how it was an international expedition that put him and Tensing on the top of the world. Sir John Hunt's first choice was to put two Brits up; the Kiwi and the Sherpa were the back-up option. I lead an international expedition, which has as its first priority putting New Zealanders on the summit. This embraces the whole spectrum of contemporary New Zealanders including those who have been here for generations, those who will be here for generations to come and those who are here for a season. That first summit of Everest with a Kiwi and an Asian standing together on the top of the world supported by a multi-cultural team is a powerful image of Everest past and TSCF present and future.

So as I reflected at Staff Training Conference about our journey over the past four years, I found myself talking about making it to Base Camp. We have worked hard to get our expedition together. We have assembled a growing team of staff. students, volunteers and supporters; registered as a charity and legally incorporate; redone all our systems; revitalised our electronic and print communications; moved to a governance board; established a National Leadership Team; launched Catalyst to work with postgraduates, academics and graduates. We have seen growing numbers of students coming to faith; developed the MINTY training programme; seen thousands of students attend an outreach event: explored a residential student community at 'Rongopai' in Wellington; strengthened international partnerships; increased financial reserves by \$350,000 and not run a deficit in any of those years. At the end of 2005 we agreed to aim to double the staff team, triple the income and quadruple the core number of students involved by 2011. Each of these objectives has now been exceeded. It has not been easy and our faith and endurance have been tested

but we have a lot to give thanks for. This Annual Review details many of these things and I hope you are encouraged. But we are not at the top of the mountain. We have only made it to Base Camp. Getting to Base Camp is quite an achievement; many tramping expeditions have Base Camp as their final destination, but not us. We are here for the summit.

At present we are working our way through the Khumba Icefield with all its hazards and continually changing landscape. We continue to grow the team and are excited by the appointment of Simon Rabbidge from Tokanui to strengthen the team in Lincoln but we need to see strong teams established in Dunedin, Palmerston North and Hamilton. We are still getting our equipment together and putting our lines in to go to Camp I and then higher up the mountain.

Looking up the mountain, where are we trying to get to by 2015? This is where we are going in the next 5 years. By the grace of God we want to:



▲ SEE more students coming to faith through cross-centred, culturally relevant, creative evangelism that addresses the big issues in the academy and the media and is unashamed of the gospel.

▲ DEVELOP a growing depth in discipleship through meeting the Living God in His Word and applying it in a community of meaningful friendship that inspires students and graduates to live distinctive lives that honour God and bless the campus and society. ▲ ENCOURAGE a new wave of Christian thinking that applies the Bible to the whole of life and helps people work out what it means to live and speak for Jesus in their university, workplace, home, community and leisure.

▲ GROW a new generation of influence who will have a clear sense of God's call on their lives and make life choices characterised by self-sacrifice and service, and who have the discipline and endurance to keep going onwards and upwards to inspire others to be salt and light in NZ and beyond.

In short we want to see God raise up a new generation who want to give their utmost for His highest. This is the vision that has captured our hearts and has us in the thin air on the mountain. I hope it inspires you to climb on your chair to shout encouragement, to get on your knees and to put your hands in your pocket.

To make the summit we need more people on the expedition, on the mountain,

at Base Camp, in Kathmandu and at home. We need to develop our resources and to broaden our cultural diversity so that we reflect the campuses we work on. We look to partner with churches to develop resources and with people that will influence the cultures and communities that make up these islands and whose influence extends beyond these shores. We urgently need to establish a base in central Auckland as an office and meeting space. We want to establish more residential communities near campus in major centres. We want to mobilise people to pray for the student world. There will be significant celebrations around the Rugby World Cup in 2011, the Marsden Bicentenary in 2014 and the Anzac Centenary in 2015 that will present significant gospel opportunities in this nation, which we aim to participate in wholeheartedly.

High altitude mountaineering is a high-risk activity. Despite meticulous preparation people die. The allure of the mountain and the prospect of gaining the summit, draws people into the death zone. Their friends and family typically speak of them dying 'following something they love'.

The call on our lives and our commitment to keep climbing is not because we want to achieve something personally but because we want to see Jesus lifted high, and for people to follow Him.

We're all about getting people into the life zone. Yes some of us may lose our lives in the process but we will die following SOMEONE that we love. In the words of a famous low altitude mountaineer 'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose'.

We ask that God would give us this mountain and that you dust off your ice-axe and crampons and join us for another summit attempt.

Nigel Pollock, National Director

## We have worked hard to ...



△ LEADERSHIP The appointment of Nigel Pollock as National Director, Andrew Becroft (Principal Youth Court Judge) as Chair of the National Board and other key members of the National Board has given TSCF clear and decisive leadership. In 2006 the Board moved to a governance model enabling the Board to give more time to policy, strategy and budget and empowering and entrusting the National Leadership Team to direct the work. △ NETWORKS TSCF is a large and extended family. Keeping in touch with people, and keeping track of information is no small task. We are developing our systems and processes to better store important information, allowing us to stay in touch with the whānau. The 'Parties to Remember' and the 'Back to the Cross' conference in 2006 were fantastic opportunities to celebrate the 70 year anniversary of TSCF. We gave thanks for all that God had done through TSCF, and prayed for the coming years.

△ COMMUNICATIONS We have continued to develop our website to provide information for students, graduates, parents, church leaders and supporters. Through the website students have connected with their campus groups, and can see all the latest events and news from across the country. We have increased our use of Facebook and Twitter to connect with students and graduates. Internal communications are

also important. In 2008 the National

Leadership Team began to meet triannually to develop and implement national strategies. In 2009 a weekly conference call amongst team leaders has added to this sharing of ideas and news.

 $\triangle$  IDENTITY In 2006 TSCF rebranded with a new logo (with a variation for each campus group to use) and made the addition of the Maori byline. 2007 saw the development of new icons to represent the four aims of True Witness, Deep Thought, Undivided Life and Global Reach which we established in 2003. More than a cosmetic change, this rebrand reflected that TSCF was finding its place and purpose, and that across the country it was beginning to speak with one voice.



True Witness, Undivided Life, Deep Thought, Global Reach

△ FINANCES In 2005 Nigel and the Board prayerfully set a target of increasing TSCF's annual income from \$370,000 to

## get our expedition together ...

\$1 million. With the sacrificial support of people who are committed to the vision, this target was achieved in 2008. This year our budget is \$1.5 million.

Some of this income came from new funding strategies which were adopted including the launch of the '700 Vision Fund' and 'One Life'. The 700 Vision Fund invited graduates of TSCF to make a one-off gift of \$1000 as a thank offering. One Life encourages new graduates to pledge 1% of their income to the work of TSCF. From these strategies TSCF have received a total income of \$126,792 in the past four years.

△ TRAINING Andy Shudall was appointed as Head of Training in 2004. Andy established the MINTY programme and has invested in training our staff and students. Staff Training Conference moved from being two sessions just before each major student conference, to a standalone event during Spring exam week.

△ BUILDING TSCF purchased an extra 25% share in the building we occupy with Scripture Union, giving TSCF an asset for the future and a viable national service centre. It also provided TSCF with the capacity to realise an income of \$30k a year from the building. Today, some of this income goes to repay the loan TSCF took to make the purchase, but as the capital loan decreases, this income can be used for other purposes.

In 2006 the Auckland office moved to Laidlaw College; this has been good for relationships but we really need a base in the central city near the universities.

△ IT AND FINANCE SYSTEMS A great deal of work has been invested in updating the TSCF database, streamlining financial and reporting systems and increasing our IT capacity.

△ COMPLIANCE TSCF became a registered charity in 2008, and became an incorporated society and adopted the new constitution at the 2009 AGM.

In 2009 New Zealand Immigration awarded TSCF 'Religious Organisation' status making it simpler for international staff to gain two-year work visas. This will make it much easier for international students to stay in New Zealand to do MINTY, and for us to recruit short-term international staff.

△ **STAFF TEAM** The team has increased from 15 in 2005 to 32 in 2010. A good number of TSCF's staff are from overseas, but we are delighted that there has been an increase in the number of Kiwi staff – the latest addition being Lincoln grad, Simon Rabbidge.



# ... it has not been easy ...

### $\triangle$ DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP

TRAINING In 2006 TSCF launched the Ministry Internship Year. MInterns are recent graduates who work alongside student groups, investing in the next generation, whilst completing theological study supervised by a TSCF staff worker. They also work part-time in paid employment. Since 2006 21 people have completed MINTY.

### The lesson I use over and over is how to lead Bible studies.

Teri Lauder (2006)

### Good food, with good people at MINTY retreats. Deep and funny conversations over mealtimes.

Richard Deeble (2007)

The number of students attending TSCF student conferences (National Conference in June, and Student Leadership Conference in November) continues to rise. Through these conferences TSCF has seen student trained, equipped, and encountering God in new ways.

### $\triangle$ EFFECTIVE WITNESS ON CAMPUS

In 2009 we rejoiced in seeing 40 students committing their lives to Christ. This was double the number of the previous year.

Since 2006 the number of core students who are part of a TSCF campus group has grown from 150 to over 600. We reach many more each year.

In the last three years we have relaunched groups, established new groups, and have affiliated one group that had been working alone.

In the past five years staff numbers have doubled.

The growth is remarkable, and we give grateful thanks to God – but we are still just scratching the surface. We want to give every student the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.



# △ INVESTING IN GRADUATES Key to the vision of TSCF is seeing students changed for life. We want to develop leaders who will be agents of gospel transformation in New Zealand, and around the world, in workplaces, communities, churches and homes.

In 2007 TSCF launched Catalyst. The vision is to equip graduates, postgraduates and academics to integrate their professional working life with their faith in way that is academically credible, to provide them with useful resources and support, and to unite Christians in the professions to enable them to work together.

### Catalyst is one of the most significant and strategic new initiatives in mission to New Zealand in the last 20 years.

Chris Clarke, CEO World Vision and TSCF President

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### ... our **faith** and **endurance** have been **tested** but we have a lot to give thanks for ...

#### $\triangle$ GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS TSCF

has always been an outward-looking movement. In the very foundations of this movement is a desire to see the gospel transform not just New Zealand, but the whole world.

Since the 1970's TSCF have partnered with our sister-movement in India, funding theological training for their staff.

For eight years now, Ruth Hicks (a TSCF graduate) has been seconded to our sister-movement in Ecuador. Ruth and Josué have spent the past two years at Regent College, Vancouver undertaking further theological study and have recently returned to Ecuador to continue working with Comunidad de Estudiantes Cristianos del Ecuador.

TSCF have taken advantage of several opportunities to connect with other IFES movements by hosting them in NZ or visiting: Nigel Pollock and Jeff Pelz visited the movement in PNG in 2008, and Val Goold spent some time with UESI in India in 2009. This year Andy Shudall and Jane



Pelz met with students in Fiji, exploring the opportunities for mission teams to come from New Zealand, earlier in the year Andy also spent time meeting with students in Vanuatu.

Over the past five years we have sent mission teams to Fiji, India and Thailand, and several staff and students attended the South Pacific Regional Training Event in Australia in 2008. We have enjoyed visits from Arul Manohar (Union of Evangelical Students of India) and Peter Mazumder (Bible Students Fellowship of Bangladesh), with whom TSCF have been able to develop a new partnership by sponsoring the theological training of one of their staff. This year we had the privilege of hosting students from Vanuatu, PNG and Fiji at our National Conference – enabling students to build relationships, learn from one another and to gain an understanding of student mission in another country. Our partnership with the Pacific Partnership Trust in the UK, which supports student and graduate mission in New Zealand and around the Pacific Rim, has been crucial in realising this vision. 09

### ... getting to Base Camp is quite an achievement;

### 10 $\triangle$ UNDIVIDED LIFE: BUILDING

**COMMUNITY** In 2008 TSCF took on the lease for a house near Vic Uni. The vision: for CU and ICF students to live together and to use the house as a place to which they can bring friends and build community. The house is called 'Rongopai' meaning 'Good News'.

Kirsten Meyer lived at Rongopai in 2009:

I have lots of great memories – especially CU and ICF pot luck dinners which were fantastic for building and deepening relationships. What excited me were the regular prayer times that anyone could drop by and join in with.

△ TRUE WITNESS Canterbury students ran a knockout events week in 2009. With the theme of 'Jesus in the Ring' students hosted dialogue dinners, and invited their friends to a series of public lectures by staff worker, Nick Brennan. Scott Mackay wrote a piece for student magazine 'Canta' encouraging students to examine the life of Jesus and to publicise the events, a giant bouncy-boxing ring was used. Students could pay to box their lecturers, raising money for Christchurch City Mission.

### △ BIBLE STUDIES ON CAMPUS AUTCF has a weekly Bible study on campus led by students. With a good number of students regularly coming along. This semester they've been studying Galatians and Jonah and have done an 'Investigating Jesus' series in Luke.

#### $\triangle$ CATALYST CONFERENCE The

inaugural Catalyst conference was held in July 2009. Graduates, postgraduates and academics gathered to explore how the gospel applies to their professions and what evangelism, discipleship, worship and mission look like in the workplace.

### $\triangle$ CULTURAL MARKETPLACE

Wellington CU and ICF raised funds, increased awareness of campus ministry, and built relationships with local churches when they hosted the 'Cultural Marketplace'. Culturally-themed food stalls and activities, reflected the diversity of the groups.

### $\triangle$ GLOBAL REACH: MISSION TRIP TO

FIJI Students from Lincoln CF, along with youth from Lincoln Baptist, spent two-weeks in Fiji helping with teaching, building and agricultural projects. Nathan Paton went on the trip, 'It put into perspective how much value we place on material possessions'.

### △ RESPONDING TO DAWKINS In

partnership with Thinking Matters, TSCF held two forums at **Auckland Uni** with academics giving a Christian perspective on the issues raised by the new atheists. The events were well attended by students keen to engage with the issues.

### $\triangle$ LAUNCHING ONLINE BOOKSTORE

The Catalyst bookstore was launched in February with a huge range of books from a Christian worldview which apply the gospel to life study and work. The online bookstore enables students and graduates

### many tramping expeditions have Base Camp as their **final destination** ...

to easily get their hands on fantastic books at extremely good prices.

The website also connects those who are reading the same books, allowing conversations to start around issues raised in the books.

We are delighted with the initial response to the ministry, which far exceeded our expectations.

△ PIONEERING NEW GROUPS TSCF are investing more staff time into the existing work with international students, and pioneering a Kiwi group at Unitec. With help from local churches, we are praying that this will be the start of an established witness here.

△ GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION Five to ten students meet in Nelson, supported by a local pastor. They have been encouraged to see one person come to faith this year. Another student was inspired as she considered, for the first time, how the gospel applies to nursing.

### △ CATALYST: EQUIPPING

POSTGRADUATES In April, Bev Norsworthy (Bethlehem Tertiary Institute) led four one-day seminars for postgraduate students. Otago student Catherine Landers said,

It reignited my passion for my thesis and helped me to look at data analysis in a different light.

### $\triangle$ BEING CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Dunedin OCF students studied John 15-17 during a weekend away in April. Students prayed for the Holy Spirit's help to 'remain in Christ', and asked God to show them how they could participate in promoting unity among Christians.

### $\triangle$ REACHING STUDENTS FOR CHRIST

Students from Palmerston North OCF and ISM's China Fellowship studied the message of the gospel over Easter weekend. God's Spirit was at work in the hearts of students and seven gave their lives to Christ that weekend.



### $\triangle$ a concern for the poor

Canterbury and Palmerston North students helped raise awareness and money for people living in poverty. Massey Uni CF ran a slum on campus, and UCCU raised \$2700 for World Vision by being sponsored to carry buckets of water on campus.

### ...but not **us**. We are here for the **summit**.

**Cultural Marketplace** 









Rongopai

Otago OCF

World Visio

## Looking up the mountain...

### $\triangle$ **NATIONAL** RUGBY WORLD CUP

In 2011 New Zealand will play host to the Rugby World Cup. This is a significant event that the church in New Zealand can use to enhance cross-cultural understanding and deepen friendships and faith.

Planning is in the early stages, but we want to help students make the most of this event. We intend to:

▲ PRODUCE a gospel, with testimonies from rugby players, for students to give to their friends

▲ PRODUCE a fixtures wall chart with prayer information for each visiting country to encourage students to pray for those countries.

▲ LIAISE and partner with other national Christian organisations, and local churches to increase the effectiveness of the resources and events that Christians in New Zealand are developing around this event.

If you would like to discuss this further, inform us of your plans, or find out how you can be involved contact Ben Carswell (National Outreach Coordinator) **benc@tscf.org.nz** 

### $\triangle$ **LOCAL** DEVELOPING CAMPUS

**GROUPS** Our enduring vision is to have credible, energetic, Bible-centred, Jesusloving communities in every Tertiary Institution in New Zealand.

We currently have student groups in most universities, but we want to see them strengthened and their influence increased.

We have a few groups in polytechnics but we want to see groups established in every polytechnic and wānanga in New Zealand.

We want our movement to reflect the cultural diversity of New Zealand, so that our groups are accessible and welcoming to people from every ethnicity and culture.

We want to develop partnerships with churches and ministries who work with college students, so that together we can help them to keep following Jesus and to use their time as a tertiary student for the glory of God. We want to increase our influence on our country by working more effectively with other organisations around New Zealand.

At the top of TSCF's development agenda is the work in the University of Otago and the University of Waikato. We currently have a small international, but no Kiwi group in Otago. With no staff presence in Hamilton, the International Christian Fellowship has struggled. We need a staff presence there, and to make an investment in this university.

We need the support of local Christians and churches that want to see their tertiary institutions changed; you can find out how you can be part of this on pages 16-17.



# ... where are we **trying** to



### $\triangle$ **NATIONAL** EQUIPPING GRADUATES, POSTGRADUATES AND ACADEMICS

Catalyst will build on the momentum of the past few years by continuing to invest in graduates, postgraduates and academics.

Over the last year we've been talking to a range of academics throughout New Zealand about how we can together bring the gospel into the academy. This year a group of academics has been meeting at Massey University in Palmerston North to explore the intersection between faith and the academy.

The first Catalyst group was launched in Wellington in 2009 which sees ten graduates meeting every six weeks to encourage and support one another as they seek to be salt and light in the workplace.

The Catalyst Conference 2010 will take place in Auckland in September, and has seminars for Christians in a wide range of professions including business, science law, marketing, architecture, health care, education, farming, veterinary practice, town planning, and engineering. Growing embryonic networks in many of these disciplines has already begun.

Work has begun on a resource aimed at helping graduates transition to the workplace, with chapters on issues such as money, integrity, relationships, dealing with unemployment and guidance. TSCF are aiming to have this published by November.

In 2009 TSCF developed the 'Graduating Students Track' at Student Leadership Conference. This year we are making the further addition of a track for postgraduate students. We are delighted that Dr Paul Gould (co-editor of *The Two Tasks of the Christian Scholar*) is coming to lead these sessions, which will equip and empower students to integrate their faith in Christ with their academic endeavours.

If you would like to discuss these initiatives further or find out how you can be involved contact Mark Grace (National Catalyst Team Leader) **markg@tscf.org.nz** 



## ... get to by 2015?



#### $\triangle$ **GLOBAL** PARTNERSHIP AROUND

THE WORLD As a founding member of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, TSCF continues to contribute to the work of reaching students with the gospel worldwide.

In the next two years there are several opportunities for us to contribute to international conversations that are seeking to further the spread of the gospel.

In October 2010 several TSCF staff will attend the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, and will make a valuable contribution to an event that will shape the evangelical landscape in the next decade. Nigel has been asked to co-ordinate the dissemination of ideas and news to all student movements globally including IFES, Navigators and Campus Crusade.

Every four years IFES holds a World Assembly. In 2007 TSCF took the largest student delegation to the IFES World Assembly in Canada. Alongside TSCF staff, several students and recent graduates attended. Ian Purdy, Lessa Vaswani, Bee Teng Lim, and Jenni McIvor had already made a significant contribution to the work of TSCF – and they have gone on to do more, Ian is on the Board, Lessa with Wellington ICF and Canvas, Bee Teng and Jenni have contributed both to the work on campus, and to Catalyst.

The 2011 World Assembly will be held in Poland, and we look forward to taking more TSCF students and graduates to this event.

TSCF has a special concern for working alongside our partner movements in the Pacific. In 2011 students and staff from TSCF will attend the South Pacific Regional Training Event that will be hosted by our brothers and sisters in Fiji.

All these events enable TSCF to contribute to, and benefit from, projects, relationships and resources that are being developed in our field of ministry. We benefit from the end result, but also from



being part of the process and we rejoice in being able to share our resources and skills with the worldwide family of God.

It was incredible to see Christians from all over the world whose love for Jesus breaks down the barriers of apathy and persecution, and who were willing to sacrifice so much for Him. We celebrated new movements from the Middle East being accepted into IFES. It was humbling to see so many people. It was an honour to sit at the feet of men and women of wisdom as they shared from their experiences, including Stella Kasirye who talked about the HIV/ AIDS epidemic and how the IFES group in Uganda has been instrumental in turning this around. As she taught, I sought to 'let my heart be broken with the things that break God's heart'.

Jenni McIvor

# UANDATHONE

### To make the summit **we need more people** on the expedition, on the mountain, at Base Camp, in Kathmandu and at home.



At Base Camp there is a whole heap of people who support the climbing team: weather analysts, technicians, cooks – all playing a vital role in making the summit. If you have skills that you think might be useful to TSCF, why not get in touch with us. We need strategists, pioneers, visionaries, facilitators and administrators. If you can offer specialist advice from time to time on IT, finance, tax, law or administration; or if you're available to proofread, help with mailings, cook for small or large events, or be an advocate in your church for TSCF; then get in touch with:

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### $\triangle$ JOIN THE CLIMBING TEAM

We need lead climbers – those experienced in ministry who can head up a team. We want people who've got the taste for the mountain and are ready for a bigger challenge. We also need climbers with specialist skills – fundraisers, communicators and administrators. So if you're keen to be part of the team, we'd love to hear from you. The best person to speak to in the first instance is:

VAL GOOLD val@tscf.org.nz



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### $\triangle$ INVEST

We are enormously grateful for God's provision through His people, and that our finances have increased as we have aimed higher. Currently the work of TSCF is funded by a relatively small circle of people which we would love to see grow. If you are not yet supporting this work financially, would you consider giving just a small amount each month? If you are – would you consider increasing your giving to help us take those next steps? You might consider leaving a legacy to TSCF, or making a significant one-off gift in this great adventure. For more information or to make a donation contact:

### $\triangle$ PRAY

Will you commit to praying regularly for TSCF? You could use Prayer Matters – our quarterly prayer diary or sign up to receive staff prayer letters. Why not consider how you might be able to encourage others to pray for our universities and colleges too – we would love to have a team of church representatives who would keep prayer for our universities on the agenda. If you'd like to know more about how you can pray or to be a church representative, contact:



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### **The Team**

△ **STAFF:** Andy Shudall (Head of Training), Anna Holmes (Personnel Officer and Events Manager), Ben Carswell (National Outreach Coordinator and Wellington Team Leader), Elliot Ng (Staff Worker for AUT and Unitec). Gillian Wildgoose (Staff Worker for Auckland Uni), Gina Wong (Staff Worker for Victoria Uni), James Allaway (Systems Administrator and Wellington Staff Worker), Jane Pelz (Head of World Mission), Jeff Lane (Staff Worker for Unitec and Massey Albany), Jeff Pelz (Auckland Team Leader), Liz Hodge (Catalyst Books Administrator), Mark Grace (National Catalyst Team Leader), Mark Santich (Canterbury Team Leader), Nicola Ingham (Administration and Finance), Nigel Pollock (National Director), Paul Seo (Staff Worker for Auckland Uni), Rachel Turner (Communications Manager), Raewyn Taylor (Office Team Leader), Renee Santich (Canterbury), Ruth Hicks (Seconded to CECE in Ecuador), Sarah Chrin (Staff Worker for Lincoln Uni),

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Simon Rabbidge (Staff Worker for Lincoln Uni), Tim Hodge (Lincoln and Nelson Team Leader), Val Goold (Head of Student Ministries), Viv Ayers (PA to Nigel Pollock)

△ ASSOCIATE STAFF: Annette Lane (Unitec), Dave Baab (Otago), Heather Brockett (MIT), Michael Drake (MIT), Nick Duke (Canterbury),

△ MINISTRY INTERNS: Duncan Tang (Auckland Uni), Nathan Paton (Lincoln Uni), Peta-Maria Harris (Victoria Uni), Phil Luey (Victoria Uni)

### CHRISTCHURCH: Erin Robinson and Shona Bellringer

 $\triangle$  NATIONAL BOARD: Andrew Becroft (Chairperson), Bruce Robertson, Dennis

Fountain (Vice Chairperson), Elaine Pratley, Ian Purdy (Treasurer), Nicky Rees-Thomas, Nigel Pollock (National Director), Paul Windsor, Peng Wong (Int. Student Coordinator), Phil Luey (Kiwi Student Coordinator), Rubee Yee

**AND** students and student leaders, the families of our staff team, TSCF graduates and friends, those who volunteer, pray and give are all part of this team too.



### Financial Report

TSCF are grateful for every dollar which is given to help turn our dreams of reaching the summit into a reality. Great sacrifices are needed, and we acknowledge that in the current economic climate all our financial support comes at a cost. We are committed to being good stewards of all that we are given and to making your gift count as we head for the summit.

### For 2009, the news is largely **positive**

There has been a small growth (3%) in donated income. As staff numbers have increased, we have seen God provide, with around half our staff reaching their funding targets by the end of 2009. The building loan has been extended for two years giving us some flexibility.

#### Partly due to our prudence!

Of our staff that did not meet their funding targets, some were significantly under-funded. It became necessary to reduce salary payments for some time and to delay the implementation of a cost of living adjustment for several months. We continue to keep overhead administration costs to a bare minimum.

### Yet our situation remains **precarious**

Overseas donors have provided around 47% of our donated income. These funds are subject to variations in foreign exchange rates that have not been favourable this past year. We would love to build our NZ donor base.

|                         | 2009      | 2008      |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| General donations       | 160,000   | 161,000   |
| Staff Support donations | 976,000   | 944,000   |
| Other donations         | 37,000    | 33,000    |
| Total donations         | 1,174,000 | 1,138,000 |

Our 2010 budget aims for a growth of nearly 20%. We are currently on track to meet this, having received one or two substantial donations to supplement the income from our regular faithful donors.

### **FOR EVERY \$10 WE RECEIVE WE SPEND: \$7.86 on field staff salaries and costs:** Our first priority is to put men and women in the universities to train and equip student leaders.

### **\$0.75 on field support staff and costs:** Looking after the field staff team, managing our finances and administrating conferences are just a few of the vital jobs

that the field support team take care of. \$0.46 on IFES and international mission: Helping support student mission in the Pacific and around the world, we delight in partnering with UESI in India, Ruth and Josué in Ecuador, BSFB in Bangladesh. **\$0.55 on communications:** Keeping in touch with students, graduates and supporters and helping people be involved in this ministry through Canvas and Prayer Matters, our website, email, social networking, and this Annual Review! \$0.38 on utilities: Audit and banks fees. insurance, stamps and stationary. We aim to spend as little as possible - but they're essential!







