

ANNUAL REVIEW 2016

TERTIARY STUDENTS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

GOD'S WORK IN PROGRESS

The old lady knelt over the pile of mud on the stone floor. We had been told that she was going to demonstrate traditional pottery making but as the time passed it began to look like nothing was going to happen. However she knew what she was doing. She kept working the mud with plant fibre and water, and a few minutes after I would have given up and walked away, a transformation began. The mess on the ground became clay and took on a texture that could be kneaded and moulded.

We were at the IFES World Assembly in Mexico and this was our chosen outing. It reminded me of the nature of student ministry. In the histories of many IFES movements there have been



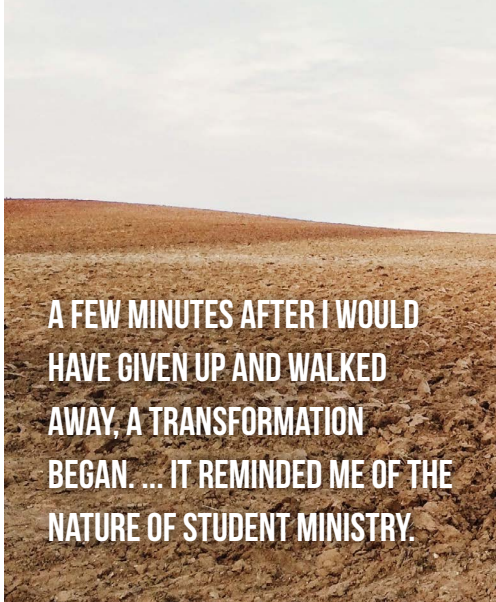
NIGEL POLLOCK,
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

long periods of work with little obvious growth, and then there has been a change and an increase – often a dramatic one. This is the pattern in the growth of the early church, described in Acts, where there are periods of persecution interspersed with remarkable growth. Ordinary people spread the good news throughout the known world. Some had been fishermen, some tax collectors, many were women, but they all knew Jesus.

This is often the nature of spiritual work. God draws something special out of things that don't look promising; our job is to participate patiently and faithfully.

OUR FOUNDATIONS

This has been the story of TSCF throughout 80 years of faithful service in the universities and wananga of Aotearoa New Zealand. Some



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generations have seen obvious and significant fruit, others have kept working through frustrations, opposition and challenges.

This has been true of the servants of God through history. He told the prophet Jeremiah when he called him that the people would not listen to the message he was sent to proclaim. He was also sent to a potter's house to learn that the Lord could shape and reshape nations and kingdoms.



Jeremiah would not personally witness the repentance and restoration he was commissioned to proclaim but he still had a part to play in God's overarching plan.

As TSCF celebrates 80 years, we give thanks to the one who has been at work shaping this movement and the people who have been part of this fellowship. The world has changed a great deal since 1936 but the core beliefs of students, staff and volunteers

have remained constant.

We believe in the sovereignty of God. The Lord is ultimately working out his purposes for humanity and the earth. We believe that the gospel is the power of God to transform lives and build community and that there is no other name under heaven by which people are saved than the name of Jesus. We believe this good news is for all people everywhere. We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God

and is foundational and formative for how we think, whom we love and how we live. We believe that everything comes under the Lordship of Christ and this includes the academic world, the workplace, the professions, home, leisure, the public square and the church. Consequently we have sought to prepare Christian leaders for these spheres of service.

Our current commitment, defined as True Witness, Undivided Life, Deep Thought and Global Reach, are clearly recognisable in the fellowship's initial aims in 1936.

I believe in the importance of small things. This is the foundation of being in the right place, at the right time, with the right words, for the right people. Occasionally I glimpse how these tiny things aggregate into significance in the grace of God. Most of these moments are too small to even merit a tweet or a status update but they are gold.

The doing of these small things over time builds God's kingdom as well as the remarkable acts of God that give

the increase.

Much of the waterfront in Wellington is built on reclaimed land. An early settler, George Bennet, began one of the first reclamation schemes moving wheelbarrows of earth and stone from Windy Point. The first government scheme in 1852 completed a 110 metre by 30 metre section. In 1855, the Wairarapa Earthquake raised land levels by almost 2 meters in places and created the land where the urban motorway, railway link and airport are today. Sometimes we work to build the kingdom one wheelbarrow at a time; on other occasions it is planned with systematic endeavour and partnership; and occasionally things happen beyond anything we could plan or imagine. TSCF has seen all of these through our history.

OUR WELCOME

The brass studs marking the former shoreline in Wellington are not the only historic markers by the waterfront. Some tell the story of arrivals. The “Salute” oars sculpture



at Petone welcomes all who have come to these islands, and TSCF has welcomed students from all over the world too. We have a core commitment to international ministry.

Jeff and Jane Pelz have worked in partnership with St Paul's Church in Auckland to pioneer a centre of excellence for work with internationals. This has been fruitful, as have a number of camps and marae weekends, many international students

reading Luke's gospel, and a steady trickle coming to faith.

We also celebrate all those who have come to invest here, from Howard Guinness' pioneering tour of 1936 to many speakers at conferences and missions including John Stott, Michael Griffiths, Vinoth Ramachandra, Ajith Fernando and others. At our last Summit Leaders Conference it was great to have John Stackhouse speaking and then leading a

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— CHARLES MALIK

number of events at Otago University.

THE STORY WE TELL

All that we do begins with the story of the cross. Near the Petone Settlers Museum, a Celtic cross commemorates the first church service in Wellington. Around the waterfront other plaques testify to the part that churches played in the city's spiritual life. While we have become a more secular society, the cross of Christ and his message of grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and hope is as relevant today as at any point in our history. TSCF's primary purpose has always been to share this good news with students. Over the past year we have given out thousands of Luke's gospels and trained hundreds of students to read these with their friends. We have printed a simple

bookmark with five headings: retell, react, reveal, reason and respond. This is part of our commitment to using the Bible in evangelism, and will continue as a major project in the coming year.

This story raises a call for leaders. Pioneering and developing a country takes initiative, sacrifice and service, and those leaders of the past are commemorated in place names and monuments. TSCF has been steadfastly committed to raising a new generation of leaders in NZ. This has probably been our greatest gift and enduring legacy to these islands. There are leaders in most denominations, professions and community activities who took their first leadership steps in a TSCF student group. This year we have some very able student reps on our National Board, we have been encouraged by the giving of recent

graduates, and we have seen student initiative continue with staff support and training. Summit 2015 was our best leadership training event for some time. It was exciting to see those who attended go back to their groups committed to being examples, especially with the Luke's gospel project. Investing in a new generation of leaders is a priority for God's mission in church and society.

This is a story of creativity. The wind sculptures, public art and writers' walk in Wellington bear tribute to creative energy. Through our history we have encouraged creativity and valued writing. This year we developed a space at Festival One called "The River of Life," which was an art instillation and a place for prayer, reflection and conversation around a flowing stream.

This is a story of engagement. Artefacts around Wellington's waterfront and elsewhere speak of the impact of global events on New Zealand. Although isolated, we are strongly connected, be it receiving refugees or sending and receiving troops in times

don't torture me!" "For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. This spirit had often taken control of the man. Even when he was chained under guard and put in chains and shackles, he simply broke them and rushed out into the wilderness, completely under the demon's power.

"Jesus demanded, 'What is your name?'

"Lazarus," he replied, for he was filled with many demons. "The demons had begged Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit. "There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby, and the demons begged him to let them enter into the pigs. So Jesus gave them permission. "Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd plunged down the steep hillside into the sea and drowned.

"When the herdsmen saw it, they fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. "People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been freed from the demons. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. "Then those who had seen what happened told the others how the demon-possessed man had been freed. "And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them.

So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the sea. "The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him home, saying,

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Luke 8:25

**A PANEL
FROM
"RONGOPAI,"
TSCF'S
IMPRINT OF
THE GOSPEL
OF LUKE**

of war. TSCF has always sought to engage the university and grapple with big ideas. Charles Malik, the Lebanese diplomat and theologian who helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, said, "The university is a clear-cut fulcrum with which to move the world. More potently than by any other means, change the university and you change the world." We continue to help students relate Christian faith to what they are studying and to promote a joined-up, holistic discipleship. This includes promoting apologetics and the public engagement of conversation and dialogue that pursues truth.

It is a story of community. The waterfront is not a dead museum, it is full of joggers, cyclists, commuters and tourists. Most of TSCF's early student leaders are

in the twilight of their years or have gone on to glory. Many people, when they turn 80, are well aware of their declining physical prowess. As TSCF celebrates its 80th year, our student groups are not declining in influence or bound by tradition. Our student leaders are young, vibrant and energetic. We are excited by what God is doing and look forward to the next step with anticipation. We are deeply thankful for the wider TSCF community, for all who give, pray and volunteer, for staff and supporters.

OUR PARTNERS

We are conscious that as we face the future we look to the Lord to increase his provision and earnestly invite you to partner in this with us. We are launching funds to enable graduates to support the work in their old university, having an 80th Anniversary Leadership Appeal, and holding events around the country to express thanks and share the vision.

We are clay. But we have seen God make remarkable vessels and use them to advance his kingdom in Aotearoa New Zealand and to the ends of the earth. Whatever the future holds, we know it belongs to the Lord. We hope that many of today's students and graduates will share in what is and is to come.

AUCKLAND'S WORLD

Over the last 80 years, the work of TSCF in Auckland has changed significantly. From its roots in the Evangelical Union, it has spread to reach three universities and two polytechs, adapting to the student cultures on different campuses. One thing that hasn't changed is our dependence on strong student leaders. We are very thankful for the students God raised up to serve as leaders of the various Auckland groups, and pray he will continue to raise up more who lead with faithfulness to God and fellow students, while winning minds and hearts to the Kingdom and God's Word.

Luke is a student who started up a Christian Nursing Students (CNS) group in his first year, and continued to grow and support it through his

second year. As his final year approached, he asked if we could support the group. So in 2015 CNS at the University of Auckland joined TSCF, an ongoing partnership with the newly revived Nursing Christian Fellowship of New Zealand.

Another highlight from the Grafton campus is Glad You Asked, a forum where students could ask any question about faith, life and medicine to a panel of Christian health professionals. More than 60 medical, nursing and pharmacy students came, with many conversations continuing after the event.

In July, Tessa, Reuel and Ben had the privilege of representing TSCF at the IFES World Assembly in Mexico, a gathering of student movements from all around the world. It was great to see these students so inspired by who they met and what they heard that

they sought out opportunities to share what they learned to students in Auckland and across the country. It is leaders like these, who have a clear vision for their groups, who are able to bring others with them to be a witness for Jesus on their campuses.

Those in the Evangelical Union, in particular, have benefited from a clearer understanding of why they exist and what they're aiming for.



ROBYN DRAKE,
AUCKLAND TEAM LEADER



WE SEE THE POTENTIAL FOR INVESTING MORE TIME IN INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND BETTER SUPPORTING STUDENT LEADERS, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE EIGHT CAMPUSES THAT DON'T YET HAVE A GROUP.

In partnership with other campus ministries, TSCF groups at the University of Auckland organised a series of events for Jesus Week on the theme, "What would Jesus say about ...?" and 150 students heard the radical way Jesus' teaching applies to the housing crisis, naturalism and other topics.

Two students with a vision to be a witness for Jesus at the School of Music started a new group, Tune In, at the University of Auckland. Five or so students met regularly for Bible studies and to work through what it means to be both a Christian and a musician, while encouraging each other to share their faith.

Auckland OCF kicked their year off well with an Easter camp. TSCF Massey continues steadily on, with 10-15 students meeting weekly. Catalyst in the City, a group of graduates working in central Auckland, continues to meet weekly to study the Bible and work through how to live out the gospel in the workplace.

The international student work with Jeff and Jane Pelz, May Lee and Jeff Lane continues to flourish with a steady trickle of students coming to faith. The weekly lunch held at St Paul's on Symonds St grew from 60 to 100 over the year, with mostly postgraduate students coming keen for a meal, friendship, English practice and even

to study the Bible. About 90 students from the University of Auckland, AUT, Massey University and private tertiary institutes gathered weekly in small groups for Bible studies through Luke's gospel. Social and educational events are a significant feature, including cultural events like Nowruz (Iranian New Year). More than 200 attended this gathering.

There were areas where we continued to serve faithfully, but it's been harder to see how God is working. The Korean Young Adults Christian Fellowship and Veritas, Christians at law school, have both seen a decline in numbers. It remains hard maintain groups at AUT, MIT and Unitec. And a lack of new

leaders meant that Tune In drew to a close at the end of the year.

We were sad to farewell Andy Shudall who, after 10 years with TSCF, has moved on to pastor Titirangi Baptist Church. Staff continue to feel stretched in Auckland. We see the potential for investing more time in individual students and better supporting student leaders, and the opportunities presented by the eight campuses that don't yet have a group. Near the end of the year, the staff team went away

for a night to reflect and pray and plan. As we shared our hopes and dreams for the work in Auckland, we started praying for 10 more staff, realising how much more effectively we could reach Auckland's 120,000 tertiary students. Will you please join with me in praying for 10 staff to join the team?

In the midst of discouragements, we still get glimpses of how small things can bear fruit. Paul Seo recently saw that with a KYCF graduate, Dong Hyun, whom he met two years ago at a clubs day. Initially Dong Hyun was closed to the gospel but as they continued to meet up he became more curious. A year later, he moved back to Korea to complete his military service. Since his return to Korea he has become a Christian, and credits those conversations with Paul as a significant factor.

As we celebrate 80 years of TSCF at work in Auckland this year, we want to give thanks for what God has done and continues to do through us at Celebrate Auckland on 3 August. We'd love you to join us, and we are also

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keen to gather memories and photos, and reconnect with alumni we have lost touch with over the years. Please ring the Auckland office or email me at robynd@tscf.org.nz if you'd like more details.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We have many more stories of how God has been at work in 2015 and look forward to seeing him continue to work out his purposes in 2016.

If you'd like to come or have memories you can share, give us your details at <http://goo.gl/8GjsMO> and we'll be in touch for more details once they're confirmed. Please do also pass on that link to friends from your time as a student so they can reconnect with us.



WAIKATO DIGS INTO SCRIPTURE

In 2015, Charissa Tan, Samuel Tan and Queenie Tan organised our first film festival around the theme superheroes. We acted in, recorded and explored this theme in the talks that followed. We learnt to see Christ-figures in movies, explored teamwork through the Avengers and examined Spiderman in the light of Scripture. Even in the study of Hosea, movies brought some insight as we managed to find threads of “K-dramas” in the book. The movie theme ended with a Korean drama marathon.

As the old committee stepped down, they went on to help Tear Fund organise activities for Live Below the Line. The new leaders of 2016 gathered for leadership training. Cally’s committee



LI LIAN LIM,
WAIKATO TEAM CO-LEADER

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planned an orientation dartboard, T-shirts, a welcome picnic at Taitua Arboretum and the year’s events. It was great to chill, exchange ideas and get to know other student leaders from Wellington and Palmerston North. Thank God for student initiatives to pray for one another as friendships deepen across cities.

There is an exciting new beginning as a TSCF group is now taking off at Bay of Plenty Polytechnic. David Hodgkinson, ex-Victoria Christian Union, is resourcing the group. Praise God for the student leaders and for him.

We are thankful for the mutual support

of other Christians on campus, which has led to two firsts. International Connections allowed HCFers to host the Luke Project, where we taught students to read the biography of Jesus for themselves. And Thinking Matters initiated a debate between a Christian and an atheist about whether morality needs God, with Student Life and HCF as support. For HCF, this event was a fitting climax to the lunchtime Student Forums that explored difficult questions: If God is good, why is there suffering in the world? Is the Bible reliable? Is God egotistical for wanting us to worship him?

On Wintec, Melissa and a growing group of Christian students gathered to study different biblical characters. Mark Day, the chaplain, has been a much-needed blessing. It was also great to have Luke Stevenson from Nurses Christian Fellowship share his vision for building mutually supportive networks in the workplace, and helping with Bible studies.

Our main desire in all of these activities has been to grow closer



to God through His Word. Word Up examined 106 Psalms over 106 days, sharing insights and conversations over Facebook. Bible studies on Wednesday nights have explored themes in Ecclesiastes: seasons, wisdom, meaning, work, toil, money and aging. Bible studies at lunchtime have re-examined Bible stories from an adult perspective. We covered Daniel in the lion's den, Noah and the

ark and Jonah and the big fish. We are constantly delighted with the many layers of meaning and wisdom found in God's word.

At the end of July, I step down as Waikato Team Leader. I look forward to reading next year about the new and exciting work God will continue doing in the lives of students from Waikato and Bay of Plenty. Praise God

for his faithfulness, strengthening and guidance as we commit everything to God in prayer.

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."

— 1 Thessalonians 5:23-25

CAPITAL WORK

Wellington's mayor, Celia Wade-Brown loves to tell anyone who'll listen that the city is "the coolest little capital in the world." Who am I to disagree? Although I'm not quite sure what the competition is in this regard. Her sentiment is right – something doesn't have to be big to be worthwhile or cool.

I'm not sure if the work amongst students in Wellington is cool, but it's certainly been encouraging. For the past year a small but faithful group of students have gathered as one representing both the Victoria University Christian Union and International Christian Fellowship.



BEN CARSWELL,
WELLINGTON TEAM LEADER



Combined with an effective group of students who live in the TSCF-run Rongopai house on the edge of campus, the students have made an impact connecting with students studying at the university.

Each week, the students gather on a Thursday for Bible study, prayer and food. On Friday nights, the students have organised a weekly pot luck dinner accessible to a wider community, a place where friendships can deepen and lives be transformed by the gospel of Jesus.

While neither of these gatherings will

hit the headlines, it has been great to see the work of a faithful group of students committed to loving God, living for him, and telling other students about him. As a result of the faithful commitment of Lachlan, Cameille, Benjamin and Chris, the regular volunteer input of Rubee, the support of a postgrad, Kathryn, and the help of international guests DaHye and YoungJin, the work is bearing fruit. We look forward to new staff joining in the coming year, and we are thankful for a fruitful little student group in the coolest little capital.

PALMY FOCUSES OUTWARD

Another year has gone and again students are growing in knowing Jesus in Palmy. Some have come to know him for the first time and many others who do know him love him more now than a year ago. We have focused on studying Luke and all of us have been amazed, both at how detailed Luke is and also how determined Jesus is. Seeing Jesus willingly go to the cross for us and seeing the power of his resurrection has left us all wanting more of Jesus.

As always, our student leaders are doing an amazing job. Not only do they have to put up with me, they spend so much time making sure ministry happens on campus. I'm always amazed at their servant hearts and their willingness to learn. They have done a



IAN REID,
PALMERSTON NORTH
TEAM LEADER

great job of leading studies, organising events and making sure everyone feels welcomed. They have gone without sleep, food and often their dignity to make sure the campus hears about Jesus.

Lots has been happening on campus too. For the first time, we ran a combined welcome event for both MUCF and OCF at the beginning of the year. We called it Kick-Off and it was plenty of fun. We briefly looked at Jesus calming the storm in Luke 8 as I challenged students to think about the year ahead and the impact that Jesus might have on their lives.

We joined in with the Massey Chaplaincy Easter event where different students read John 19 to 21, sharing the Easter message on campus. We also enjoyed some yummy breakfast. We've started doing Milo Mondays again to bless the campus, tell people



about us, and most importantly tell people about Jesus. These are always fun. Seeing students' shocked faces as they warily take a cup of Milo is always amusing.

Jesus continues to be faithful in raising up young men and women to serve his church. It is sad that we don't see many of them stay here in Palmy, but always a privilege to serve his church by influencing those he calls to us.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY BUILDS FOR THE FUTURE

Lincoln University is NZ's third oldest university, celebrating 138 years since it was founded. There have been many changes over that time, with many of them happening incrementally. That is true with the TSCF student mission groups at Lincoln University too, stretching back 80 years to when TSCF was founded in 1936. The last 12 months have seen changes and growth. There are many reasons to thank the Lord.

Ani Kartikasari does a great job working part-time alongside her part-time work as a Lincoln University lecture. She is uniquely placed to welcome



TIM HODGE,
LINCOLN TEAM LEADER

postgraduate students and explore the person and work of Jesus with them. Due to the individual nature of postgrad work, there are many one-to-one times of Bible study and prayer. There is also a United Nations of postgrads meeting together, students drawn from six continents who eat together, laugh together, study the Bible together and encourage one another. Many in this group are Christians, many are not. Together they meet to discover Jesus.

The undergraduate group, Lincoln University Christian Fellowship, continues to grow. Chris Hay and Kate Street are two Lincoln-based TSCF staff workers who are also former Lincoln students. They have been hugely encouraged by the ways God is growing the group, both numerically



CF CAMP





POSTGRADUATES MEET FOR BIBLE STUDY



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and spiritually. Numerically, the CF is considering using a different venue on campus for its largest meeting.

Spiritually, there is a growing desire to pray for the campus and the need to hear about Jesus, coupled with a desire to live that out by speaking clearly and winsomely about Jesus. This happens through various Bible studies, serving food, sobering up drunks, prayer meetings and anything else to highlight and point their peers to Jesus. Some students are becoming Christians and others are deepening their faith in Jesus. What Kate and Chris will be

reticent to say however, is how well they are doing as TSCF staff workers; I can report that they're both doing an excellent job.

CF camp was a highlight, looking through Luke's Gospel. (Luke has been in use so much at Lincoln and in many other TSCF groups around the nation). Former TSCF staff worker Simon Rabbidge was the guest speaker. He invested into many students, including Chris and Kate, during his time with TSCF. The effectiveness of Kate and Chris is in large part thanks to Simon's diligent input while they were students. Those relationships are now bearing gospel fruit in abundance.

Our mission is to reach students for Christ and change students for life. Our method is life-on-life, investing into students with the life-giving Word of God. Progress is often slow, but the growth is lasting. We praise God for all that he has done in the last 138 years in Lincoln University, and we rejoice in what he is currently doing in this current generation of Lincoln University students.

CU LOOKS INTO THE WORD

We continue to thank God for his work in bringing people to himself through the work of Christian Union at the University of Canterbury. We had a fantastic event towards the end of last year that involved three lecturers speaking on “Science and God” and answering questions from the floor. Around 150 students listened to why they believed in the God of the Bible whilst remaining a scientist, mathematician and engineer. One student brought four friends and they had discussions for days afterwards. The lecturers were greatly encouraged to be able to talk about their faith in the university, and students valued hearing lecturers address issues of life and faith. Pray for CU as we plan similar



MARK SANTICH,
CANTERBURY TEAM LEADER

events in the future and as people continue engaging their friends with the amazing news of Jesus.

Praise God, we continue to see students becoming Christians through CU. It is a great joy and it shouldn't surprise us, since God promises to work through his word and by his Spirit calling people to himself through the gospel. Yet, at the same time, so many people continue to be hardened towards Christ. Praise God that students and staff are regularly reading the Bible with non-Christians from many cultural backgrounds – Malaysia, Iran, India, Singapore and NZ. We are promoting the reading Luke's gospel with friends and continue to use the *Towards Belief* series in small discussion groups on campus to reveal “belief blockers” that keep people from investigating Jesus. Pray that God would continue to call people into his



kingdom through his word.

Our Wednesday night groups continue to meet in the Robson and Santich houses. We have a communal meal and small-group Bible study with seven life groups, involving 60 to 80 students each week. We generally work through a book of the Bible each term, helping



students grow in confidence in reading, understanding and applying the Bible for themselves. We finished the year looking at Luke's gospel, training ourselves how to read the Bible with another person so we can invite friends to read Luke with us.

CU has continued having a lunchtime

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meeting on campus with talks that engage the outsider. The number of people at these has been relatively small, around 15-20 each week. But it is encouraging that each week there are one or two non-Christians present. Recently, one became a Christian – praise God.

One of the great encouragements of the last two years has been to have had Matthias Loong working with CU. He has a real heart for

the lost and kept evangelism at the forefront of everything we did. We had mixed feelings when he finished with CU; Matthias has great energy and enthusiasm and it was sad to say goodbye. But we have encouraged Matthias and his wife, Pauline, to do some theological study, and they will be at Sydney Missionary and Bible College for three years. They plan to return to NZ and serve with TSCF in Matthias' hometown of Wellington. Please pray for them as they study.

DUNEDIN FINDS FRESH AVENUES

Three of the stories that Nigel shared represent key features of 2015 in Dunedin: community, engagement, and the cross.

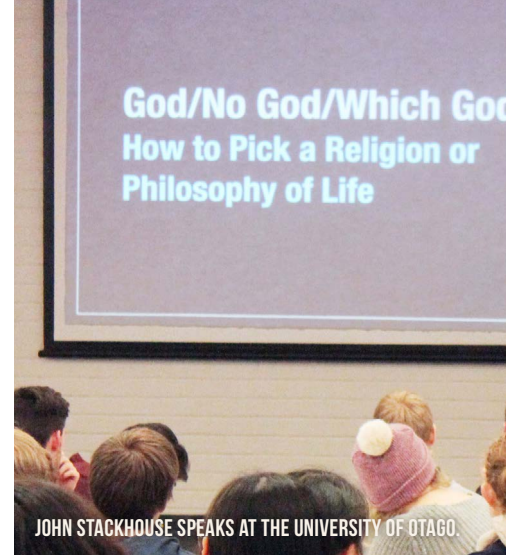
The TSCF community in Dunedin changed shape again in 2015 with the seven groups - Varsity Christian Fellowship, Overseas Christian Fellowship, Christian Medical Fellowship, Called to Care (nursing and occupational therapy), Dentistry Christian Fellowship, Physiotherapy Christian Fellowship, and Lawyers Christian Fellowship – joined by the



JAMES ALLAWAY,
DUNEDIN TEAM LEADER

restart of the Pharmacy Christian Fellowship. The staff community increased. Dave Baab, Mike Summerfield, Simon Sim, Jen Allaway and James Allaway were joined by Hamish Cartwright and Rowena Woodhams as Ministry Interns.

Early on in the year we floated the idea of setting up an intentional-community house. We located a property with eight bedrooms and a sleep-out that could be used as a local staff office. The flat (which started in January 2016) was to be much like the average student flat but with some significant additional commitments. The residents would commit to sharing at least three meals a week together; hosting others for meals; meeting three times a week for a time of prayer; meeting for a weekly adult Sunday school; to exploring what taking a Sabbath could look like; and to find ways to reach out to the community around us. This area includes a number of student flats and a large retirement home. Jen and I committed to being part of the community and one or both of us joining the students in all of the above



commitments. By August, all the rooms were filled and it was all set to go.

Towards the end of 2014, students from across the Dunedin TSCF community had identified a desire to do more together, but I don't think any of us anticipated quite how much of a feature that Dunedin-wide events would be in 2015.

It started off in a low-key way with a joint BBQ for all the groups at the end of O-week. A few weeks later some student leaders approached me with



plans for a barn dance as a community event. Given TSCF's wider plans around the gospel of Luke, we decided to ask Nigel Pollock to speak and to invite people to meet Jesus by reading through the gospel of Luke. We had never taken on an event like this before so we had no idea what to expect. The leaders did an amazing job selling tickets and decorating the venue, and so many people came that we almost had to turn people away. The event provided a opportunity for students from across groups to work together. It

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also demonstrated that students don't need alcohol to have a good time. I chatted with a second year student who told me the evening was the most fun he'd had at university without getting drunk. And it provided a clear invitation to meet Jesus.

Writer and speaker Prof. John Stackhouse from Canada was the speaker at TSCF's Summit conference, so we invited him to Dunedin for a series of talks. They modelled engaging with the questions that students and their non-Christian friends have. We booked the Union Common Room in the centre of the University of Otago campus. John spoke about the

possibility of truth on the first night, Christianity and other religions on the second night, and suffering on the third night. Other campus ministries cancelled their weekly meetings to join us, and we comfortably filled the common room.

On John's final night, several students asked what our next event would be. So in September we ran another event, asking "Has Christianity done more harm than good?" Students engaged equally well with that. Many people had good conversations at the events and several evangelistic Bible studies began in following weeks. The response to the series showed that Christian students desire thoughtful answers to their questions, and are willing to bring their non-Christian friends along when they are confident they can trust the speaker. So we planned further events in 2016.

These campus-wide events all stand on the back of the wider work of TSCF – an expanding staff team enabling us to support more groups, and students growing through regular Bible studies

in the groups, being challenged and inspired at national conferences, and discovering leadership gifts in small groups that enable them to take on bigger projects together.

“Sometimes fruit from our efforts to work with God are not obvious to us at the time. Perhaps the opportunities we are given to participate in God’s work on campus are used to grow us too. The Wonder Why public talks addressed very helpful topics, and were a witness to God’s faithfulness. God is also patient. Through these events facilitated by people of prayer, God has given us opportunities yet again to welcome friends, to explore ideas individually and corporately, and to be challenged. He has shaped us all.”

– *Timothy Marshall, Dunedin OCF Graduate*

“The Wonder Why talks provided a safe and natural place to bring a non-Christian friend who had a lot of questions. It was helpful for my friend to see how Christians can address



issues of faith in an academic way.”

– *Harry Ford, Otago Student*

“The Wonder Why talks and TSCF Barn Dance were great platforms for us to invite our non-Christian friends. The Barn Dance allowed us to bring friends to enjoy a night of fun, while also hearing the good news. It is quite a unique event in Dunedin, and those who came really appreciated the atmosphere. For those who have already been exploring Christianity and had questions, the talks were a good opportunity for them to find out more from an academic point of view, and I think that’s what drew students to the

events. The topics were very relevant. Even as a Christian, I learnt something new at each talk.”

– *Abigail Paul, leader in OCF and the Pharmacy CF*

“Organizing events like the barn dance and Wonder Why talks was a great faith-building experience as we learned to trust God to overcome obstacles and to create a comfortable environment for Christians and non-Christians alike. It was amazing to see the ways in which God provided for us and these events would not have been so successful without His constant help.”

– *Wei-yan Fan, VCF Exec*

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2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

Some time ago, a church down south had the financial prophesy that they would be neither fat nor lean. It came at a challenging time in the church's life, a period of change, and it was an encouragement to that congregation that the church was in God's care. That church continues to operate faithfully within its community. And this also describes TSCF's 2015 financial year.

TSCF has continued to deliver on its mission with zing – there is a large and effective network of staff working with students in developing their response to God's grace and in reaching to others. This was taken to the international level with the IFES World Congress, where New Zealand's student-led approach was

recognised and applauded.

The full reach of TSCF has been achieved with a close attention to the cost of doing so. However the final deficit reflected the trend of recent years in which we have swung between modest surpluses and deficits. TSCF's financial position remains largely the same.

The Finance Committee have met regularly, monitored our financial progress and kept the national Board informed.

Our focus has been particularly on general donations and the work they enable. General donations have gone down by \$25,000. These funds specifically help fund the administrative work and needs of the organisation. We have done much to strengthen our back office functions but this level of funding does hamper keeping our systems going. We are very grateful to a dedicated and professional team in our office. The resources available to them continues to be a concern.

Being "neither fat nor lean" can, however, be an excuse to not have

vision, to remain in a state of just getting through.

The Committee has been discussing what our financial vision should be. To serve the growing student community, build on the effectiveness of God's work and have adequate support for our dedicated Wellington team requires vision. While we proceed with real evidence of God's provision, we need to have an enlarged vision of what can be achieved and for our funding to follow.

We have been generously provided for through 2015, especially by many faithful supporters. Here at our 80th anniversary we are seeking to reconnect with people who were touched by TSCF (or, further back, InterVarsity Fellowship) when they were part of an affiliate group on campus. If you know others who were, please encourage them to make contact, or let us know and we will be happy to follow up.

Finance Committee

You can request a copy of our full accounts from John Riley at johnr@tscf.org.nz.

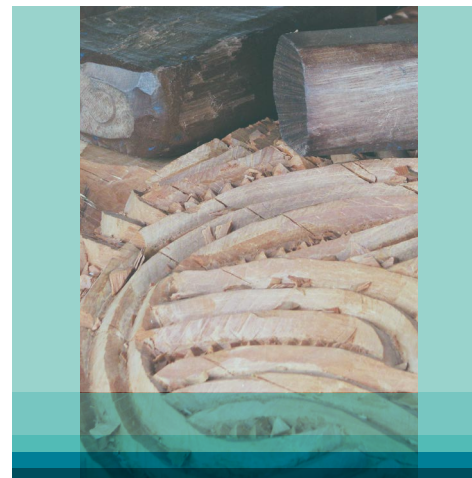
INCOME

Donated income	2015	2014
General Fund Donations	\$ 207,256	\$ 232,389
Staff Support Donations	\$ 1,216,542	\$ 1,216,365
Legacies Donations	\$ 3,646	\$ 75,000
Other Donations	\$ 10,267	\$ 12,492
Total Donations	\$ 1,437,711	\$ 1,536,246

EXPENDITURE

For each \$10 given, we use:

Field staff & ministry costs	\$ 8.13
Administration	\$ 0.91
Communications	\$ 0.37
IFES	\$ 0.32
Utilities	\$ 0.27





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