

prayermatters

NATIONAL

Praise God for the time that students and staff from around the South Pacific spent together in Vanuatu at the beginning of September. Pray that the teaching and fellowship at SPARC, the IFES regional conference, would further encourage students to reach their campuses and nations for Christ.

Nigel Pollock has begun his new role leading InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Canada. Please pray for Nigel and Ailsa through this transition and for the gospel's influence to spread on campuses in Canada. Pray also for the work of TSCF as it enters a new season, and for Ben Carswell as he prepares to lead the organisation in 2019. We depend on God's provision for all our needs, his wisdom in all we do, and Spirit to change hearts and grow communities of believers.

DUNEDIN

VCF

Prayer is appreciated as we look for new committee members and help support them as they move into their new roles. Pray that they would be able to bring fresh energy to discipling students and reaching out to those who do not know about Christ.

PALMERSTON NORTH

Massey University CF

MUCF plans to give out waffles in the campus library once a week to studying students. We would appreciate prayer for this outreach, specifically that we persevere to make this a continual event. Pray

for the relationships we hope to build with other students on campus, ultimately for the glory of God.

AUCKLAND

International student ministry, Massey Albany

Praise God for the good number of students and others who came to our first Bible study for semester two. Please pray that they would keep coming, and that we clearly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to new and old students.

We also praise God for new students who have been coming to English Corner; pray for creative ways to run this group so that students enjoy it and improve their listening and speaking skills.

– Jeff Lane

WELLINGTON

Wellington CF

Pray that the transition to new leaders starting in with be smooth. We are thankful for a good fundraising event to help students go to SPARC, two of whom are from CF.

– Victoria Webber

HAMILTON

University of Waikato CF

Please pray:

- That our Wednesday lunchtime discussion group would reach more people and help those attending develop in their faith.

- That the Wednesday night Bible study and social would keep going strong to the end of semester, for energy for the organisers to plan and run these events, and for spiritual growth through the studies.
- That we would make use of the opportunity to do a study in the Halls of Residence.
- For opportunities to build relationships with Pacific and Maori students.
- That student leaders and staff would have wisdom knowing how to grow the campus mission.

LINCOLN

Please pray for CF students as they wrestle with the questions posed during the “Ask a question about Christianity” events, that this will deepen their relationship with God and their understanding of who he is. Please also pray that the students who asked the questions would seek answers, first in God’s scriptures, but also through the CF and other Christians around them.

TAURANGA

Toi Ohomai Christian Fellowship

Please pray for:

- Social events to build sense of community on our campus and the wider Tauranga.
- Growth of the group, both number of members and our outreach and discipleship development, particularly one-to-one Bible study opportunities and “true witness.”
- Guest speakers over the next few months, that we’d be inspired and challenged.
- The growth of the TOCF CBD campus group.

– Annelise Bond

CANTERBURY

Staff are planning a leadership training weekend on the topic of apologetics September 28–29. Pray that students will come, and that they’ll be equipped and inspired to share their faith in Jesus with many people.

From UESI in India

There are 35 million students in India; by 2025 India will have more students than any other country.

In response to this, UESI India has been investing in discipleship and training to equip their students to live and speak for Jesus. This year they have held workshops on conversational evangelism, evangelistic media, mentoring servant leaders and missions.

India is not an easy place to share the gospel. The spiritual climate can be very tense. Staff worker Athma shared: “There’s an anti-Christian spirit

arising in some of the religious fundamentalist groups who deliberately attack Christians involved in prayer and evangelism. Pray for Christian students to be vibrant in evangelism, to make it our lifestyle, and to be bold and patient in facing opposition.”

Please pray for many more workers to be raised up and equipped to reach the vast harvest fields within India, for students to be shaped by godly priorities and to make wise decisions about their career and ministry after graduating.

Pray also for pioneering on new campuses across India and the resources to sustain them.