



ANNUAL REVIEW

2018

Courage in changing times

On January 7 we sat in our home church in Edinburgh. It was the first sermon we listened to this year and the word that stood out for us was "courage." As we listened to the Bible reading from Joshua 1, we had no idea that within a few months God would call us to a new challenge in student ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Canada, or that we would be leaving our adopted homeland of Aotearoa.

We are so thankful for our time here. I write this in the context of personal and organisational change, confident that God has been at work in and through



Nigel Pollock,
National Director

TSCF in this past year and will continue to be in the future.

Joshua 1 takes place during a time of transition for the people of Israel. Moses has died just as the people are ready to enter the Promised Land. The people have learned from their failure of faith when they were last at the point of entering the land. Neither God's promise nor his word have changed, but there is a change of leadership and a change of heart.

In context, it is fair enough that the new leader and the people as a whole would feel weak and afraid. It is natural when challenges are greater than our abilities. But God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous three times. The key to this courage is the encouragement that God will be with them (Joshua 1:9). Just as God has been with

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them in the past and is in the present, so he will be with them in the future. The inner strength to face adversity comes through the presence of God. The power to overcome obstacles comes from the power of God. Courage is a response to grace and an expression of faith.

Joshua is entrusted with the next



step of God's plan for his people. God's strength and courage will enable him to encourage the people to press on together.

David strikes a similar note when speaking with Solomon about the future: "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not

fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished," 1 Chronicles 28:20.

At times of change and transition, our default position may be fear and discouragement, especially when we are not certain of what is next or if we can cope.

There is a realism in these interactions that is at odds with the triumphalism that too easily infects our faith communities. When we face illness or even death, new challenges in studies or work, leadership changes at church or transitions in our family, it is natural to feel fearful and weak. But God draws close to us at these times. He gives us strength when we are weak, courage when we are fearful and encouragement when we are down.

He promises to be with us and not to fail us. This is the confidence of the Psalmist—"even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with

me." It is at the heart of the Great Commission, where Jesus sends out the apostles and promises to be with them always to the very end of the age. We are promised God's presence and his power is greater than any circumstance we face.

"Bon courage" is a French expression that offers support to someone facing an ordeal. There is no exact English equivalent but it is a little like saying "hang in there," or "good luck." I once asked an Iranian student who spoke better French than English how they would say "bon courage." He said that in French the idea of bon courage looks to your own effort but the Persian equivalent means "God's strength." God's strength is the key to courage and to keeping moving forward in faith.

Half way through 2017 we were forecasting a deficit of at least \$150,000. It took courage for the Board to press on believing that God would provide. To finish the

year with a small surplus was very pleasing.

Students showed courage in putting on the Mark Drama in Wellington and Palmerston North when they had not seen it done before. Thanks to the generosity of Stewart and Honor Henderson and the expert input of Claire and Jeremy Haworth from IFES Ireland, the performances were awesome. Many students were exposed to Mark's Gospel for the first time.

It takes courage to pioneer. We have been delighted to see new groups starting at Toi Ohomai in Tauranga, the South Auckland Campus of AUT and Massey University Wellington. Particularly encouraging has been seeing some great young Maori leaders taking initiative and providing leadership in these places.

This year we started The Quarters, a larger student community of four linked houses in Dunedin. Just weeks before it began, the project didn't have enough residents to be

financially viable. It took strength and courage for James and the Otago team to keep going. In the end, every room was taken.

It took courage for a new team to develop Festival One after the Parachute Music Festival finished. It has been a delight and an encouragement for TSCF to partner in this, and through The Sanctuary and the Student Lounge to provide venues for conversation, care, reflection and prayer.

This courage is part of our DNA as a movement. From the early days standing against the tide of liberal theology to an enduring commitment to cross-centred evangelism and biblical discipleship, we have trusted in the faithfulness of God and depended on courageous students who have had the courage to stand for truth and reach out in love.

I have long been moved by the example of Howard Guinness, who helped found what became TSCF during the 1930s. He wrote

a booklet called *Sacrifice* that inspired a generation. It ends with:

Where are the young men and women of this generation who will hold their lives cheap and be faithful even unto death?


Where are those who will lose their lives for Christ's sake—flinging them away for love of Him?

Where are those who will live dangerously, and be reckless in His service? Where are his lovers—those who love Him and the souls of people more than their own reputations or comfort, or very life?

Where are those who say "no" to self, who take up Christ's cross to bear it after Him, who are willing to be nailed to it in college or office, home or mission field; who are willing, if need be, to bleed, to suffer, and to die on it?

Where are the men and women of vision today?

Where are the adventurers, the explorers, the buccaneers for God



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who count one human soul of far greater value than the rise or fall of an empire?

Where are those who glory in God—sent loneliness, difficulties, persecutions, misunderstandings, discipline, sacrifice, death?

Where are the men and women of prayer?

Where are the men and women who, like the Psalmist of old, count God's word of more importance to them than their daily food?

Where are God's men and women in this day of God's power?

As I come to the end of my time

as TSCF National Director, this question is as real and relevant as it was when I started in 2006. What encourages me most is that I know that some of these men and women are current students, recent and older graduates of TSCF. We continue to witness a quiet resurgence in biblical discipleship that is seeing a new generation of leaders contending for the gospel on campus, in the workplace and in the world.

The mission field has not got any easier. The deconstruction of a Judeo-Christian ethical framework in Western societies creates huge issues such as sexual

morality, physician assisted death, inequality and injustice. We face not just challenging issues but a hostile culture where living out Christian faith makes you part of a misunderstood minority.

My prayer is that TSCF will continue to invest in student leaders and support Christian graduates so that in their sport, studies, art and music, professional life, relationships, churches and communities they can encourage each other to embrace the new challenge with courage, imagination and strength. We are grateful for all who partner with us and support us in finance and prayer in this great endeavour.

So as they say in France, "bon courage." Or as they say in Persia, "خدا قوت". Or, as God said to Joshua all those years ago, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Stretching Auckland

Nearly one in three New Zealanders live in Auckland. Around 120,000 of these are students. The task of reaching them for Christ is daunting; there are more than 200 private training establishments in the city and 6 publicly funded tertiary institutes on 16 campuses.

We have 11 TSCF groups and 2 international student ministries on 6 campuses. Our TSCF staff team is made up of 3 full time and 5 associate staff. It takes courage to face a task this large with such a relatively small team.

Looking back, the Christian Medical Fellowship had a great year. Leaders Callum and



Robyn Drake
Auckland Team Leader

Thealyssa provided energy organising weekly meetings and prayer meetings. They also held a range of evangelistic events, after which they made a big effort to follow up with those who came.

At Massey University in Albany and several groups in the city, there is a continued desire to reach out to international students.

Some groups had fewer students join at the start of the year, however AUTCF had a good group of committed students at the North Shore campus.

The challenge of reaching a wide range of students is illustrated by the spectrum of groups—from the Christian Nursing Students to Veritas for law students, Engineers Seeking Truth on Campus to the University of Auckland Overseas Christian Fellowship. We remain



committed to exploring the best ways of creatively engaging students on campus with the gospel of Jesus.

At Unitec, Hanli Liu has worked hard to develop a small group. He also organised an evangelistic event with Zachary Ardern, a former EU leader who is conducting postdoctoral research in microbial genetics, addressing science and God.

Our continued work with the Korean Young Adult Christian Fellowship is part of our desire to



From left: the student panel at Launch 2018; former EU members Bruce Nicholls and Laurie Becroft cut the 90th anniversary cake at Celebrate Auckland; Hanli Liu speaks on evangelism; students participate in a Launch team event.

reach those from all corners of the world who call NZ home.

This year started with an encouraging Launch event, where we connected with more students from around the region than in previous years, including many who weren't already part of a TSCF group. It was great to have Hanli Liu, associate staff, encourage students to talk with their friends about Jesus.

Looking forward, it is not hard to see the opportunities that abound. We see the need all around us—students from all over NZ and the world who have not heard of Jesus and have never heard the good news of him explained. How will those in Auckland “believe in one of whom they have not heard? How can they hear without someone preaching to them?” (Romans 10:14).

Would you join us in praying for workers to join us in sharing this good news with the 120,000 students in Auckland? The staff team is the smallest it has been in a few years. This city needs full-time staff, volunteers, and churches who are willing to partner with TSCF in this place that is both an international mission field and a training ground for New Zealand's future leaders.

Palmy students step out in faith

This has been a year for students to try new things. Many have had to step out of their comfort zone and show courage in standing up for Jesus. For some, this has been the first time that they have lead a Bible study, prepared a talk, spoken to a friend about Jesus, invited a friend to read the Bible with them, organised a camp or handed out a hot chocolate.

One of the biggest highlights for MUCF has been seeing students prepared to get up early during the week to hand out hot chocolates to other students as they got off the bus. While most students are in a rush to get to class, it was a great

opportunity to bless the campus. It lead to some good conversations as many people ask, "Why are you doing this?"

In our Thursday night discussions we looked at significant Christians from the past. Some of the students lead discussions on people from history who saw how the gospel impacted them and the society they lived in. We also had a great time at our annual camp in South Taranaki. This is always a significant time. We opened God's word together, went for a few walks on the beach (including at night in the rain), played some games and of course ate some good food.

Massey in Palmerston North is seeing changes in the students that it is attracting. In particular, there have been significant

changes in the overseas students who are coming. We are seeing fewer students from Singapore and Malaysia and more students from China coming to do postgraduate study. While this means a change in the culture of OCF, it has lead to many good opportunities to continue the mission on campus.

Many Chinese students come wanting to know more about Jesus and wanting to read the Bible. They are keen to find about this Jesus person, often having been warned not to.

We have a steady stream of non-Christian students coming for dinner and Bible study on a Friday night. They are surprised by the welcoming nature of OCF and make what could be lifelong friends. In the past year, as in previous years, we have seen a



Ian Reid
Palmerston North
Team Leader



Palmerston North OCF and Wellington CF students at Easter camp.

few of these students become Christians. By God's grace, he continues to use the students of OCF to lovingly share the good news of Jesus to those who come into their community.

OCF also enjoyed their annual Easter camp with the Wellington CF in the beautiful Pohangina Valley. It is always a fun weekend and we were reminded of Jesus'

victory over all things through his death and resurrection.

One of my highlights of the year was seeing the Mark Drama performed on campus. The chaplaincy was packed and we had one student in the performance. It was very powerful to see a whole book of the Bible performed all at once. People were still talking to me about it weeks

after the performance. It provoked some good questions amongst students, especially from the non-Christians who came.

I am very thankful for the faithfulness of the students leaders. They do a great job of putting up with me, and they want to see the Gospel spread amongst their friends and the mission of TSCF continue for another generation.

Courageous, strong and loving in Lincoln

My primary school-aged children love playing an excellent album called *Seeds of Courage*, which is a collection of songs set to various Bible verses. One track is from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14—"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

It's been an excellent way for the whole family to memorise God's word and, in this case, remind ourselves that standing for truth is courageous and we need to be loving in our courage.

I've been encouraged with what God is doing in and through the TSCF groups at Lincoln University in the last year. Both the Christian

Fellowship and the Postgraduate Christian Fellowship are being courageous, strong and loving as they speak and live the gospel. Here are some examples of that:

LUSA (Lincoln University Students Association) has two TSCFers serving on the executive team, bringing Christian influence to the whole student body. And the LUSA president flats with several Christian students, engaging with various Bible studies and events.

Residential Assistants are students in the halls of residence who have a pastoral role. Two of the 13 RAs are part of the Lincoln Christian Fellowship, with a large influence in the student experience for



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hundreds of students.

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A third example of courage in the gospel at Lincoln University is the Springs Road project. Right opposite Lincoln University, residential sections are for sale on former university land. There is an opportunity for TSCF to purchase a section and erect a dwelling, opening an opportunity

for missional use over the next 50-100 years. Much like TSCF projects in Dunedin (The Quarters) and Wellington (Rongopai), the vision is to have students living together in intentional community and discipleship, and inviting others into that. The space can also host Bible studies and functions that serve the gospel at Lincoln University.

Under God's good hand, several thousand dollars have been donated to enable the purchase of the section. That leaves the hard work and cost of erecting a

building; the opportunity is huge. I personally am both excited and intimidated by the scale of the project.

Yet my children often with a greater faith than I, highlight through their enthusiastic singing of 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 that God is calling us to be courageous, strong and loving. That's a lesson not only taught by my children, but also those who are part of TSCF groups in Lincoln and around the country. I am inspired by the courage of these students, who understand and live their missionary mandate on campus.

Thank you to all who encourage and stand firm with TSCF throughout New Zealand. We praise God that we're in this together.



Tim Hodge
Lincoln Team Leader

Otago finds partners for outreach

In 2016, we heard that a team from Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) would come to Dunedin in 2017, and their plan was to spend a significant amount of the time on campus. The visit was organised by the Combined Dunedin Churches network. We had hosted similar events with Dr John Stackhouse in 2015, so we were asked to help with this and Mike Summerfield joined the organising committee.

Over that week, the RZIM team members spoke on truth, religious violence, suffering, and human sexuality. TSCF staff and students joined churches and Christian ministries across Dunedin to form



James Allaway
Dunedin Team Leader

host teams for lunchtime talks and, in the weeks that followed, to meet with students who filled in contact forms at the events. They gave space for students to take some courageous steps around seeking help with their own struggles and an opportunity to engage with some deep questions that had caused some students to consider abandoning their faith.

This gave students confidence to try some new evangelistic approaches in semester 2. We were delighted to host a short-term mission team from our sister movement in the USA, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF).

They showed us how to use an evangelistic tool IVCF developed called the Story Project. It is based around a 2.4 metre-wide mural with sketches of various gospel narratives.

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Over three days, we invited hundreds of students to respond to the mural and share the stories that the mural depicts with them. Talking with a Dunedin student during one of the days, she shared how she'd been struck by an encouragement from one of the IVCF team that “every person is worthy of an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.” This one line had encouraged her to overcome her fear of talking to



Otago and InterVarsity team members introduce the gospel to students through conversations about the mural used in the Story Project.

strangers. She invited them to engage with the mural in hope that it might lead to them meeting Jesus.

Nigel mentioned a story regarding the Quarters in his report. For the past two years, TSCF has hosted an intentional student community in Dunedin called the Tree House. It became clear that the property

was unsustainable and that some aspects of it hindered some of its mission aims.

In May, we were introduced to a Christian trust that owned property in Dunedin and were interested in what we'd been doing with the Tree House. The trust offered us a generous lease on four of their properties, and pledged to make

some renovations that would connect the properties and provide space for some of the wider aims we had to teach residents about creation care.

With the move, our capacity grew from 9 residents to 25. This has enabled us to have TSCF staff live on site in a support and mentoring role.

We were confident that a larger intentional student community would be an appealing prospect to new and existing students, but we got to November and still had six vacancies. We faced the difficult decision to release one house, but after much prayer and discussion we stayed with the original plan. By the end of December, we had just one vacancy remaining and three applicants.

The Quarters is now a vibrant international community and we've hosted a few events that have brought in Christian and non-Christian students. But more on that next year.

Leading disciples in Wellington

When the disciples saw [Jesus] walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

"Yes, come," Jesus said.

— Matthew 14:26-29

When Jesus made himself known to the disciples in their moment of fear, he spoke courage into their hearts—so much so that Peter made a literal leap of faith.



Kim Shaw
Wellington Team Leader

We read this passage recently with a group of students who had gathered for kai and a Bible study. After much discussion, we asked how we could pray for each other in light of this passage. One young man, new to the group, said he wasn't a Christian and he'd like prayer to find Jesus for himself. Now that's courage! He was saying, like Peter, "Make yourself known to me and I will follow you."

It has been encouraging to have a regular flow of people coming to Victoria Christian Fellowship for Bible studies who don't yet have a relationship with Jesus. We have been exploring the stories of the gospel, encountering Jesus, getting to know him more deeply and seeing his heart for this world. Some have chosen to follow him and are beginning the courageous journey of discipleship.

Guys in a discipleship group have made themselves accountable to each other. They have begun praying for more intentional conversations with friends about Jesus and meet weekly, sharing their experiences.

We are encouraged by a group of students at the Massey Wellington campus who have pioneered a Christian Union there with a heartbeat of "love God, love others." They trust God to bring his love to their campus as they commit to regular prayer and meeting weekly to study the Bible, share testimonies in a public space and seek to love those who wouldn't expect it from them.

The results are tangible, despite not always being received with praise for their public faith. The chaplain wrote to our student

leader, Hine, to encourage her with a list of things happening on campus that the chaplaincy think are related to their prayers:

- A number of Christ-centred conversations at Koha, and people from other religions asking questions.
- Contact with an ex-churchgoer who is considering coming back.
- The Learning Centre is interested in partnering with chaplaincy on international student language learning.

At Te Aro School of Architecture and Design there are prayer and Bible study groups in the foyer, where anyone can see and hear the discussion. Among this group are a young Muslim man who is exploring differences and similarities between the Koran and the Bible, and a woman who has suffered persecution in her home country for her faith.

At Pipitea campus, a small

group of Mandarin speakers have begun to study the Bible in their own language, providing the opportunity to reach out to a number of Chinese students there.

Newswatch, an English conversational language group, has welcomed three new Chinese students who are keen to study the Bible. One of them heard about Newswatch from her classmate in Beijing, a previous exchange student here. Via the new student she sent a message: "Tell Max, I'm still reading the Bible he gave me!"

Stories of students making these courageous leaps of faith are everywhere. It is our prayer that, as they recognise Jesus, they will respond like the disciples on that stormy night on the Sea of Galilee—"the disciples worshipped him. 'You really are the Son of God!' they exclaimed."



True witness in Canterbury

One of TSCF's four aims, and no doubt our key aim, is "true witness." We want every student on every tertiary campus in New Zealand to have the opportunity to hear the amazing news of Jesus and to put their trust in him. This is not a new aim, but one we need to keep at the forefront of what we do on campus. Every year students graduate and new students join us, so we need to keep reminding ourselves of why Christian Union exists at the University of Canterbury.

This year CU's Life Groups have been working through Mark's gospel. It is amazing and refreshing to see how Jesus engages and

challenges the people he meets. Jesus was gentle and caring with those in need and yet still challenges them to not sin and to follow him. Jesus is loving and compassionate and still spoke the truth plainly.

The question we grapple with each year is how to help more students at Canterbury hear about Jesus so they have a chance to respond to him. There is no simple answer to this question, but we find that a multi-faceted approach works best.

So firstly, our Life Groups are looking at this gospel. We meet on Wednesday nights, share dinner together and chat, then look at the Bible in small groups. It is a friendly and welcoming place where we encourage students to invite friends who are not Christians. Currently we have 3 or

4 people a week coming along to find out about Jesus. We also invite friends to a Christianity Explored course that runs during the day on campus for 6 or 7 weeks. These groups help Christian students understand the gospel and create a place to invite friends along.

Secondly, we help friends meet Jesus by inviting them to read a gospel one-to-one. We used Luke's gospel over the last few years but have started using Mark's gospel to link in with performances of the Mark Drama on campus later in the year. Students grow in confidence in their reading of it in Life Groups, so we are praying for more students to read it with friends as the year progresses. Currently a couple of people are reading the Bible with a non-Christian friend.

Thirdly, we are networking people



Mark Santich
Canterbury Team Leader



Some CU students share news about the work in Canterbury at Summit 2017.

who study similar courses so they can think further about how faith relates to their study, and organising evangelistic events within these subject areas. Networks of friends in courses can pray for each other and their friends and plan events where their friends may be interested in hearing more about Jesus. We started with an event for around 30 law students, with

upcoming events in education and engineering. Please pray these would grow and have an ongoing impact.

Finally, on a larger scale we are trying to engage our campus. Universities have moved beyond being a place for the open discussion of ideas to simply preparing us for our careers. Christian Union has worked hard

over the years to encourage public engagement in ideas through open events. We had a public Q&A titled "Science and God," and recently held a discussion "Engaging with Richard Dawkins." These have involved lecturers and other Christian groups on campus. The Dawkins event was hosted in collaboration with the Philosophy Society with a panel of Christians, a philosophy lecturer and students. Events such as these have attracted 150-plus attendees, and aim to encourage positive discussion. Christian students invite their friends and continue to engage with them on issues around the gospel with the aim of leading to them investigate Jesus for themselves.

Many students are already investigating Jesus, and we pray that God would continue to be at work on campus calling people from darkness into his wonderful light. Please keep praying with us to this end.

Students growing together in the Bay of Plenty and Waikato

The last year saw continued development of TSCF's ministry across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty. It has been encouraging to see students stepping out to witness, growing in their confidence in the gospel and their desire to share it. These efforts have taken a variety of forms, majoring on friendship and dialogue. All have required courage.

In Hamilton, Nick Goodwin has settled well into his role as Associate Staff Worker. In a humble

and effective manner, Nick has focused on getting to know students, encouraging student leaders to put Jesus first in the midst of their studies.

At the University of Waikato, student leader David Billing got to know a non-Christian Kiwi student who has deep questions regarding ethics, morality and religion. David met regularly with this student on campus to talk about some of life's big questions. Through David's desire to listen and dialogue, the student's preconceptions have been challenged. He told David, "I don't ever think I've met a thinking Christian." Join with us in praying that he comes to faith in Jesus Christ.

Grace-Lynn Chong is a postgraduate student from Malaysia, also studying at Waikato University. She met an American student on a six-month exchange at the TSCF stall during orientation week. Grace-Lynn invited her to an Alpha course at the campus chapel, and then to read and discuss the Bible. Together they worked through the first 10 chapters of Genesis.

The student subsequently joined TSCF Hamilton's Wednesday night Bible study and met more Christian students at the discussion-based meetings. After returning to the States, she found a "Why Jesus?" Alpha course booklet and told Grace-Lynn that it reminded her



Dave Hodgkinson
Waikato & Bay of Plenty
Team Leader



Waikato and Bay of Plenty students join Dave Hodgkinson for a presentation at Summit 2017.

of the friendliness of the TSCF students she met. She also asked Grace-Lynn how she can listen to God better. We continue to pray that she will encounter Jesus

Christ as she seeks to listen to God, and commit her life to serving him.

Study costs, living expenses and debt weigh heavily on the minds of today's students. So it was

encouraging to have 10 students from our region invest in their faith journey by attending TSCF's annual Summit conference. Stepping out in faith takes courage,

especially when finances are tight.

They joined about 70 other students who were challenged by lessons from the life of Joseph in Genesis—especially to trust in God’s sovereign power to bring good out of bad situations. They made many new friends, shared ideas about campus mission with students across New Zealand and attended workshops to develop their discipleship, evangelism and Bible study skills.

It takes courage to believe things can grow again after a period of decline. Please pray for the TSCF group at Waikato Institute of Technology to attract more students. For a variety of reasons, participation has fallen. This campus is in the heart of Hamilton and provides students with a variety of vocational qualifications. A vibrant student group is needed on this campus to witness to students.

In the Bay of Plenty, pioneering work is gaining momentum. In

October we held the first Celebrate Bay of Plenty evening for current and past TSCF students, supporters and church leaders. This helps develop ministry relationships and networks.

In mid 2019, the University of Waikato’s Tauranga CBD campus will open. TSCF wants to be there.

TSCF also had a presence at Toi Ohomai’s Rotorua campus during orientation, and a few students met over the rest of the year to study scripture and pray for others to join them.

Tauranga is growing rapidly and has had a TSCF group, Toi Ohomai Christian Fellowship, for two years. Member Kaleb Armstrong attended Summit and enjoyed mixing with students from a variety of Christian backgrounds. He was inspired to develop campus mission, keen to embody it in his own life and draw others into it. He has an evangelistic streak and is able to engage people in conversation with warmth, love and sincerity.

Pray for Kaleb and other student leaders as they seek to grow the group.

I had the privilege of meeting regularly with Kaleb to read 1 Timothy together, grow in discipleship, and discuss ways to respond to seekers’ questions. We both learnt a lot!

Sarah Tuinanuya (nee Worboys) has also been a faithful part of the Tauranga’s Toi Ohomai CF. She has a deep reverence for God, seeking to obey the Lord in all she does. Sarah frequently encouraged us with stories of witness and “God-conversations” from carpooling with other students. Those conversations often continued in her architecture classes.

These are just a few examples of the influence TSCF is having in the lives of tertiary students across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty. We pray our efforts will result in students committing their lives to follow Christ faithfully and courageously.

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2017 Financial Report

TSCF's finances ultimately tracked similarly to 2016—an increasing cash deficit in the third quarter of the year, with a rally in the final quarter to break even.

Again we are grateful for all the support—not just for those able to help with the “rally” at the end of the year but also those who have and continue to faithfully give. The nature of our giving base is that our gratitude has to be world-wide. Our work is sustained by many!

However the third quarter was concerning, and the committee and staff discussed the situation and met regularly. We felt it important to give our supporters more regular financial updates and more regular opportunities to give. We are now doing this through our electronic newsletters.

Our analysis showed any deficit

was a combination of limited general funding plus some difficulty for staff to raise their own funds. The needs were, and are, across all aspects of our work.

We sense it is important that we “talk about our money.” TSCF is not immune from change. We also sense some demographic changes in our giving base—in short, many faithful donors are aging. We need practical renewal from succeeding generations. We also think it risky to rely solely on existing large donors as they too are subject to a more difficult environment.

The surplus is \$32,633. We consider this breakeven as our revenue includes \$35,963 given to the Lincoln project. Effectively our income met our outgoings. And we are joyful about this provision.

We also give thanks for the

Wellington administration team. They do a lot; that this year's audit seemed easy is testament to the work they have done to successfully convert our accounting processes to Xero and have sound practices. The committee's gratitude to the team is immense.

We go into 2018 buoyed by the great support we have received. We do not take it for granted or consider any funding we receive as our right. But pray for us as we need to remain vigilant and appropriately keep the finances before you.



Bruce Robertson
Convenor

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



INCOME

Donated income	2017	2016
Core funds donations	\$251,040	\$207,203
Staff support donations	\$1,243,262	\$1,295,751
Legacies donations	\$0	\$9,056
Other Donations	\$114,352	\$56,552
Total Donations	\$ 1,608,654	\$ 1,578,562



EXPENDITURE

For each \$10 given, we use:

Field staff & ministry costs	\$8.33
Administration	\$0.90
IFES	\$0.31
Communications	\$0.28
Utilities	\$0.18





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