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THE LEAD CHARACTER IN “ARGO” SUPPORTS THE CASE FOR HIS COURAGEOUS PLAN TO RESCUE SIX AMERICAN FUGITIVES TRAPPED IN TEHRAN WITH HIS “BEST BAD IDEA.”

The movie *Argo* won this year's Oscar for best motion picture. It is based on events that took place during the hostage crisis at the US embassy in Iran in 1979. Some have criticised it as not entirely historically accurate, but it is entertainment, not a documentary, and well worth seeing. While speaking at events since seeing the movie, I have reflected on a number of aspects of the story.

01 IT IS A STORY ABOUT RESCUE

The Americans sheltering in the Canadian ambassador's house need to get out of Tehran. They are in danger and cannot stay where they are. The whole point of the story is their rescue.

TSCF exists as part of God's rescue mission to students in New Zealand. These students do not need rescue from physical harm, but they do need rescuing from selfishness and sin. Paul, writing to the Colossians, reflects on the rescue Christ has effected:

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” Col. 1:13-14.

He also writes to the Thessalonians about the future dimensions of this rescue:

“They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath” 1 Thess. 1:9-10.

The highlight of this year has been seeing students coming to faith. At this year’s Wellington Easter camp, more than half the students attending were not Christians. At the Palmerston North camp, two students gave their lives to Christ. “True Witness” is central to everything that we do on campus and beyond.

02 IT IS A STORY ABOUT LEADERSHIP

The more obvious ways of rescuing the six are doomed to failure. It is too far to cycle, they cannot go under cover as English teachers because the language school has closed, and they cannot pretend to be crop inspectors because it is winter and the ground is frozen.

Then Tony Mendez, the CIA exfiltration expert, has the idea of masquerading as the crew of a fake movie, the eponymous *Argo*. This leadership showed great creativity, understanding of the realities of rescue and of the specific issues in the culture.

Our biggest investment as a movement is in student leaders. We believe in student leadership and work to raise a new generation who are able to handle the Bible well and apply it to the whole of life, who have confidence in the gospel and relate the good news with creativity to contemporary culture. We need to find new ways of being the people of God and sharing the good news if we are to be effective in modern society.

We are launching a new initiative this year to equip and appoint 50 people. They will volunteer 40 hours a year in support, mentoring and encouraging students and recent graduates. We believe these 2,000 hours invested in the kingdom will reap significant benefits in the future as well as the present.

The leadership shown in *Argo* is courageous and costly. We need people who will consider God’s call on their lives to be leaders of vision and imagination who are willing to enter into hostile environments and take risks.



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03 IT IS A STORY OF PARTNERSHIP

It is multicultural. The Americans cooperate with the Canadians. An Iranian girl plays an important part in the escape and has to flee herself. TSCF is a multicultural partnership working to reach a diverse and cross-cultural mission field.

We believe in the bicultural foundation of New Zealand. TSCF is participating in a number of ventures to celebrate the 2014 bicentenary of Samuel Marsden bringing the gospel to New Zealand with CMS, Scripture Union and others.

We are passionate about reaching Kiwis. We long to see better representation in all our groups from those who call these islands home including Pacific, Asian and Indian brothers and sisters.

We are working to do more to connect with international students and to build stronger relationships between cultures. We believe a key part of this strategy is to see more staff, interns and volunteers who were born here responding to God's call to serve here in mission and ministry.

We also see New Zealand having an important part to play in the South Pacific. IFES's recent

South Pacific Regional Conference in Fiji was a great reminder of the challenges, opportunities and relationships that we have.

The partnership is also intergenerational. In Argo, an aging movie producer, a special effects expert and a CIA supervisor work together to put the plan into place. Intergenerational relationships

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are critical in the church. As I look around the table when our board meets, one of the things that encourages me is that there are people there in their 60s, 50s, 40s, 30s and 20s, including a couple of student reps. I know we have supporters in their 70s, 80s and 90+s. The harnessing of wisdom, the sharing of hospitality and the

investment in the next generation works best when all generations participate together.

We place a high value on partnership. This past year we have collaborated with Students International, NZ Sports Coalition, World Vision, Interserve, Scripture Union, Student Life, OMF, CMS, Kiwi-Made Preaching, NZ Langham Partnership, Arrow Leadership, Baptist Youth Ministries, and a whole raft of denominations and churches. This is how it should be. I am grieved by the extent of competition I see around the world between Christian ministries and between churches. If we are serious about rescue, we need to work together in new ways that build the kingdom of God rather than the empires of human beings.

04 IT IS A STORY ABOUT A STORY

The fake movie has a script and characters that the hideaways have to know. In a tense scene in the ambassador's house, Joe, one of the six, addresses Tony, who has come from the CIA to get them out – “You really believe your little story's gonna make a difference when there's a gun to our heads?”

Tony replies, "I think my story's the only thing between you and a gun to your head."

At the airport, Joe is the one who uses the storyboards from the movie to convince the guards that they are location scouts.

Helping students and graduates know and tell their true story is a vital part of our evangelism training and of our discipleship. In 2014 we will introduce a new national gathering in February that will equip and energise students for the new academic year. Our Student Leadership Conference will move to the middle of the year and focus more on students and their calling. It will address issues like justice, apologetics, emerging leaders and professional life.

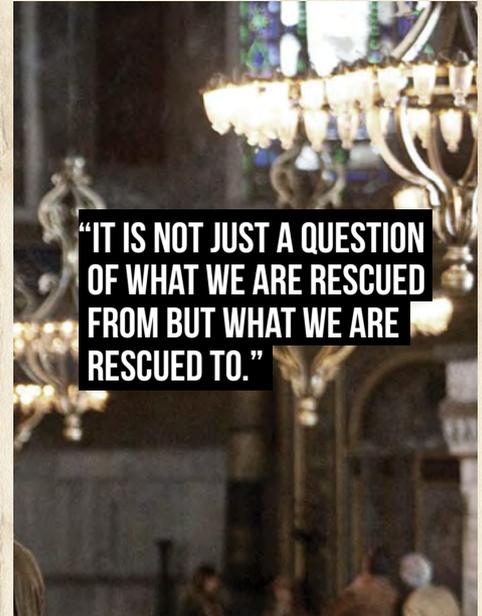
We are also asking if it is time for a new name for the fellowship as a whole, one that more succinctly summarises who we are and what we are about, and links different campus groups and graduate ministry together more strongly. I chatted about this recently with a student who suggested "International Rescue." Much as I know we would look great in those uniforms and enjoy piloting the Thunderbird vehicles I think that name is already spoken for! Other ideas will be gratefully received.

In the closing scenes of *Argo*, after the relief of the rescue, shots place historical footage alongside the movie and comment on what happened to the characters in real life. Two themes emerge. One is of enduring friendship between those involved. The other is that all the diplomats who were rescued returned to the diplomatic service. It is not just a question of what we are rescued from but what we are rescued to: a new community, a new set of priorities, a kingdom agenda to live God's way and share the good news of Jesus.

I like the way *The Message* translates Col. 1:13-14 – "God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating."

This is not "the best bad idea we have," it is the best idea ever. It is God's idea of how to save us and set us up for eternity. This is the story that defines who we are. It is at the heart of what we teach, share and model to students and graduates in Aotearoa and beyond.

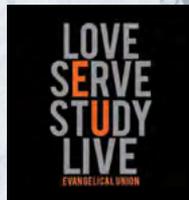
We are thankful to all who partner with us in this great rescue mission.



NIGEL POLLOCK
National Director

STUDENT VOICES:

Leadership



ZACH ARDERN (LEFT) IS WORKING ON HIS MSc AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND, STUDYING YEAST GENETICS. >>>

“LEADERSHIP” HAS A GLAMOROUS RING TO IT. WHO DOESN'T WANT HAVE FOLLOWERS? BUT THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT STUDENTS EXERCISE IN THEIR CAMPUS GROUPS IS MORE HARD WORK THAN GLAMOUR. IT'S WORK ADDED TO A FULL STUDY SCHEDULE, AND BOTH THE POSSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES CAN SEEM DAUNTING.

“Stretching’ is a nice way to put it,” said Zach Ardern, who was president of EU at the University of Auckland for two years.

He found it a good introduction to ministry and its hurdles – working with others, figuring out what events are the most beneficial, getting other students on board, dealing with disappointments. Growth isn't always obvious right away, Zach learned, and slow growth is the norm. “If I didn't think God was sovereign,” he said, “I'd just give up.”

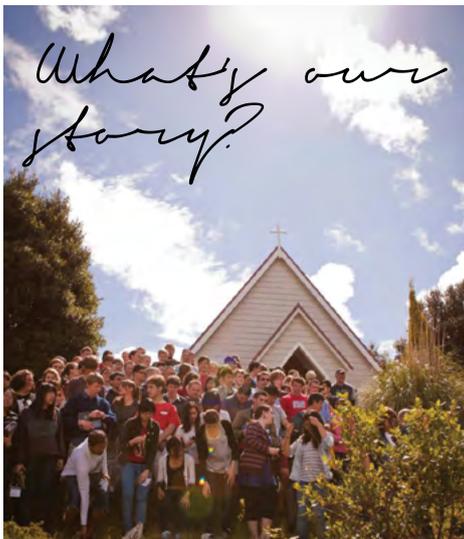
Zach also got to work with other Christian groups during his time with EU, and saw how different models work. Rather than being entirely staff-led, he found that he and others in the TSCF group were able to set their own agenda. The commitment of time and energy into student-led groups is greater, Zach said, but he learned about the challenges and opportunities that come with being a leader.

The student leaders involved with EU have had a steep learning curve. It was revived after the only two members in 2008 graduated, with the support of staff workers, Minterns and Auckland OCF's leadership. Already, the group involves 35+ students and hosts a weekly study with speakers and two weekly Bible studies. The pioneering student leaders' investment is bearing fruit.



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LOOKING BACK



AS WE REFLECT ON THE YEAR GONE WE CAN GIVE THANKS FOR THE WORK THAT GOD HAS DONE. OUR STORY IS OF GOD AT WORK IN THE MUNDANE AS WELL AS THE EXTRAORDINARY.



TRUE WITNESS

Chris, a mature student, was offered a hot cup of Milo at the beginning of semester 2. It was one of his first days on campus. He was asked how it was going: "This is going well," he replied, "don't ask about my life, though. It's a mess." God opened the conversation and a doorway into Chris' life. He started attending an Alpha course the same day and within a couple of weeks had surrendered the mess to Jesus and found real life in the midst of it all.

There are many stories of rescue and true witness – Dunedin students reaching their peers in partnership with Red Frogs; Lincoln students serving toasted sandwiches and engaging post-pub students in conversation; Christchurch students inviting friends to Bible studies and responding creatively to a city and campus rebuild; Wellington ICF students bringing friends to cultural events; Palmerston North students living openly for Jesus; Hamilton students strengthening and re-establishing TSCF work on campus; Auckland students reaching out in the vast challenges of our largest city. We're seeing a steady stream of stories like Chris' – students discovering the power of the cross and resurrection in the midst of their mess.

UNDIVIDED LIVING

The 2012 Catalyst conference brought together young professionals and postgraduates. It asked them what it is to live wholly for Jesus, honouring him through their work. National Conference in July faced up to issues of Money, Sex and Power – inviting students to consider the challenge, cost and the privileges of living today and living for



Jesus. Student Leadership Conference in November provided significant input on what it means to live for Jesus in leadership: the character of leaders was most keenly in focus.

The struggle for integrity can be fierce – students face internal and external pressures. Our July conference, which coincided with the Student Life North Island conference, provided an opportunity to gather together, celebrate and honour what God is doing in both our ministries. We recognise our differences but display the unity of our calling to reach the campuses of New Zealand in a way that is not fractured or fractious.

DEEP THOUGHT

Students are grappling with the complexity of ideas and the practicalities of challenges and problems faced in their studies every day. In any of the TSCF groups they might arrive thinking about the application of criminal law, the philosophy of the mind, the challenge of character design and animation, the convictions of an author, the mechanisms of economic change or the funny video they just watched on Facebook during a lecture they should have been listening to. They are also mulling over issues of personal relationships, identity, significance and truth. Then, in opening the Bible, they are asked to think, engage, respond and grow in the knowledge of God through his Word and in his service. We aim for them to be as rigorous in Bible study as they are in academic study and as serious in seeking God in academic studies as they are in Bible study.

Our staff meet with students to open up questions and explore the depths of answers alongside students, to think deeply about living fully. Discipleship is both exciting and slow going – transformation may well begin in a moment of rescue but it is worked out in the



realities and choices of daily living. There are setbacks, disappointments and frustrations as we apply the whole of our minds to understanding God's self-revelation in the light of the fullness of our hearts. There are also changed lives that display the glory of God: lives that shine in study, in industry, in homes and churches. These men and women lead well because they have thought deeply about God.



GLOBAL REACH

International students (and global tourists) travel the breadth of the world to come to New Zealand. The release of *The Hobbit* in 2012 has refreshed the wave of keen hearts and minds coming here to study and also to walk where Frodo and Bilbo have trod. Our campuses have many from nations where gospel outreach is restricted, dangerous or fraught with tension.

TSCF students and staff have demonstrated creative ways of reaching into the heart of international student communities. The common language of food provides the gathering point for many of our international groups and outreach. Wellington ICF and Dunedin OCF, in particular, have gathered friends from many cultures for evenings of celebrating culture and sharing the good news of Jesus. We are seeing a slow but steady response from overseas students to the gospel.

Reaching out is more than gathering together, and students reaching out to other students is at the heart of TSCF's strategy. The Great Commission is being fulfilled as students, staff and supporters engage with campus in creative action and faithful prayer, as students turn to their classmates in lectures and tutorials and say hello, as friendships develop and people are invited in to discover more about Jesus.



WHAT'S OUR STORY FOR 2012?

In truth, it is God's story. He weaves lives together in partnership and friendship, growing leaders out of those he has rescued from darkness and brought into the kingdom of light so they can tell more people about Jesus Christ. The work looks fragile at times and always involves risk and hard work. The struggles deepen our understanding of God's power, grace and goodness, and give breadth to our praise. We live to tell his story and, in doing so, find great adventure.



ANDY SHUDALL

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STUDENT VOICES:

partnership



OTAGO UNIVERSITY'S CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP MODELS PARTNERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS. HANNEKE LEWTHWAITE IS ONE OF THREE LEADERS IN THE GROUP – "WE EACH HAVE STRENGTHS," SHE SAID OF THE COLLABORATION. AND THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY BOTH TSCF AND THE WIDER CMF ORGANISATION.

Both the network for Christian medics and TSCF are involved with student gatherings in Otago and Auckland. "Doctors are there to offer wisdom from being here before – they are further along the path," Hanneke said. Some offer their time to speak at student events or even to host them.

As for TSCF, "it gives a direction for learning and the ministry side of things," she said. They have modeled the group on TSCF's four aims: true witness, deep thought, undivided life and global reach.

The energy of the students, input from TSCF staff members, and guidance from CMF has resulted in a growing partnership. In Otago, students reap the benefits of this as they meet on Thursdays at lunchtime. The themes vary – it may be learning how to read the Bible in context, listening to a visiting doctor, or meeting for prayer. The students make these decisions with guidance from TSCF staffers James Allaway and Mike Summerfield.

"The last few years, the TSCF input has been great for developing leadership skills and giving biblical direction," Hanneke said. "The strength of the group is in integrating work and faith."

<<< **HANNEKE LEWTHWAITE** (CENTRE, SECOND FROM RIGHT) IS A THIRD YEAR STUDENT OF MEDICINE AT OTAGO UNIVERSITY. MORE INFO ABOUT CMF IS AVAILABLE AT CMF.NET.NZ

LOCAL REPORTS



AUCKLAND

The work in Auckland has continued to be varied and challenging, with many opportunities and exciting fruit.

Several of the groups continue to grow. Auckland Overseas Christian Fellowship has grown in several ways, and it is exciting to see their impact on those around them as an attractive community who love Jesus. New people attend every meeting, and several who are not yet Christians feel welcome and a sense of belonging.

This is also the first full year TSCF worked alongside the Christian Medical Fellowship at Grafton. They continue to develop their vision to equip student doctors for growing and sharing their faith. This is also the case for Veritas: Christians at Law School. Although small in number, they continue to refine their purpose for meeting and their vision for the future.

Korean Youth Christian Fellowship has shifted the purpose of small groups to specifically address one area at a time that group is passionate about, be it student politics or the subject they are studying.

The Evangelical Union started a main meeting with a speaker every other week



on a Thursday evening, an event people can invite friends to. They continue to meet during the week for Bible study and are seeking to be better equipped to share Jesus with their friends through some evangelism training.

AUT Christian Fellowship is small in number but with a great new leadership team who are looking at creative ways to reach the city campus. At Easter they created a poster campaign linking to a Facebook page that asked the question, "What's Easter about anyway?" They provided clips, pictures and Bible narrative to get people thinking and questioning.

Massey Albany's group continues to plough through Romans and they are beginning to see student leadership take shape. It has been a slow grow but they love the community and delving into the Word together.

At MIT, a student-led nurses' group is now up and running, meeting when they can to study the Bible and pray for one another. Alongside this, another small, diverse group meets in the library to study the Word. MIT continues to be a challenging campus but it is encouraging to see these shoots of life.

Fruit is also appearing at Unitec, where three students have begun running what is now called Unitec Christian Fellowship. They meet at Monday lunchtime to pray for one another and go through Luke. They are a diverse bunch comprising Christians and also those interested in finding out more.

A new group has developed at AUT Akoranga, many of the contacts for which came from the TSCF stand at Parachute. So we're excited to see how that group develops over the year as they meet to study Daniel and get to know one another.

The whistlestop tour of Auckland groups conveys a little slice of what is going on and there is no doubt the Lord is at work. But there is still much to be harvested on the campuses in Auckland. We are working towards unity of purpose and identity of the groups that still feel disconnected and disparate, tackling the challenges of engaging big campuses with small groups of students.

If you want to hear more about specific groups or campuses, or you want to tackle the challenge with us actively or in prayer, then do get in touch!

– Gillian Wildgoose, Auckland Team Leader

WAIKATO

Hamilton International Christian Fellowship has renamed itself Hamilton Christian Fellowship to reflect a more inclusive vision. They began this year with an outing to a popular student cafe, a trip to Hobbiton and a cooking session. Praise God for the first year students who have joined the group.

In 2012, led by Shanice Sim, the group met on Saturdays to study Luke, Daniel and Philipians. They also organised events and invited speakers to share on topics such as Christian leadership, faith and hope.

TSCF Wintec began in 2012 through the vision of a nursing student from India named Uday. In the second semester, six students led by Alison Watson met over five Tuesdays at lunch to study the gospel of Luke. Unfortunately the group could not continue due to divergent schedules. A few members of the group also graduated.

Bible studies lasting an average of four weeks also took place in the private student hostels of Brooksfield and Taurima.

– Li Lian Lim, Waikato Team Leader

“ONLY LET YOUR MANNER OF LIFE BE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, SO THAT ... I MAY HEAR OF YOU THAT YOU ARE STANDING FIRM IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING SIDE BY SIDE FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:27



PALMERSTON NORTH

The past year has been one of transition and investment. We said goodbye to many students as they transitioned to new places of work, into marriage and to other cities. The student leaders invested heavily in the work of MUCF and OCF over the past few years – the best thing about transitions is seeing the legacy that graduates leave behind. These students invested wisely and have left Massey in the hands of other students who have caught the vision. These new leaders have done a superb job in reaching the campus with the Gospel, learning from those who have gone ahead and investing in those who will follow.

We have welcomed many new faces who love Jesus and are keen to study God's word. We have trained student leaders to serve their groups. We have also welcomed quite a few people into the kingdom as they made Jesus their Lord. This has all happened through students simply sharing Christ with their friends and by bringing their own lives under his lordship. The work at Massey continues to grow through our groups because it is made up of students who are keen to take up the challenge to change the campus with the good news of Jesus.

– Ian Reid, Palmerston North Team Leader

WELLINGTON

The year has started off well with the opening of the new student Hub at Victoria University, which is constantly humming with activity. It provides a great space for student hang-outs.

The CU and ICF groups have been exploring becoming a single group on campus – while honouring their distinctives – to better reflect a cross-cultural mission. This has been both challenging and rewarding.

Leaders Toby Meyer and Natalie Tan are doing a stellar job bringing this together. As a result, we have seen a tide of non-Christian students (mainly from China) coming along, engaging in the Bible and making wonderful new friendships.

The focus lately has been on Luke's gospel, poring over daily readings during Lent; celebrating the Passover as a community; an overnight Easter retreat where they were "struck" by Jesus the Messiah; focusing on the resurrection and the hope this brings over time; and, leading up to Pentecost, knowing the work and the power of the Holy Spirit as the students are "sent out."

– Gina Wong, Wellington Team Leader

CANTERBURY

"Rebuilding" is the theme for Canterbury CU in 2012. The Christchurch earthquakes were a while ago now, but we are still living in their shadow. Just like our city, Christian Union is regaining momentum by re-laying good foundations with small groups and evangelism on campus. It was fantastic to see people come to know Jesus in 2012.

The beginning of 2013 has shown the strength of the work last year with the number of small groups in CU doubling. We already meet with 6-8 students investigating Jesus during term 1. The work in the residential halls is also growing. Our Easter conference, "Love, Sex & Marriage" has seen real fruit in challenging people's godliness and their framework for understanding relationships.

We have a great deal to thank God for. Geoff and Liz Robson and Paul Denmead have joined the staff team, and the growing student leadership team are committed to seeing their friends come to know Jesus.

Please pray that we would be prayerful and faithful in proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord at UC for another year.

– Mark Santich, Canterbury Team Leader

LINCOLN

Lincoln University is a great community, so the TSCF groups get involved in various parts of campus life, such as helping the Students' Association, weekly late-night toasties in the halls, and – new for 2012 – “Sons of Thunder.”

That was the nickname Jesus gave to his disciples James and John (Mark 3:17) and also the name of part of the Christian Fellowship. Chris, as a final year student, led the Sons of Thunder group – a chance for blokes to prod and encourage one another to godliness, and to invite and involve non-Christian mates in the process. Chris said that he'd “chased the women, the beer, the flash toys only to find it all empty and meaningless.” He found true meaning in Jesus and wanted others to meet Jesus too.

There is much work to be done as many have never seriously considered Jesus, but those in the three TSCF groups love Jesus and work to make him known in word and deed.

– *Tim Hodge, Lincoln Team Leader*



DUNEDIN

We have had a year of healthy growth for TSCF in Dunedin. In April we began formally supporting the Christian Medical Fellowship group and, from their network, began working with the Christian Dentists, Christian Physiotherapists and were asked to help start a group for Christian nurses at Otago Polytechnic – the first Christian group at the Polytechnic in a number of years.

In November, we held a training event for new student leaders. Twelve people from the six groups we work with joined us to learn something of the heritage and vision of TSCF before thinking about the vision and plans for their particular group.

OCF and VCF went on a combined retreat in the August semester break. Both groups really enjoyed their time together and it set a good foundation for working together more closely in the coming year.

James put a lot of energy into coordinating Jesus Week across the Dunedin campuses. The week is a joint venture between Christian groups at the university and polytechnic to spread the good news about Jesus. It was joy to be able to bring Christian students together for a week of serving the campus through giving out hot

drinks, cleaning student flats, and serving soup and buns, all the while talking with students about who they think Jesus is. The week reached its peak with an open air talk given by Ben Carswell, who spoke about who the Bible says Jesus is.

We also partnered with other Christian organisations to serve the campus and wider church in Dunedin. In May we hosted Rod Wilson, President of Regent College in Vancouver, who spoke on how to help a hurting friend. In November we hosted an event for pastors with LeaDev Langham. Ajith Fernando spoke both during the day and in the evening at an event for youth from across the city.

– *James Allaway, Otago Team Leader*



DURING STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER, JAN TIE STOOD UP AND TOLD A STORY TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO KEEP GROWING THEIR FRIENDSHIPS AND KEEP SHARING THE GOSPEL.

One of the friends who came to NZ with her from Malaysia had joined in with OCF in Palmerston North when they began university there, but he drifted away. So she prayed, and kept praying, that God would work in his life.

A year ago, he went tramping at Mt Ruapehu with friends and the last thing he remembers is slipping on some ice. He fell over 100 metres after this photo was taken of him – it should have killed him, but instead it changed his life. It wasn't the nine surgeries or recovering from severe internal injuries that were most significant. He remembers Jan visiting him in the hospital to pray with him, and another friend talking to him about Jesus. "That name wasn't strange to my ears, but I did not know him," he recalled afterwards. (See the Spring 2012 *Canvas* to read Koid's story). "She told me that this God who had so mercifully spared my life in this accident was the God who hears the prayers of his people."

Jan gave us a recent update: "It gets better! He's been growing. He's been going to church and it's quite exciting to be part of that journey with him."

She has more stories to tell, too. Two of the non-Christian students who came to Easter camp accepted Christ there. And in her own life, Jan is seeing God's story working itself out.

"Last year some things happened in church and I had to reconsider what I was doing there," she said. "It felt like I was in the desert trying to find water." She learned again the importance of "spending time with God before anything else," and the support and encouragement of good friends. "I think God is doing amazing things on NZ campuses," Jan said. We'll have more encouraging stories to tell, and we can't take the credit – "God is faithful no matter what. We do our best by his Spirit."

STUDENT VOICES:

Story



**JAN TIE IS A THIRD YEAR VET STUDENT AT
PALMERSTON NORTH**



THE WORK OF RAISING UP A NEW GENERATION OF GOSPEL INFLUENCE IN NEW ZEALAND CONTINUES.

In Auckland, we partnered with City Presbyterian on the Auckland Catalyst Conference with Jerram Barrs. Jerram provided a theological framework for young graduates to engage in the world.

For the Common Good conference, we partnered with the Wellington Christian Lawyers Association. And we hosted one-day workshops in Auckland with Mark Powell (the CEO of the Warehouse) and in Christchurch with leaders from the construction and medical fields. These workshops provided a rich mix of biblical theology and wisdom with great questions and evangelism resourcing.

The Wellington Catalyst group has continued to thrive, both resourcing graduates to live and speak for Jesus at work and being a rich source of community for those involved.

The highlight of the year was the Graduating Student Track at the Student Leadership Conference in November. More than 20 students explored 1 Peter looking at hope and disappointment, working for the common good at work in ways that help people encounter Jesus and build relationships.

The 2012 Catalyst Summer Conference was incredibly significant. We had senior staff from Timothy Keller's Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York with us for the week. However in 2013 we made the difficult decision in January to cancel Summer Conference.

For the long-term sustainability of TSCF, it is important to consistently mobilise graduates for the work on campus. This is one of the top strategic priorities of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, nurturing graduates to become life-long disciples, committed to student ministry and witnesses in the workplace and society. This is critical for the development of long-term, indigenous, self-sustaining student and graduate mission in New Zealand.

So, alongside the development of groups, outreaches and conferences in 2013, Catalyst is going to be identifying, inviting and resourcing 50 graduates to become involved in campus mission, inviting them to be involved with students in various ways. This could be in their studies, with the Bible, over hospitality, or investing in their events or activities. The initiative is called "Tables" and we look forward to sharing more about it soon.

Please pray for Catalyst as we invite graduates across New Zealand into the work of mission in their workplaces and on campus.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

IN THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2010 AND 2011, I PRESENTED THREE AREAS FOR PRAYER.

First, giving to the core fund was not sufficient to meet increased costs from areas such as insurance and statutory compliance. Secondly, staff were struggling to meet their support targets, particularly staff with international supporters in light of the strong NZ dollar. And thirdly, we had yet to secure funding to repay the building loan.

I'm pleased to report that giving to the core fund increased by 28% in 2012 from the previous year. In addition, expenditure on administration, publications and resources fell by 25%. This decline was due in part to non-recurring expenditure on some strategic resources in 2011. However, the net result is that the general fund ended the year with a surplus of donations over expenditure. This seemed unlikely at this time last year. Thank you to all who prayed for us and gave generously to the core fund.

Unfortunately, the NZ dollar further strengthened in 2012, which reduced the value of international

donors' giving to staff. The economic slowdown also continued to impact giving to staff from NZ supporters. Staff expenditure exceeded staff support by a significant margin. Over the course of 2012, funds available for staff support fell by \$80,000 in aggregate. Combined with the \$100,000 fall in 2011, aggregate staff funds have a negative balance – we have borrowed from our core fund reserves to pay staff.

This situation has stabilized in 2013, primarily due to further reductions in staff hours worked. This is clearly detrimental to our ongoing ministry and stressful for the families of many staff. Please continue to pray for our staff and consider whether you can provide financial support for someone on the staff team. The staff team is key to TSCF achieving its vision of reaching students for Christ.

We did not secure the hoped-for funding to repay the building loan. However we were able to repay \$25,000 of the loan from the core fund's reserves. We are grateful to God for this and for the continued occupancy of part of the building by a tenant.

The net deficit for the year of approximately \$45,000 is a significant improvement on the \$220,000 deficit from 2011, however it is not sustainable. We hope to break even or make a small surplus this calendar year.

Thanks once again to the administrative staff in the Wellington office who do a great job of looking after TSCF's finances, to my fellow finance committee members and to all those in the wider TSCF family who pray and give so faithfully.



IAN PURDY
Treasurer

DONATED INCOME	2012	2011
GENERAL DONATIONS	251,483	196,458
STAFF SUPPORT DONATIONS	1,142,938	1,181,977
LEGACY DONATIONS	0	0
OTHER DONATIONS	24,772	19,862
TOTAL DONATIONS	1,419,196	1,398,287

EXPENSES



Of every \$10 spent:

- \$8.18**
Field staff & ministry costs
- \$0.82**
Administration
- \$0.13**
IFES
- \$0.41**
Utilities
- \$0.46**
Communications

Full accounts are available on request. Email johnr@tscf.org.nz.



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