

# WHAKAPAPA



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# A whakapapa of faith

There are many things I love about New Zealand—people, places, kai and culture. One of the most quintessentially Kiwi traditions that I have grown to love is the whānau wall. All across Aotearoa, from Cape Reinga to Bluff, in houses, hallways, marae and churches, walls have been given over to photographs honouring the memory of those who have gone before.

These photos bear the faces of people whose story and significance live on. In black and white and in colour, they are a constant reminder of the generation of men and women whose lives and influence



Ben Carswell  
National Director

have shaped the past and brought us to the present.

In this time of leadership change for TSCF, the idea of the whānau wall resonates with me. Remembering and honouring the faith of those who have gone before is part of our Christian heritage. In Hebrews 11 and 12, the writer reminds us of our whakapapa of faith, the heroes of faith. We're told of men and women who lived by faith and acted in response to this. We read of faith in sacrifice, in fear, in obedience and vision, faith in testing and in blessing, in living and in dying.

As I start out as National Director, I am very conscious of the many heroes of faith who have gone before. Our whānau wall would be replete with faces of friends from across the generations, whose stories may not have hit our national headlines but whose faithfulness and exploits are part of our whakapapa and are inspirational for us today.

In 1930 Howard Guinness, a young medical

student from the UK, was first invited to NZ and visited on a short tour. In 1931, a group of students published a gospel booklet to present to each of the 1,200 students at one of the non-residential colleges. This led the executive of the Students' Association to pass a solemn resolution marking their disapproval of the distribution of "religious literature of a sectarian bias." In 1932, a mission week in a local church led to students coming to trust Christ, which then led to a prayer and study group developing, and then a weekend house party, followed by outreach meetings in the student common room.

In the early days, the work was encouraged and supported by an Australian, Stacey Woods. But it was John Laird, William Orange and Graham Miller who led the way in evangelism and discipleship of students in groups across NZ. Bible study and prayer were at the heart of their vision. Young men and women joined together to form the Evangelical



An Inter-Varsity Fellowship student conference in 1937.

Unions, exemplifying faith as "confidence in what they hoped for and assurance in what they did not see."

From the outset, their primary purpose was to proclaim the good news of Jesus on the

campuses of New Zealand. This led to the development of student-led groups and, in 1936, the NZ Inter-Varsity Fellowship. Trans-denominational friendships fostered a growing sense of evangelical unity. In 1938, the Inter-Varsity Fellowship appointed

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Graham Miller as its first Travelling Secretary, working with a wide range of churches and church leaders to grow an inter-denominational student witness.

During the 1940s, the student groups showed a pattern of "steady though unspectacular growth," Stuart Lange writes, but "more importantly, the IVF was now producing a steady stream of young evangelical leaders." In 1952, Howard Guinness returned and led a mission for students at Canterbury University, which attracted 1,900 students. Later that decade, John Stott visited and spoke at mission weeks on campus.



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By the 1960s, student groups had grown and had become what Stuart Lange describes as “a network of people shaping people.” In his brilliant work *A Rising Tide*, he writes, “Through conferences, correspondence and personal contacts, younger leaders in the movement were constantly being influenced by IVF staff and older leaders. There was an unending process of evangelical beliefs, values and behaviours being modelled and transmitted to emerging generations of evangelicals. ...

“For at least two decades into the postwar era, IVF was a crucial and unifying element in the resurgent New Zealand evangelicalism.”

In the 1970s and '80s, a new generation of Christian leaders were developed and sent



Students and staff in 1984.

into the workplace. Many from that era have found increasing opportunities for influence in all areas of society, including education, the judiciary, government and public policy and in various avenues of Christian ministry. In the 1990s and early 2000s the numbers decreased, but student witness remained and student leaders were developed. On our staff team today, it is a joy to have former TSCF students from that era who have served

as leaders and interns, who now are shaping a new generation.

More recently, the work has grown through the leadership of former National Director Nigel Pollock. Across the country, we have regional teams with student groups in every university and several polytechs.

Our student numbers have grown, the staff team has multiplied and we are seeing the

fruit of intentional investment in student witness, discipleship and leadership.

As I look back on our whānau wall, I rejoice at those who have gone before—Guinness, Laird, Orange and Miller. More recently, the faithful heroes have included Malcolm, Ang How Kheng, McIntosh, Saunders, Fountain, Yee, Becroft, Goold and Pollock. But these are just a few. There are many more unsung heroes, whose stories may not be widely known, who in different ways have given to the Lord's work on campuses in NZ, who have prayed, encouraged, ventured boldly in witness and whom God has used to build his church here in Aotearoa.

Each has contributed to growing the work of student witness across NZ. They have developed us as a movement that seeks to emphasise and mature the Christian mind, whose desire is to reconcile and unite fragmented daily living under the lordship of Christ, and who seek to take and apply the gospel to the whole world.

And so we arrive at the present day. Our whānau wall is yet to be completed. We don't remain stuck in the past. Our vision and call is not a new vision, but rather a fresh one.

**“We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers.”**

***From the hymn “Facing a Task Unfinished”  
by Frank Houghton***

We have a new generation of students arriving on campuses across NZ. For many, the Christian heritage and influence of their forebears is long gone. They know little of the God who made them, who loves them, who came to die for them and who longs for them to trust him. Our challenge and calling remains the same: to be witnesses of the good news of Jesus, proclaiming that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,”

to call students to repentance and to a life submitted to the lordship of Jesus.

As we enter a new period in TSCF's history, our commitment and desire is the same as it ever was—to reach students for Christ and change students for life.

Will you join us? Will you pray for us and support us? And will you be part of our whakapapa of faith?



# The faces of Auckland

The most recent people on Auckland's whānau wall are the student leaders of groups in 2018, men and women of vision who said "no" to self and lived for Christ's sake as they served the TSCF groups on their campuses. A small sample of them follow, sharing snapshots of how they lived out one of TSCF's four aims in their group last year.

"Looking back, our plan for the year paralleled TSCF's aim of deep thought very well. We started off with a workshop on the gospel and how to share it with confidence. With our feet set on solid ground, we launched into our annual Easter camp,



Robyn Drake  
Auckland Team Leader

where we looked at the very nature of God. Comprehending a God so holy and a gospel so amazing can only lead to a change in heart and life, which is why we rounded off the semester with a six-week series on Christian living. From considering topics like the reliability of Scripture, ministry in the workplace, how we pray, and how we praise, it has been a great joy to see our members, across different churches, grow in their spiritual maturity."

– Mark Huang, University of Auckland Overseas Christian Fellowship

"In our weekly Bible studies we looked at topics such as 'Is Christianity really worth it?', 'Who is God?', 'Creative communication,' and 'Evangelism.' Through these topics, we looked at ideas such as how to honour God through our studies and how to speak to



those around us about Christianity, helping us to be true witnesses."

– Emily Scopes, University of Auckland Christian Union

"Starting AUT in 2018, I was hoping to grow closer to God while I was at university. Joining AUTCF helped me with this and greatly encouraged me by reminding me that there were other Christians out there! We explored the gospel of Luke each week and discussed how it applies to our lives. One of the four aims of TSCF is deep thought, and by discussing Luke each week and how it applied to our lives we were able to gain a better understanding of the scripture while growing in our faith together. It's so important to be with other like-minded Christian students who are all on the same faith journey."

– Timothy Fern, Auckland University of Technology Christian Fellowship



"Does there have to be a split between living as part of God's kingdom and the work God calls us to do? What if that work is being a lawyer? Exploring these questions

is one of the things that Veritas aims to do, so we can live undivided lives for the gospel.

"Fortunately, we have a whole team to learn from. By meeting up with the New Zealand Christian Lawyers Network for early morning breakfasts, and their conference last year, we were able to ask difficult questions and be inspired by what they have to say. Something that stood out to me was that they see all clients as loved by God and made in his image. Another thing was a Christian academic at the conference who commented that New Zealand law started at Mount Sinai. This all means that the separation we see between the role of a lawyer and the role of a Christian, that so many of us going into law school carry, is an artificial one. We can and will live undivided lives."

– Michael Nuysink, University of Auckland Veritas

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TSCF students involved in a team challenge at Auckland's Launch 2019 conference.



attending, our club became more aware of a need to articulate the foundational truths of the gospel. This led to a larger involvement with Jesus Week than previous years, and also led to us studying Ephesians in the second semester. Ephesians encompasses so much of what it means to be a Christian, that it helped us to bear witness to both unbelievers and new believers alike. By preaching through it and doing a Bible study with the leaders every week, we challenged our members to look at the world and to look at themselves through a biblical lens, and be better prepared to address potential questions and challenges that may arise when sharing the gospel."

– Sam Song, University of Auckland Korean Young Adults Christian Fellowship

"One of the ways CMF aimed to live out global reach was through organising talks from Africa Inland Mission and International Nepal Fellowship. These speakers shared the inspirational work they do overseas, and highlighted the importance of ensuring sustainability of medical practice

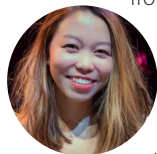
in developing countries, rather than mere 'medical tourism.' We also invited a speaker from BeyondWater to broaden perspectives on mission work outside of the medical field and learned about the efforts to improve sources of clean water in East Africa, sharing the love of God in the process.

Through these talks, we were able to grow in knowledge of how we can extend our global reach, and be inspired to do so in the future."

– Niki Kau, University of Auckland Christian Medical Fellowship

Some of our groups had a more difficult year, including Massey Albany. They put a lot of effort into clubs day and a welcome event at the beginning of the year. Despite having a reasonable number of sign-ups, very few people beyond the leaders came to their meetings. A bright spot in the year was when Ben Carswell visited to speak about the vision of TSCF.

Connect: Christians at Unitec has also continued to be small in number, but that hasn't necessarily been a bad thing. From Hanli Liu, the associate staff worker who



Students at Launch 2019.

supports them: "What I think the students appreciate is that the small size of the group allows for more personal discussions and connections. It's not merely Bible study, but caring for what goes on in each others' lives."

Alongside these student-led groups, our international student ministries continued to meet hundreds of students keen to practice their English, find community, and explore some local sights together. Like Ian (not his

real name), many accepted the invitation to find out more about the Christian faith and are coming to understand more and more of the gospel, with some wonderfully coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

"As an international student, I find that English Corner has provided a good learning environment and opportunity for students who want to improve their English language after the class. I find it comfortable and enjoyable because we are free to make mistake while learning and speaking in English Corner. Participating in the Bible study group provides me a greater opportunity to encourage and gain support from each other. It also allows me to enrich my knowledge and broaden my view through our group discussion."

– Ian, International Ministry at Massey University Albany

Our ministry to graduates, Catalyst in the City, had only a small core group at the beginning of 2018 after changes in members' work situations. However several new people have joined the mid-week lunchtime Bible study since then, giving it new life.

They meet in a cafe near their various central city offices to work their way through different books of the Bible with a particular focus on applying faith to a work setting. Among the dozen who are now involved in some way, several are willing to give leading a go. Maryanne, who guided the group for the last few years, says, "I'm really encouraged by the commitment of both long-time members and newcomers. Together we've discovered how valuable and transformational those brief meetings are, learning from Scripture and from each other. It's also an answer to prayer having new people step up to lead the studies as I and others move on."

Exciting developments of the year included the pioneering of a fledgling group at AUT's South campus, one new staff worker and two new associate staff joining the team, and an Auckland-wide leadership training retreat for students in November. But mostly I'm encouraged by the steady, faithful witness of students across the city as they've grown in spiritual maturity and lived evangelistically in word and deed in the everyday of life at uni.

# Palmerston North's legacy

Over many, many years MUCF and PNOCF have contributed something to the life of the campus at Massey and to the lives of the many students that we meet. We have a huge line of graduates who are serving Jesus all across the world in many different roles. (I suspect a high proportion of them are vets.) There is one thing for sure about Palmy: few students would say that they love it when they first come but it stays in the hearts of all who have studied here.

## Growing people

Over the past year we met lots of new students and farewelled lots of old ones. The farewells are the saddest part of student ministry. However we also have joy knowing that we contributed to their growth and love



Ian Reid  
Manawatu Team Leader

for Jesus and, hopefully, helped them on their way to a life of serving God.

I have found that students often join our groups after they have been at university for about 18 months. We usually meet them early on in their university career, but it takes some time for them to realise how beneficial it can be to meet with other Christian students. So the friendships grow quickly and deeply but are soon disrupted as job opportunities take them away. Every year I have at least one student tell me how they regret not getting involved earlier.

We have been working hard to help students take the initiative to implement their ideas, and training them to understand and live out the gospel. We train them how to run Bible studies, how to evangelise, and give them an overview of the Bible. We have a new crop of leaders springing up, which is exciting, and they are keen to be trained to lead their groups well.

## Reaching out

Both groups have had initiatives to reach the campus. PNOCF continues to host dinner and Bible study every Friday, attracting a range of students from around the world. Last year they also hosted a mid-winter ball. The students organised it all in about two weeks, and they pulled it off. It was a huge success, so much so that we are already planning a bigger one and thinking through how we can use it to effectively share the gospel.

MUCF had a real desire to find something that both blessed and reached the campus. We tried things in the past that were good, but they wanted to do something new. They decided to make waffles in the library on a Tuesday night. It was such a brilliant idea that even the Student Association has helped fund it. Each week they have had to make more and more mixture because it has grown in popularity. The brilliance of it is that everyone loves waffles, and because they take a little while to make it creates an



Ian and Palmerston North student Jenny Huang, right, begin one of the morning sessions at the 2018 Summit conference.

opportunity to chat with the same people each week.

## Moving on

After 8 years of working with TSCF in Palmy, I have decided to take up the role of pastor at our church. While I won't be entirely

leaving TSCF, I will be standing down as the Manawatu team leader. It has been a privilege to serve Jesus on campus here with so many different students. We are so thankful to God for his provision and sustenance during this time.

In exciting news, Scott Mackay, an MUCF

graduate, has been appointed the new Manawatu Team Leader. We are thankful to God for the provision of Scott and we pray that he might settle into the role well. Scott is starting fundraising to prepare for the role, so please be generous towards the work in Palmerston North if you can.



# Lincoln builds generationally

Ivey Hall is in the middle of Lincoln University's campus, built in 1878. Right through to the 2019 graduation this May, it's the building that is most photographed for Lincoln students. For a number of years in the 1970s, Lincoln and Ivey Hall hosted students from all over New Zealand for winter TSCF conferences. It used to be student accommodation, and in more recent years it's housed the university library.

Right next door to Ivey Hall is Memorial Hall. Slightly younger than Ivey Hall, unlike its neighbour, Memorial Hall wasn't earthquake strengthened in the 1990s. Consequently, Ivey Hall escaped the September 2010 Darfield earthquake relatively unscathed, but Memorial Hall was significantly damaged and has not been used since.



Tim Hodge  
Lincoln Team Leader

For years, Memorial Hall was frequently used by TSCF's Lincoln University Christian Fellowship: weekly lunch meetings, Bible studies, mission weeks, training, concerts, debates and the like. Memorial Hall was built as a memorial to staff and students who lost their lives in World War I. Inside there are imposing large portraits of all the former principals, chancellors and vice-chancellors. There are many brass plaques honouring former staff for decades of service to the institution. It has effectively functioned as Lincoln University's whānau wall.

Since the closure of the building, a safety fence around the outside has become a new whānau wall. First, photos and profiles of famous alumni over the decades, such as Sir Charles Upham, Annabel Langbein, Sir Don McKinnon, Robbie Deans, Sir Wilson Whineray, Richie McCaw, Toni Street and David Carter. Then, two years ago, the information boards on the fence changed from famous NZ alumni to current international students, with

a global map showing where current students came to Lincoln from, recognising that the Lincoln University whānau wall includes men and women from all over the world.

This is true too for TSCF witness in Lincoln University. The current TSCF groups, the Lincoln University Christian Fellowship and the Lincoln University Post-graduate Christian Fellowship, stand on the shoulders of those who've gone before.

In the 1970s, under God's good hand, with the prayers and work of a handful of Christians on one course, about 10 students in that course became Christians in one year. They are now, 40 years later, continuing to following Jesus in all spheres of life right across New Zealand.

In the 1990s, TSCF's Graduate Intern program, a forerunner of today's Minty, saw interns placed at Lincoln for the first time, alongside part-time TSCF staff.

In the 2000s, TSCF staff workers were



Lincoln University's Memorial Hall.

appointed to focus on Lincoln full-time, supporting, encouraging and training the student leaders from around the world in true witness, deep thought, undivided life and global reach at Lincoln University.

So our TSCF staff whānau wall at Lincoln would include Sarah Monks, coming to Lincoln from Europe, investing into student leaders; and former Lincoln students who love their old university so much they devote themselves to student mission in the next generation of both Kiwis and internationals: Simon Rabbidge, Ani Kartikasari, Kate McClelland and Chris Hay. And our TSCF Mintern whānau wall includes Tom Broughton, Rob Reynolds, Nathan Paton, Adrienne Tisch, Chris Hay and David Beukes.

All these men and women, alongside dozens of very able student leaders, continue living for Jesus and speaking for Jesus in a variety of contexts around the world.

The work in Lincoln is in good heart. The gospel is clearly proclaimed and several are taking steps to Jesus, both those new to faith and those whose faith is deepened at Lincoln University and through local churches.

One more recent development is The Well, the Springs Road missional flatting project. Thanks to the generosity of God's people, a section of land on Springs Road, right opposite the university, has been purchased. The vision is for a building for both evangelism and discipleship through Christian

students in intentional hospitality, similar to The Quarters in Dunedin and Rongopai in Wellington. We're excited about what God may do, once a building is completed, in and through those who live in and visit The Well in decades to come. Thank you to so many who are praying and donating to make The Well come to life, offering the living water of Jesus Christ to Lincoln University students.

The whānau wall of TSCF in Lincoln is extensive, but not complete. We pray and we work to see more men and women who are diploma students, bachelor's students, honours students, master's students and doctoral students come to know Jesus Christ as both Lord and Saviour and be included in his whānau wall.

# Otago enters a new season

One of the joys of leading a staff team is seeing people join the TSCF whānau, with each person bringing their own gifts and personality to the work. In 2018, Zoe Ogilvie took a gap year in her medical training and joined the Dunedin team as a ministry intern. Her experience studying medicine and as a former leader of the group helped her make a significant contribution to the Christian Medical Fellowship.

Rosie Sim, after a few years supporting her husband Simon and helping out as a volunteer, joined the team as a part-time staff worker. She played a key role in establishing the culture at the Quarters and her experience of studying nursing at Otago Polytechnic was a great help in restarting a TSCF group there.



James Allaway  
Dunedin Team Leader

It is a joy tinged with sadness when God calls others out of the team into new things. At the end of 2018 we said farewell to Mike Summerfield as he focuses on pastoring Roslyn Baptist. Mike played a significant part in the establishment of the student lawyers group and we miss his humour and teaching gifts.

Last year I wrote about the move from one community house to a residential community of four neighbouring houses under the name the Quarters. We began 2018 with one bedroom empty, but God provided us with our last resident and by the end of that month we had a full complement of 25. Residents included polytechnic and university students, undergraduate and post-graduate students, and recent graduates. The community represented TSCF's inter-denominationalism and commitment to international students with eight local churches and six nationalities represented. Our hope was that the Quarters would be a

place where discipleship and mission could be developed. Community living is not without its challenges and we faced a few over the year, but by God's grace the Quarters' contribution to the work on campus was more than we anticipated. Two of the residents helped start the group at the polytech and seven of the residents took on or continued in leadership of groups on campus.

Towards the end of 2018 we had a discussion with student leaders around whether the annual evangelistic barn dance was meeting its aims; we agreed that we would take a break from it in 2019 and in its place pursue putting on a production of the Mark Drama. A group went up to watch the production at Lincoln and came back enthused by the prospect.

We're in a season where the whānau wall for TSCF in Dunedin is seeing some significant changes. As I write this, my time with TSCF is drawing to a close. I would like to say thank you to all the people who have been part of the story of the last eight years—students,



Otago staff and students at their retreat.

supporters, faculty, and colleagues. Two of the main changes we've seen during my time is growth in the number of subject-based groups, and the residential community houses. These may be recent developments in the history of TSCF in Dunedin but are simply a present-day expression of the

commitments that TSCF has always held regarding discipleship and evangelism.

I am delighted that my friend and colleague Simon Sim will be taking on the role of team leader. When I first met Simon, he was a student leader. He went on to serve as a

minintern, and then became a regional staff worker. He knows the Dunedin context well, is a gifted leader, and shares TSCF's commitment to discipleship and evangelism. I look forward to seeing what God does in and through Simon and Rosie as they guide the work in Otago going forward.



# Capital challenges

Student ministry in Wellington is challenging.

During clubs day at the start of year, Victoria University placed Christian Fellowship at a different location. In previous years we were on the main floor of the Hub. However, this year we—along with and many other Christian clubs—were placed on the Mezzanine floor, where we got less foot traffic and fewer sign-ups than previous years. But it has been a joy to follow up with those who were keen to be involved with CF.

Our main structure of the week is Bible studies on Thursday nights. We have been looking at the topic of Christian identity. We've had panel interviews of Christian leaders and lecturers on this topic. It was a valuable experience for both students



Matthias Loong  
Wellington Team Leader

and staff as we gleaned the wisdom of the panelists. Currently, we are going through passages in John's gospel that are related to the Story Project.

Newswatch, an English conversational language group, is humming. There are many non-Christian international students coming along. Not only is there solid attendance, but Max and Mei have done a remarkable job of connecting these students with different Christian student ministries.

Recently a couple of Christianity Explored groups formed for students who want to know more about the Christian faith. There is also an exciting opportunity to start an international friendship group on Pipitea campus.

VCF is about to do the Story Project on campus. This is a public outreach event in which a large mural of Jesus and his interaction with others based on different Bible stories is displayed. The aim is to have gospel conversations with people who are drawn

to the artwork. Other CF groups around the country have already tried this and the response has been positive.

Residents of Rongapai, a student flat of mainly CF students, went away for a weekend retreat recently. It was an encouraging time away to pray and further build relationships with one another. A highlight was hearing the testimonies of each of the students.

Massey CU, which is still relatively new, launched the year with a daytime group on campus. They will be asking "Who is Jesus?"

There is so much potential to do ministry with students on the other smaller campuses such as Pipitea and Te Aro. Indeed, student ministry in Wellington is challenging, but our God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Please pray for the work in Wellington.



Students and staff at Summit 2018 visited Nga Hau E Wha community marae in Cambridge.



# Canterbury's true witness

God continues to work at UC.

I have been reflecting on what God has done over the 19 years I have served with TSCF at the University of Canterbury. It's easy to look back at the various events and conferences, but the real work of God is in the lives of people.

Recently I met up with a number of people from my time here at the University of Canterbury with CU and ICF (which stopped in 2010-11 after earthquakes). It was so encouraging to hear of their continued growth in Christ as they serve him around the country at various churches. One woman, now married with two children, was baptised at church this past Easter Sunday. She came to know Jesus through the work of ICF 15 years ago as a result of her atheist



Mark Santich  
Canterbury Team Leader

brother becoming a Christian, also through ICF. The complete change in her brother so surprised her she investigated it for herself. She committed her life to Jesus after around 3 years of investigating, and finally decided to get baptised many years later. God powerfully works through his word as people meet him in the pages of the Bible by the work of his Spirit and through the faithful witness of others. TSCF has a long history of faithful student witness on campuses across Aotearoa; pray that it will continue.

True witness is TSCF's primary aim. God continues to call people to himself through students in Christian Union. A number of students put their trust in Jesus in 2018, one from a Muslim background and another who knew nothing about Jesus at the beginning of the year. It is amazing and humbling to see God at work through his word as people meet Jesus and respond in faith and repentance. Please continue to pray for the faithful witness of CU at Canterbury Uni.

Much of the work of CU is done through multiple small groups on Wednesday night and daytime meetings and through one-to-ones, since it is hard to gather everyone at any one time. We continue to look for new opportunities to reach students at uni. We have recommenced a lunchtime discussion group with a difference called "The Consequence of Ideas." It seeks to engage the gospel with philosophy and ethics. Currently 10–15 students attend and it is gradually growing. We are also likely to re-start public talks on campus, and exploring growing opportunities amongst Pacific students, internationals, and in various course groups. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to develop new opportunities to reach people with the good news of Jesus.

Two further encouragements are our recent CU Conference on Freedom, helping students think through what freedom in Christ means and how to understand the freedom Christ has won for us—freedom



CU students at their May 2018 retreat.

from slavery to sin, death and the devil—and how to use this freedom to help others come to know Jesus and grow in him.

The second great encouragement is having Renee Posthuma as an intern (Minty) with CU. She has been doing great work with

international women, and meeting up with some leaders and helping coordinate our upcoming Mark Drama events. She has been such an encouragement to the students and staff. Please continue to pray for Renee as she serves with CU this year. Pray too that God would continue to raise up people to

serve him in ministry at CU and TSCF.

Thank you again for your partnership in the gospel through Christian Union and TSCF. Please continue to pray for students and staff at UC to come to know Jesus and live lives that glorify him.



# ‘Chiefs region’ grows in unity

At 952m, Mount Te Aroha is the highest peak on the Kaimai-Mamaku Range, separating the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. On a fine day, from Tauranga, one can see the peak silhouetted against the sky on the western horizon. On a stunning blue-sky day last year, TSCF students began what we hope will become an annual tradition of climbing this peak. The panoramic 360-degree view from the top unifies the two regions, enabling one to see both the Waikato and Bay of Plenty—giving students a sense of collective identity, perspective, place and unity. It has been exciting to see the cohesiveness of TSCF groups across these two regions develop in the last year.

Of ultimate importance is the salvation and discipleship of every student who



Dave Hodgkinson  
Waikato & Bay of Plenty  
Team Leader

is connected with TSCF. Each person contributes uniquely to the whakapapa of TSCF’s story. It has been a pleasure to see many grow in faith and maturity over the past year, and also the development of TSCF groups’ vibrancy, evangelism and discipleship across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty—aka “the Chiefs” region of Aotearoa.

Sophia Tweed is a great example of faithfulness and diligence in helping pioneer student groups at Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology in Tauranga. She has been involved since 2016, regularly attending meetings, sometimes planning and leading them, as well as fervently praying for the growth of TSCF’s mission on Bay of Plenty tertiary campuses. After missing Summit 2017 for unavoidable reasons, it was a delight to see her attend Summit 2018 and continue to explore her hopes of overseas missionary service. Sophia continues on her own family’s whakapapa of inter-generational TSCF involvement; her parents met at a

TSCF conference back in the day.

As TSCF does nationwide, we are investing deeply in students through regular discipleship and mentoring relationships across the region. In Hamilton, Nadine Liddle began with TSCF last year as regional staff worker. Originally from California, and with cross-cultural mission experience in the Spanish-speaking world, Nadine has brought infectious enthusiasm for campus evangelism to the Waikato University campus group. She has supplemented this by getting to know several of the female student leaders over her first year, meeting with them through regular one-to-one discipleship catch-ups. Similarly, associate staff worker Nick Goodwin has continued to meet regularly with male student leaders. Journeying together and encouraging one another is a key component of adding to a whakapapa of faith: “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17).

Through both student and staff efforts, the



Dave Hodgkinson, left, and some students from the Waikato and Bay of Plenty spent a day taking on Mount Te Aroha.

Waikato University student leadership team is developing personal spiritual maturity alongside a clearer vision for campus mission. This has been really encouraging. In the last year, two students have served on the leadership team for a second successive

term, growing in their faith, confidence in the gospel and impact. One of these is Joel Cheah, who has been a key instigator of the praise and worship student gatherings now being held on campus each quarter. Aimed at representing a unified Christian witness

on campus, these have been held during the campus cultural hour (when there are no lectures held), attracting up to 50 people.

Amy Harrison is another example of the impact that developing student leaders





Waikato students and staff worker Nadine Liddle at Summit 2018 in Hamilton.

is making. Amy is a fourth year environmental engineering student and the current president of the Waikato University TSCF group. She attended the IFES South Pacific Regional Conference in Vanuatu last August, along with 23 other Kiwi students and staff. One hundred fifty came from across the South Pacific. Amy has really caught TSCF's heartbeat of evangelism and discipleship—including the need to integrate her faith with her studies. She visited Australia for the 'Creation Care' conference, focusing on stewarding creation—a great example of deep thought and undivided life.

Across both Waikato University and Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology campuses, students worked together on campus to give out hot cross buns to fellow students at Easter, as well as hosting guest speakers on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. These represent more intentional efforts by our student groups to engage in true witness with their fellow students on campus.

TSCF's 2018 Summit conference was held in the Waikato, providing an opportunity for local students to get along in good numbers. About 20 Waikato students attended and it was a privilege to host TSCF alumni from past

years for some of the sessions. This demonstrates the ongoing story of TSCF's impact on generations of Christians in Aotearoa.

We have had a tremendously encouraging start to 2019. Some new students have stepped up to facilitate the Wintec group, which is showing signs of fresh life and growth.

We began the year with our first regional camp in several years. Twenty-five of us from Wintec, Toi Ohomai and Waikato University headed away for a weekend of fellowship, fun, teaching and challenge. We studied Paul's letter to the Ephesians together, focusing on our unity in Christ, personal and corporate holiness, and the invitation to "live a life worthy of our calling" in Christ (Ephesians 4:1).

Our student groups across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty are growing as missional communities, which seek to reach students for Christ and change students for life. We believe that by doing life together and reaching out in Christ's love, we will draw others in to join TSCF's whakapapa of faith on the narrow road that leads to life.



From left, Chris Hay, Zoe Ogilvie, James Allaway and Jaden Stokes spend time at the Moeraki Boulders during a Minty retreat.

## Minty's mission stays fresh

TSCF has long held a commitment to discipling recent graduates. It was known for a time as the Graduate Intern program and more recently as the Ministry Internship Year, or Minty.

Minty took a pause in 2017 but 2018 saw it resume with Jaden Stokes in Canterbury and Zoe Ogilvie in Dunedin. Three of the central components of Minty are study, student ministry, and salaried work. For the study

component of Jaden's year he participated in the Tim Training Course, where he developed skills in studying and teaching the Bible. Zoe took part in a guided study programme looking at core doctrines of the Christian faith.



In the Minty training conference we went through a Bible overview, a series on mission, and a series on exiles and ambassadors as a framework for life in secular society. We also had studies in Colossians, Exodus, and Psalms.

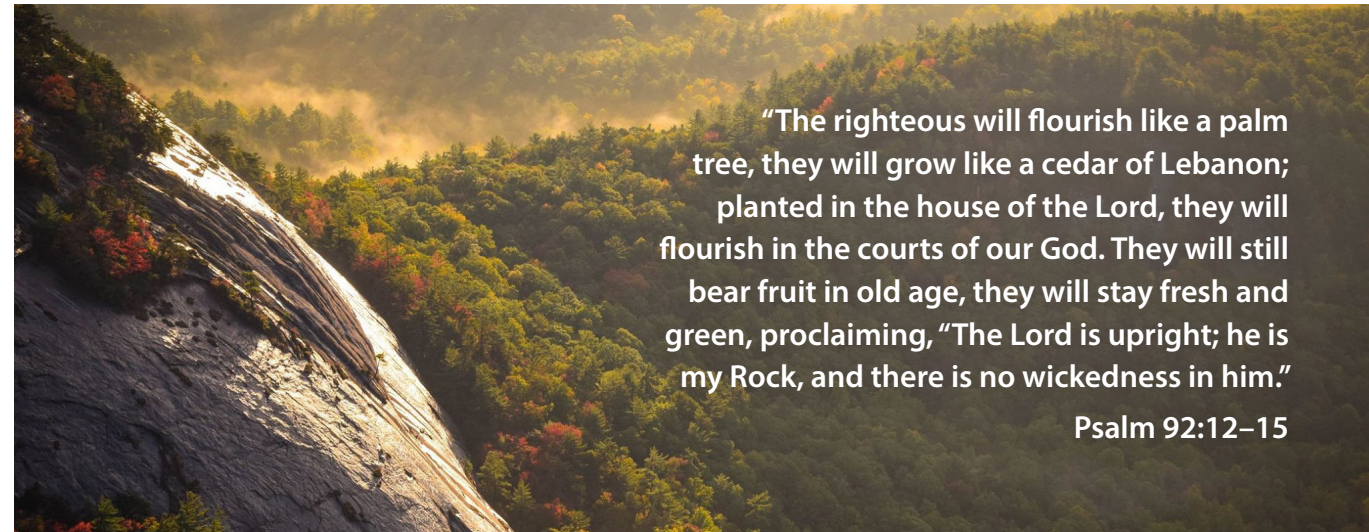
Zoe supported the leaders of the Christian Medical Fellowship, met one-to-one with some of new entrants into the medical school, and led some evangelistic Bible studies with a med student who was curious about Christi-

anity. Jaden served in Canterbury CU, helping out with the mid-week Bible studies and CU training events.

Zoe took on part-time work as an anatomy lab demonstrator and as care assistant in a care home. Both contexts enabled her to stay connected in the field of medicine and in supervision with James and Jen, she was able to work through some of the challenges and opportunities of being in the workplace. Jaden

was supervised by Geoff Robson, and his work was as a delivery driver.

Psalms 92:12-15 forms the foundations for Minty and reflects our goal of developing convictions, giftings, and skills in recent graduates that will support a lifetime of faithful service by them in the church and in the world. Information about Minty, including how to apply for 2020, is online at [www.tscf.org.nz/get-involved](http://www.tscf.org.nz/get-involved).



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# Thankful for God's provision

We are again encouraged by God's gracious provision over the past year. While the finer detail of our finances have not seen any dramatic change, we are heartened that we were able to finish 2018 with a small surplus. This provided a much-needed buffer as we headed into 2019. January is often a quieter month in terms of both ministry and income, so it is a boost to be able to enter the new year with a bit more wind in our sails.

In September, due to generous gifts from a number of people, we were excited to complete the purchase of land near the Lincoln University campus. We are now raising funds to build a house we are calling "The Well" to serve as an intentional Christian community. It will be similar to the houses we operate in Dunedin at the Quarters and Wellington at Rongopai, however TSCF will own and run this property. Our prayer is that this will support the work of the gospel at Lincoln for the next 100 years. You can find out more about this project at [www.tscf.org.nz/plans-for-the-well](http://www.tscf.org.nz/plans-for-the-well).

As we wrote last year, we are working hard to address changes in our giving base. TSCF has a great sense of history, which we are hugely grateful for. But in order to continue this ministry, we need to actively pray and seek donors from younger generations so that we do not solely rely on existing large donors who have provided so generously over the years. We will continue to share our needs in our communications, as we continue to trust God to provide through the generosity of his people.

We give huge thanks to both the Finance Committee and Wellington administration team for working hard together to ensure we have sound practices, resulting in another satisfactory audit.

A number of staff recently finished their time with TSCF, and some are in the process of joining, so we are in an exciting phase of ministry. Financially, based on the first quarter, we are cautiously optimistic that we can meet our commitments over the coming months. However, since some long-term staff

are moving on to new areas of ministry, we have a more urgent need to increase funding over the next year to get new staff started well and plan for growth.

Would you prayerfully consider joining a new (or not-so-new) staff worker's support team, or donating to the fund for gospel work in your region? Details are online at [www.tscf.org.nz/give](http://www.tscf.org.nz/give).

Thank you once again, our faithful supporters and partners in this gospel work of reaching the campuses of Aotearoa for Christ. We thank God for each one of you, and ask that you would continue to pray for us as we continue to boldly proclaim Jesus in this ever-changing environment. Ngā mihi.

*You can request a copy of our full accounts from John Riley at [johnr@tscf.org.nz](mailto:johnr@tscf.org.nz).*



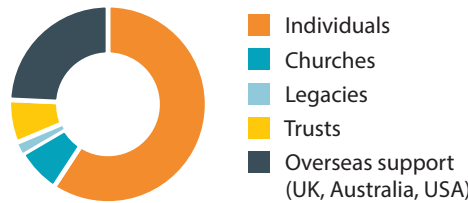
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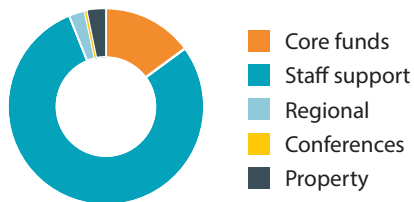
INCOME	2018	2017
Donations	\$1,610,345	\$1,608,654
Revenue from core activities, events and student communities	\$449,732	\$350,568
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$2,060,077</b>	<b>\$1,959,222</b>

EXPENDITURE	2018	2017
Core, office and leadership support	\$279,865	\$300,107
Staff support	\$1,405,937	\$1,432,511
Regional activities	\$27,777	\$26,450
Conferences	\$29,723	\$24,787
Student communities	\$227,025	\$142,734
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$1,970,327</b>	<b>\$1,926,589</b>
Surplus	\$89,750	\$32,633

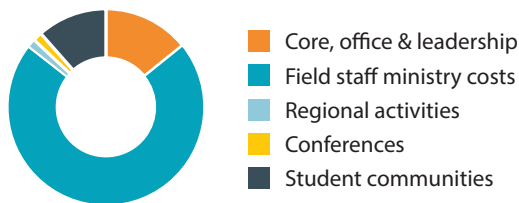
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