



**DEFINING  
MOMENTS**  
ANNUAL REVIEW



## He ākonga ki ngā ākonga hei ara whakawhiti mō te Karaiti.

Reaching students for Christ,  
changing students for life.



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TSCF's vision is to help students in New Zealand become servant leaders of character through the transforming gospel of Christ. TSCF is a founding member of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

The **Annual Review** is for those who partner with us in our vision and mission to reach students for Christ. It reports on what God has accomplished through TSCF in the previous calendar year, as well as looking to what he is building for the future. This work is made possible by the grace of God and the generosity of our partners. This is a review of the 2019 year.

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# NATIONAL DIRECTOR



**Ben Carswell** | *National Director*

## What are the defining moments of your life?

We've all had them – those moments with such a lasting impact that we remember where we were or what we were doing when they happened.

In late August 1997, as an international student in the USA, I remember hearing early reports of Princess Diana being involved in a car crash. On September 11, 2001, I remember regular television programming being interrupted by news of what at first appeared to be a tragic plane crash. In February 2011, attending a conference near Wellington, I remember the audible gasp when we were shown a picture of the earthquake-damaged Cathedral in Christchurch.

There is now another defining moment I'll never forget. On a Friday afternoon in March 2019, my wife Jen texted me, "Look at the news." A few moments later I started to read early reports of the Christchurch mosque shootings. A city that was still getting back on its feet was shattered by unbelievable events and the shocking reality of death. And yet, as the weeks and months progressed, Christchurch, the Garden City, began to flourish again. A nation in grief showed compassion, care and community.

Over one year on, as I write, the awful impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic continues to unfold. There are new defining moments that are changing the world as we know it.

As Christians, the good news of the Bible that we read, believe and proclaim, is framed around several defining moments. In the opening chapters of

Genesis, we see how the God who created the world and all there is, gave freedom to his creation. Yet, only a little later, the wonderful world becomes a "paradise lost" as we read of Adam and Eve taking the fruit and "the eyes of both of them were opened" (Genesis 3:7). Humanity and history were changed forever.

The Bible story contains many horrible histories, highlighting the worst of humanity, until Jesus comes – suffering on the cross and rising from the dead, with repentance for the forgiveness of sins to be preached in his name to all nations. Our message is only good news because of the brutal reality of that defining day at Calvary, when Jesus took our sins on himself as the Saviour of the world. The significance of the cross is the crux of our message: "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23) until that ultimate defining day, when our crucified, risen and coming Saviour returns.

For TSCF, as we sought to reach students for Christ with this great message of salvation, our year was also marked by a number of defining moments. The Christchurch shootings were fresh in the memories of students returning to campuses around the country for the new year. Many of our early student gatherings were shaped by a nation grieving and responding to suffering, as we offered the hope of Christ in response to hatred.

During the year we had many other moments

that define who we are as TSCF. For me, the year started at the Urbana Student Missions Conference in St Louis, Missouri. As the new year dawned, I was with students, colleagues and friends from around the world, including Nigel Pollock (TSCF's previous national director) as the leadership baton passed from him to me. This moment was a reminder of a favourite verse for us both: "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 Timothy 2:2)

Student ministry is dynamic. It's always changing. Students are not around forever – for most, they're with us on campus for three or four years and then they're gone. And so it is with leadership. We need to be constantly developing, supporting and encouraging future generations of leaders. In TSCF, one of the defining moments of last year was the appointment of five new team leaders, all New Zealanders in their 20s or 30s, who have come through TSCF in the last 15 years. They epitomise what God is developing through the ministry of TSCF – young people who are serious about their faith and applying it to all areas of life, being given opportunities to use and grow their leadership skills. Our desire is to invest in the whole-life discipleship of students, growing leaders who will go into all areas of society, taking the good news of Jesus with them.

Another key aspect in TSCF is the transition from

high school to campus. We are convinced that connecting with school leavers and students in the early stages of their campus experience can enable greater openness for them to consider the life and claims of Jesus. Through our involvement in running the Student Lounge at Festival One and hosting regional TSCF Launch events, we have been able to meet students who could become part of TSCF communities around the country. We recognise the need for further work in developing partnerships to respond to the fleeting spiritual curiosity and exploration often seen in students.

One of the exciting ways we have seen students intrigued by the message of Jesus has been through the “Mark Drama.” Last year students in Christchurch, Lincoln and Tauranga joined with other local Christians to perform the story of Jesus from Mark’s gospel. As they communicated the gospel narrative, we saw both students performing and watching the drama encounter Jesus afresh. It has also been exciting to see Christian students exploring a passion for evangelism, inviting unbelieving friends and peers to open the Bible, study it for themselves, and respond to its message.

Across Aotearoa there are still a number of campuses without an established TSCF student witness; these are primarily polytechnic campuses. Despite it being more difficult to build a group in these places, we retain a desire and commitment to see a thriving student witness on every campus in the country. Through the support of the Breaking New Ground initiative of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students

(IFES), we have seen the growth of new student groups at Massey University in Wellington, Toi Ohomai in Tauranga and AUT South Campus in Auckland.

We are also part of initiatives to grow student mission work around the South Pacific where there is currently no IFES ministry. As TSCF, we are proud to be founding members of IFES, which has seen remarkable growth since it was established in 1947. The quadrennial IFES World Assembly was held in July in South Africa, where over 1,000 representatives from over 170 countries met amidst various challenges and changes. A highlight of the assembly was the affiliation of 13 new student movements, including those in Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. Both of these movements were established with the ongoing help and investment of various TSCFers, among others. We give thanks to God for this growth. (At our annual Staff Training Conference, it was a delight to have several staff from around the South Pacific join us for training led by Paul Windsor, from Langham Preaching.)

The year of 2019 was both challenging and encouraging for IFES. TSCF’s Chris Collins stepped down as Board Chair after many years of active involvement, and after 12 years Daniel Bourdanne finished as General Secretary. Following a lengthy recruitment process, the proposed successor withdrew his nomination prior to the gathering. As we met on the African continent so often marked by division and disunity, there was a clear sense of this being a defining moment in the history of IFES. We experienced a tangible sense of God’s presence with us, as we worked through



Ben Carswell speaks to Auckland students at Launch in March

what it meant to be united together in student mission and took significant steps towards this.

TSCF’s commitment to Global Reach is more than our commitment to IFES. The appointment of Kim Shaw as Global Reach Coordinator came from a desire to develop a global perspective in TSCF students. Kim’s story is of being shaped as a student, serving God globally as a graduate and now giving a renewed focus in this area to students and staff. This focus was sharpened as Bishop Steve Maina spoke at our national conference, Summit, where our theme was “From the Ends of the Earth,” and students were challenged to be involved in God’s mission around the world. Later in the year, two groups of students were able to join our Global Reach Journeys to Fiji and Nepal. These experiences are some of the defining moments in the discipleship of students.

Our residential communities continue, with students living in housing close to Wellington and

Dunedin campuses. The investment in developing whole-life discipleship in students is bearing fruit. We are keen to see “The Well” – a new community – develop in Lincoln, and are working towards this being a significant addition to TSCF ministry in the coming years.

The last year was full and significant for our ministry. In her seminal work *The Defining Decade*, Dr Meg Jay argues that our twenty-something years are the most life-changing period for us as adults. She writes, “Too many men and women squander the most transformative years of their adult lives, only to pay the price in decades to come.” Our hope and prayer is that students experience the defining moment of life as they encounter Jesus’ question, “Who do you say I am?” And our commitment to those who follow Jesus is supporting ongoing transforming encounters with him during this critical time of life. Thank you for your partnership in these defining moments of student mission and ministry! 🙌



# AUCKLAND



**Robyn Drake**  
Team Leader

"The biggest barrier [to reaching students for Christ] would have been my own lack of familiarity with evangelism – it was not something I practiced regularly. Reading the Bible with TSCF started to change my perspective and habits during 2019." Kathryn, a student at AUT, expresses something that was true for many students who joined Auckland TSCF groups in 2019.

Growing in conviction about the calling we have to be "true witnesses" on campus is a theme of students' reflections on the year. Fellow AUT student Mel reflects, "As I progress through my studies I think of my peers who I've spent the last several years getting to know. Relationships have been built, trust has been earned and yet our conversations often centred around university life or concepts we are grappling with. I've assumed that their response to the gospel would be one of apathy. The truth is, my peers have been more open to hearing than I have given them credit for. I bumped into Lu near the carpark

whilst carrying a bag filled with snacks. She asked, 'Where are you going with all of that?!' I replied that we were having a Bible study at 1pm. There was a pause, I had no idea what was going on inside her head but she later told me that she couldn't believe that God would try to reach her at university. We now get to study God's Word together!"

One place that growth in conviction was particularly evident was during the mission week at the University of Auckland in August. Our new staff worker, Candy Grice, worked tirelessly to provide evangelism training to 40 students in the lead-up to it. While handing out over 500 cups of free hot chocolate on two different campuses, students sought to initiate gospel conversations with friends and strangers by asking if they thought the human story is more hopeful or hopeless.

Annelise shares this experience: "I had been praying that God would open one door to follow up and he was so faithful answering



that prayer in my first conversation at the stall! I started talking to an international student from China – she had heard of some Christian ideas (e.g. God, Jesus, the Bible) but didn't really understand how they fit together. I had the privilege of watching her eyes light up as I explained what the Bible is and the gospel that it proclaims, and after several "ohhhh" moments she said, 'It's easy for me to understand what you're telling me, but I don't really know what to do with it.' I'm always nervous asking someone whether they would consider reading the Bible but I asked and she said yes!" Annelise's story is just one of many from that week, and wonderfully we know of at least one student who has become a Christian.

Apathy continues to be a frequent reason

non-Christians don't engage with faith conversations. But as Holly identifies, there's an additional factor in the sprawling city of Auckland, where 110,000 students study: "With an individualistic campus culture and many students not going through university with a set cohort of students, relational evangelism and opportunities to share life with the gospel took great energy to start and sustain. The biggest barrier was not conforming to the insular university culture, instead holding fast to God's Word and allowing it to encourage and energise us to have difficult, awkward and confronting conversations."

Regularly meeting to study the Bible was the main activity for all the groups, often with further opportunities to ask and discuss questions



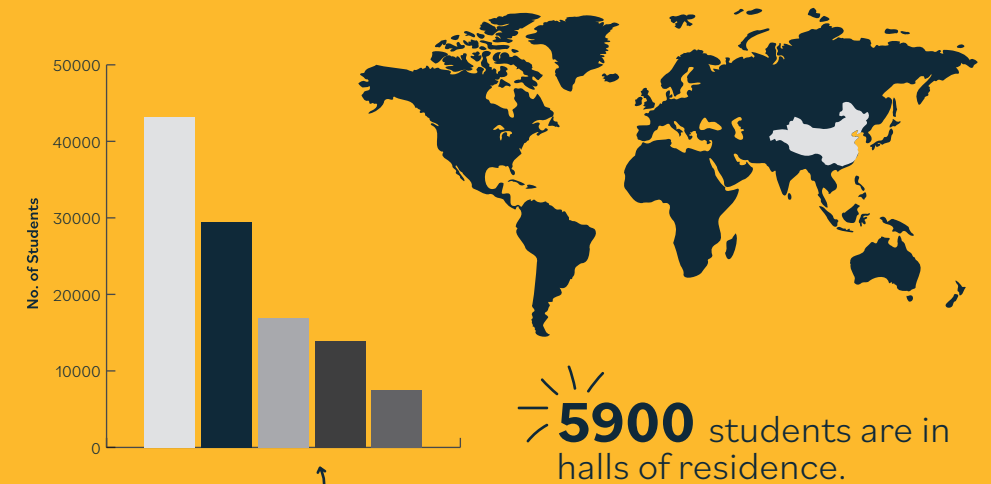


**AUCKLAND** contains **1/3** of NZ's tertiary students – approximately **110,000** students across **15** campuses.

Of the 110,000 students, **20%** are international students.



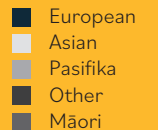
Of the 20% international students, **48%** are from China.



### Institutions



### Ethnicity



These figures have been compiled from multiple sources and in some cases are approximate estimates given limited information available.

of faith, life and God. We've seen how important these studies can be for students who have some sort of Christian background to explore the Christian faith outside the context of their family or home church, ask questions and wrestle with doubt. Some of the most eager evangelists this year are those with a Christian background who weren't trusting in Christ when they started uni, one of whom is Andrew: "I saw God working dramatically in my life and it was a pleasure to have *Veritas: Christians at Law School* welcome me into their flock. Law school can be relatively harsh at times, and this refuge of students who cared more about God's will than grades, and loving each other than legal networking, has transformed my uni experience for the better."

Not all groups thrived though, with some limping to the end of the year discouraged. And it

continues to be particularly difficult to reach students at the polytechs. The challenges highlight the need for more staff in the city, home to a third of New Zealand's tertiary students. We joyfully welcomed Gareth Jones and Bena Tanielu as associate staff, as well as Candy, but we were sad to see May Lee and Ben Chin move on. However, God has been faithful and there are many more stories to tell of him at work on every campus in small but significant ways through camps, "Q&A" panels, English conversation classes, Bible studies and even Google search algorithms! 🐼

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF STUDENT MISSION IN AUCKLAND?

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# WAIKATO & BOP



**Dave Hodgkinson**  
Team Leader

The last year has been one of encouraging growth for the Waikato and Bay of Plenty TSCF student groups. In the midst of a changing world we've sought to remain steadfast in our mission to reach students for Christ, by developing regular rhythms of meeting together, enabling students to connect, to belong and to grow. We continue to see Jesus change students' lives as they deepen their relationship with him.

Our Wednesday evening meetings at Waikato University in Hamilton

have steadily drawn more students. Local staff workers Nadine Liddle and Nick Goodwin continue to foster and model evangelism and discipleship. We've also been more intentional about training student leaders. Through all this we've seen students come to faith in Jesus and grow in their relationship with the Lord!

Pablo is a Spanish student Nadine easily connected with, having previously worked in student ministry in Spain. After several conversations, Nadine shared the gospel

with him. Pablo made a commitment to follow Jesus the night before he flew home to Spain. Providentially, his flight was delayed 24 hours, allowing him to attend one final TSCF gathering.

TSCF has been running the *Alpha* course on the Waikato University campus for three years. We challenged TSCF students to intentionally invite non-Christian students to the most recent course, and were really pleased that over 20 non-Christian students attended the course as a result. Yi attended *Alpha* at the invitation of Grace, a previous TSCF student leader. Mid-way through the course Yi made a commitment to follow Jesus. We praise God that True Witness is bearing fruit. Join with us in praying that Pablo and Yi – and all Christian students – would grow to maturity in the Lord.

In Tauranga, the new Waikato University campus opened in 2019, bringing a dedicated university campus to the heart of the CBD. Tamrah Hare is a key student leader who has helped pioneer the TSCF group on this new campus. She naturally befriends students and dialogues with people about faith and the gospel.

A highlight for our Tauranga students was the Mark Drama. Over three nights the students and local church youth acted out Mark's gospel to over 350 people – with the final performance being held on the new campus. This challenged students to step out in faith by acting in it and inviting their peers to come and watch. The feedback was incredibly positive – one viewer

said, "That was so good. Action-packed. Great, great acting. Clear message of salvation – Thanks so much!"

Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology remains the largest tertiary campus in Tauranga. The Christian Fellowship has had a faithful group of students meeting regularly and engaging students at Orientation and Market Day stalls on campus. After four years of pioneering we sense we are in a new phase, and look to God to draw more students and increase the impact on campus. We continue to pray for resourcing and church partnerships to develop a student group at the Rotorua campus.

Through students like Pablo and Yi, we've seen that Global Reach can begin in New Zealand. International students have joined our groups and met Jesus whilst studying here. The potential for God to use them strategically now and when they return home fills us with immense hope. Over summer, two of our Hamilton-based students headed to Nepal on one of our Global Reach Journeys, to explore mission in a cross-cultural context.

In a changing and uncertain world our TSCF groups want to point students towards Jesus. We are convinced that Jesus remains the light of and hope for this world. We pray the gospel will bear fruit in students as they proclaim Jesus in word and deed, on campus and wherever they go, throughout the rest of their lives. 🙌





# MANAWATŪ



**Scott Mackay**  
Team Leader

The beginning of the 2019 year ran at its usual crazy pace at Massey in Palmerston North. We had to say goodbye to some excellent student leaders at the end of 2018, but our new leaders did a great job of picking up where they left off.

The Massey University Christian Fellowship (MUCF) continued to meet on Thursday nights for Bible studies, led by the students, and continued their Waffle Outreach on Tuesday nights. The Overseas Christian Fellowship (OCF)

combined with the Wellington group for a fantastic Easter Camp. As always, the OCF Friday night dinner and Bible study continued.

I took over as the Manawātū team leader in July 2019, continuing the great work and spiritual investment of Ian Reid, and Mark Grace before him. The second semester was a whirlwind of change for the groups at Massey. Earlier in the year, Ian had moved into a new role as pastor of a local Presbyterian church, and continued to support

MUCF and OCF part-time. The groups had to adjust to my arrival as new staff worker, and significant time was spent visioning, planning, praying and simply getting to know each other.

On top of this, MUCF combined its Bible study and Waffles Outreach into one evening. OCF had an almost entirely new committee, and experienced significant change again in September at the AGM when some of the more experienced members moved on.

I continue to be amazed by the amount of gospel opportunities there are on New Zealand's university campuses. The limiting factor on

campus seems to be our capacity to identify and train mature Christian student leaders.

For this reason, we've launched a joint Training Hub for MUCF and OCF students during the common Wednesday lunch break at Massey; there is plenty of potential here to identify and encourage new leaders. We look forward to seeing how this develops in the coming year, and to keep building on the relationship foundations laid in 2019. 🙌

MUCF welcome event

New halls CF group



# WELLINGTON



**Matthias Loong**  
Team Leader

## **Praise**

The year that's been has given us many opportunities to give thanks to God. At Victoria University, in the second trimester of 2019, Christian Fellowship launched missional groups. These are small groups in which students learn about what the gospel is, and how to share it in a way that makes sense to a secular culture. It was encouraging to see the students grow in their conviction of the gospel, and to engage their unbelieving friends in conversation.

There were six students who graduated from their courses. It was a joy to see them finish well. Although they are sorely missed, and also represented the majority of Vic Christian Fellowship, thanks be to God for their involvement with the group over the years.

NewsWatch, a group that helps international students improve their English by discussing television news stories, has been well-attended as usual. Engagement with students from a variety of cultural

and spiritual backgrounds has been a highlight. Much of this ministry's growth can be credited to Max and Mei Rideout as leaders.

We ran a student leadership conference called "Refuel" for both the Vic and Massey student committees at the end of 2019. Refuel was themed around the marks of Christian leadership. During the day, we looked at what 1 Timothy and Titus had to say about the subject. Once again, it was encouraging to see the students' convictions shaped by God's Word.

## **Pause**

The past year has also given us opportunities to learn and reassess. Campus outreach, in terms of public events, has been a challenge. We tried out the Story Project in the Vic Hub, displaying a mural of Bible stories in the hope of encouraging spiritual conversations with non-Christians. Sadly, there was little engagement from non-Christians overall (which was different to what those in other regions experienced).



There have been fewer new students joining our Thursday night Bible study group. We can certainly rejoice over those who have come along and are being edified by God's Word. Staff and student leaders will continue to explore how we can better reach new students (to both TSCF and university) for Christ.

Our intentional community, Rongopai, continues, and is made up of both Kiwi and international students. A ministry space such as this brings challenges of fostering a culture of spiritual formation and relational connection within the flat. But it also brings opportunities for ministry and growth.

## **Potential**

There are encouraging ministry initiatives to share. Christian Fellowship now has three day-time community groups based at each of the

three Vic university campuses. Each group functions as a Bible study, and being based at each of the campuses provides more opportunities for students to be involved.

Max and Mei have begun an international friendship club. This pre-evangelistic initiative connects non-Christians with Christians, which then leads to an evangelistic Bible study group. Attendance has been positive so far.

## **Prayer**

Student groups are small in Wellington. But our God is big. And the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will go forth convicting people of their sin and bringing re-birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Let's pray for God to move in this way. 🙏



# CANTERBURY



**Geoff Robson**  
Staff Worker

About twenty years ago, I attended a large Christian conference overseas with a group of young adults. As we left, I had the sense that many of us had been deeply affected by the weekend's Bible teaching. So I was surprised when I asked my friend how he'd found the talks and he gave this tepid response: "They were okay. He taught me things about God, but he didn't really tell me what to do."

I can't remember how I responded in the moment, but his comment stuck with me. So many of us were

helped by those talks, but he – entering with the expectation of immediate "application" – left disappointed. What had happened?

And what does this have to do with an annual review of TSCF's ministry at Canterbury?

Over the years, as I've learned more about the nature of gospel ministry, I've come to believe that many Christians, when asked to measure the "success" of a ministry, fall into a version of the trap that ensnared my friend: we judge the success or

failure of a ministry by its immediate, measurable, observable impact. It might be a talk or a Bible study, a one-off event like a conference, or an annual assessment of a church or other ministry. We ask questions like: How many people came? Whose lives were changed? How were they changed? When were they changed?

Don't get me wrong: those are good and right questions to ask – up to a point. But what if we put a different kind of question in first place: Were people given a biblical, Christ-centred picture of God? Does this picture of God have the power to change people's lives not only for tomorrow, but also for whatever comes their way 10 years from now, 20 years from now, or 50 years from now?

All this is to say that summarising the ministry of Christian Union is no easy prospect.

The bread and butter of our ministry has been the same for many years: lots of one-to-one Bible reading; Wednesday night "Life Groups" where students cram into a staff member's home for a meal and Bible study; weekly prayer meetings; evangelistic groups like "Christianity Explored" and larger events to reach the wider campus; an array of conferences and weekends away; small groups, training events, or reading groups on campus. This says nothing of the informal ministry that we love to see students exercising among one another and among non-Christian friends.

The year was tragically marked by the March 15 terrorist attack, an event that had a deep impact on the city and on many individuals, forcing students to ask hard questions and throwing many early plans into chaos.

We ended the year with the appointment of the largest student executive in many years – nine students with diverse gifts and passions, keen to see the gospel grow and bear fruit in one another's lives – not to mention other student leaders who have stepped up to teach the Bible, organise events, and serve one another. We're especially thankful for the wonderful ministry of Renee Posthuma, our 2019 mintern.

In all that we do, our prayer is that God will use TSCF to change students – not for the next month or year, but for life. "[Jesus] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ." (Colossians 1:28)

This is not the work of a one-to-one, a Bible study, a conference, a semester, or a year; it's the work of a lifetime. We hope to have faithfully played our part in serving the students that God brought across our path in 2019. And we ask you to pray with us that the Christ-centred picture of God that we sought to put before them will remain in their hearts and minds and see them transformed for life, to the glory and praise of God. 🙏



# LINCOLN



**Kate McClelland**  
Team Leader

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." This verse, Romans 15:13, was printed on TSCF wristbands for students across New Zealand last year. As I reflect upon it, I am filled with great joy at all God has done in 2019, and with great hope in all he will do in the future. The following stories hold a mixture of delight, challenge and sorrow, yet each is filled with the hope of the gospel.

The annual Lincoln CF camp is a highlight of our calendar. Held early in the year, it brings together students from different year levels to have fun, build friendships and learn from God's Word. A third of the group who joined us for the weekend were not Christians, and through our topic of True Witness heard stories of Jesus and opened the Bible for the first time. Joanna,\* a student from China, was one of these students hearing about Jesus for the first time. She came away from camp excited to know more and has since become a

Christian, continuing to read the Bible with another Lincoln student and grow in her knowledge and love of Jesus.

On March 15, early in the university year, a terrible attack occurred at two mosques in Christchurch. Sadly, 51 people were killed, including four Lincoln University students and a lecturer. In the midst of such extreme tragedy God was at work in many small acts of kindness in the days that followed. Students gathered to pray together, cups of tea and conversations were shared and Christian students offered to gather outside the Musalla (Muslim meeting room) on campus every Friday during midday prayers as a sign of support for a grieving community. Our God of hope is at work.

Under God's good hand the post-graduate group has flourished during the year. One of TSCF's aims is Deep Thought, encouraging students to engage deeply in both life and God's Word. A fruit of this has been the *Alpha* course led by associate staff worker Ani Kartikasari

*\* Name has been changed for privacy.*



and postdoctoral researcher Jennifer Bufford. It's been encouraging to see this group grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus.

TSCF has had a long and growing relationship with our sister movement in Fiji, Pacific Students for Christ (PSFC). At the end of the university year, six students, including Lincolniters, along with staff worker Chris Hay and mintern Michael Bresler went to Suva, Fiji for a TSCF Global Reach Journey to continue this partnership. The team from campuses across New Zealand came away encouraged by the partnership in the gospel with our brothers and sisters in Fiji, and the shared vision of building the kingdom of God.

For all God has done and continues to do, we give him praise! Thank you for your partnership in together reaching students with the gospel of Christ across Aotearoa, including at Lincoln University.

## THE WELL PROJECT

We're grateful to God for the progress and development of The Well. In September 2018, TSCF purchased a section of land directly opposite Lincoln University, seeking to have a purpose-built dwelling for student mission for the long haul. The Well is named after the story in John 4 of an unnamed woman's encounter with Jesus by a well (and because the site is on Springs Road!). Our hope is for it to be a residential missional community encouraging such encounters with Jesus, Undivided Life amongst students, and opportunities for True Witness through hospitality, evangelism and building community. We're excited to see this venture continue, and ultimately be life-changing for generations to come. Planning and fundraising is ongoing. Thank you to all who have donated to make this project possible. 🙌

*See page 26 for more information on The Well Project.*





**Simon Sim**  
Team Leader

One of the interesting things about change is how it creates space for the new. The changes we have seen in Otago over the last year have brought both new opportunities and new challenges for student ministry on campus.

We saw significant changes to the shape of our staff team. We welcomed Michael Bresler to the Otago team as a ministry intern. Michael has been part of TSCF as a student, a leader, and a student rep on the Board. With his heart for the gospel and cross-cultural mission, Michael has been a blessing to the work in Dunedin.

We said farewell to James and Jen Allaway in July. For the last eight years, the Allaways have been instrumental in growing the work of TSCF in Dunedin. They have helped to change many of the students for life through their work and ministry, particularly through their pioneering of subject-based groups and intentional community. As I take over as team leader in Dunedin, I am thankful for the Allaways' leadership and legacy.

In terms of evangelism and True Witness, a new initiative this year was the production of the Mark Drama in Dunedin. Over the course of three days, we shared the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with almost 200 people, and extended the invitation to each person to read Mark's gospel and consider the story of Jesus for themselves. The Mark Drama also had an impact on those in the cast. One of the students said of her experience: "The whole experience really emphasised how important it is to share, experience, and live the gospel with other people... Seeing the life and death of Jesus play out in a drama reminded me again how extraordinary he is, and why I believe in him in the first place."

We also work with several subject-based student groups, with most of them from the healthcare disciplines (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing & physiotherapy). In March, students from all these groups gathered for a 24-hour retreat, exploring what it means to be a Christian student



"called to care," and how faith changes their perspective on work. "Probably the most valuable thing I came away with was the comprehension that it is totally possible to be a Christian in the medical world!! And that I'm not the only one."  
– Sally (nursing student)

It has also been a year of changing students through discipleship in intentional community. "The Quarters" continued, with 27 students and staff living together across four houses, seeking to live out our faith in gospel-centred community and mission, and guided by shared commitments to hospitality, shared meals and spiritual practices. We are thankful for the students we get to share life with, and being able to walk with them on their journeys of faith.

We ended the year with a weekend retreat – a time of fellowship, celebration and reflection for what God has been doing. We spent time

sharing our stories and listening to one another – the good, the bad, and the difficult. It was a reminder of how God uses community, the sharing of life together, in all its good and bad, to transform us.

Another change is on the horizon for Dunedin's intentional community. In 2020, we will be moving to a new location, closer to the university campus. The community is called the "Harbour Light Base." We are excited to see how this move will bring new opportunities for mission, hospitality and gospel witness.

As we look to the new year, there will be more changes to come in student ministry; these will bring new opportunities and challenges. Despite the changing nature of student ministry, we can be confident in the unchanging mission of God and his constant presence with us. 🕊

# GLOBAL REACH

**GLOBAL REACH**  
**Kim Shaw** | *Global Reach Coordinator*

The gospel for the nations is the heartbeat of God's great love for the world, and his mission to see people of all nations in his kingdom. In the past year I have been privileged to provide leadership in this area of Global Reach, and to see staff and students be challenged by exploring opportunities to serve God among the nations.

For Summit 2019 Bishop Steve Maina, our keynote speaker, taught from Acts on key principles of mission from stories of the early church. We held a missions café night and missions expo to expose students to local and overseas opportunities, and to help them consider how God could use their skills, passions and story of faith around the world. We interspersed the expo with prayer for South Pacific IFES countries and those where we have staff serving – Ecuador (Ruth Hicks) and Italy (Zach Smith).

During Summit week, a delegation of TSCF staff and students attended the IFES World Assembly. This was a fantastic opportunity to gain a greater sense of the worldwide movement, and for students to grow in their commitment to God's heart for the nations.

At a regional level, students in Otago and Waikato gathered to learn about cross-cultural communication as a tool to build relationships with their international peers. Global Reach was also integrated as a theme for prayer and Bible discussion

in small groups around the country.

Developing greater partnership with New Zealand mission agencies has been a key part of my role. It has been a privilege to korero with organisational leaders about the challenge of mobilising younger generations towards life-long commitment to mission. There is great scope for these partnerships to grow a committed group of young Kiwis, passionate about Global Reach.

Twelve students joined our Global Reach Journeys to Fiji and Nepal, where they spent time with IFES staff and students and engaged with Christians who were actively serving God and making a difference in their communities. The journeys focused on exposure to God's work and understanding ways to pray for the local students and wider community, and seeing ways our students could potentially serve overseas in the future. This was a significant learning experience and the students returned with a greater sense of commitment to living with gospel-driven priorities.

We celebrate being part of a worldwide fellowship, but it is a challenge to help our students feel part of this when their world revolves around their own campus. We hope that as our students connect with those of other IFES groups around the world, they can be the bridge and catalyst for increased prayer and global connection. 🍀



# MINTY

**MINTY**  
**Chris Hay** | *Minty Team Leader*

We live in a rapidly changing world. A review of just the last year shows that times are changing. However, through all of this we have a hope we can be assured of: God is good, Christ will return, and in him our future is certain. These truths we find in scripture are especially rich and vital for us today.

Speaking of change, I took on a new role with TSCF in July 2019 as Minty Team Leader, overseeing the TSCF Ministry Internship Year. I am a firm believer in the TSCF internship, having been a graduate of the programme myself. The vision for Minty is based on Psalm 92:12–15: to encourage interns to flourish, to seek God's kingdom first and to produce fruit for him, not just for a year, but for a lifetime, as the verse says, "Still bearing fruit into old age." And not just in vocational ministry, but in all fields – journalism, politics, farming, accounting, car sales. Our hope is that there would be Minty graduates spread throughout New Zealand, and even around the globe, who are gripped with the gospel and the conviction of seeking and serving the Lord for a lifetime, no matter where or what that looks like.

When I started the new role it was the middle of the year for our three interns Renee, David and Michael. It was a real privilege to be involved in their lives, to see them grow, be challenged, be pruned. A particular encouragement came in the final retreat we had at Lake Ohau. Each of

the interns was given an opportunity to reflect on and share about their internship year: What had they learnt, what were they challenged by, what was great, what was hard? Having been involved with them for the year and seeing their highs and lows, it was encouraging hearing their reflections. It particularly encouraged me that for each of these interns one of the main lessons learned was that God is faithful and we can trust him. I pray that this journey of building trust and faith in God will continue for them.

In 2020 we have no interns. This provides an opportunity to thoroughly review the internship and all its components – to go back to the vision of the TSCF Ministry Internship Year, to consider whether we are succeeding in our vision and how can we improve.

It is a real joy to be involved in student ministry, and even more so to be part of Minty. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, but Lord willing I look forward to more students coming through the Minty program, being gripped with the glory of God, treasuring the work of Christ and being released out into the world to seek and serve his kingdom. 🍀



# FINANCE

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**  
**Caitlin Ormiston** | Chief Operating Officer

In last year's Annual Review I asked for prayer that we would "continue to boldly proclaim Jesus in this ever-changing environment." At that time, I had no idea of the context I would be writing to you from one year later. And yet, as I reflect on the financial position of TSCF in 2019 I give thanks to God for his continued gracious provision. The 2019 year brought a number of changes for TSCF, with a new national director in Ben Carswell, five new team leaders around the regions, and the launch of our Global Reach Journeys. We also had the opportunity to send four staff and four students to the IFES quadrennial World Assembly in South Africa. These events were a great encouragement, but they also brought additional financial challenges above our core focus of seeing students in New Zealand reached for Christ. It is a huge credit to you, our partners, that we have been able to achieve these things over the past year, and we thank you for responding to the call to glorify God in this way.

We were also pleased to make further progress towards the building of The Well, our vision for a residential community for Christian students in Lincoln. The land was purchased in 2018, and now we are in the exciting phase of having an architect engaged and finalising designs before we begin the search for a building company. The Selwyn District Council has approved the first phase of the resource consent, and Ngāi

Tahu, the developer, has provisionally approved plans. The next phase is to develop the plans and put them out to tender with builders so that the TSCF Board can make an informed decision about proceeding. We hope to make this even more of a focus in 2020–2021, as we look to secure funding to bring the building to fruition and see our vision realised: having a space for students to live as an intentional witnessing community for many years to come. If you'd like to be involved in the next decades of student mission in Lincoln, to know more or to make a donation, our Project Lead Tim Hodge would love to hear from you ([tim@tscf.org.nz](mailto:tim@tscf.org.nz)).

I sincerely thank the Board, Finance Committee, and administrative teams for their hard work in ensuring we have sound practices, and continue to invest in the long-term sustainability of TSCF, under God's good hand. In particular, this support and attention to detail has resulted in another satisfactory audit, full details of which can be found on our website: [www.tscf.org.nz/about-tscf/finances](http://www.tscf.org.nz/about-tscf/finances).

Although this is not reflected in the 2019 financial accounts, we must recognise the impact of the current global pandemic, which will no doubt have significant repercussions for many of our partners in the gospel. We recognise that some of our supporters may be affected for months and years to come. We also recognise



National Resource Team (admin, finance & communications)

that through this pandemic more people are wrestling with matters of life and faith, and so our mission is as relevant today as it was in the months before COVID-19. I want to express my thanks on behalf of TSCF for your faithful partnership, and ask that you might prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to invest in the future sustainability of TSCF.

We cannot begin to express how thankful we are at TSCF for each one of you in your faithful support and partnership in reaching the campuses of Aotearoa for Christ. Please continue to pray with us as we seek to share the gospel and proclaim Jesus, often in new and creative ways. 🙏



## A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

For over 84 years, God has faithfully provided to enable student mission on the campuses of NZ. While much of the finance given assists TSCF staff on the ground, there are always ongoing costs associated with resourcing student ministry. Though often behind the scenes, our National Resource Team are an essential part of student mission. We are seeking to grow our financial resources to enable this team to support the wider ministry. Would you consider financially partnering with us in this?

*If you are interested in making a one-off or regular donation, follow these steps:*

- 1) Go to [tscf.org.nz/give](http://tscf.org.nz/give);
- 2) Select "CS-CORE – Core Fund (General)."



# INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2019	2018
Donations	1,648,769	1,610,345
Revenue from core activities, events and student communities	288,948	449,732
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,937,717</b>	<b>2,060,077</b>

EXPENDITURE	2019	2018
Core, office and leadership support	294,549	279,865
Staff support	1,301,869	1,405,937
Regional activities	24,705	27,777
Conferences	20,698	29,723
Student communities	223,926	227,025
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,865,747</b>	<b>1,970,327</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>71,970</b>	<b>89,750</b>

## THE WELL PROJECT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE	2019
Donations and interest	158,911
Expenditure (Land deposit & maintenance)	58,489
<b>Funds on hand</b>	<b>100,422</b>

**The Well Project** is our planned accommodation for a student residential community in Lincoln. We are hoping it will be completed by the end of 2021. Please contact Tim Hodge for more information ([tim@tscf.org.nz](mailto:tim@tscf.org.nz)).

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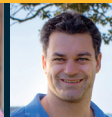
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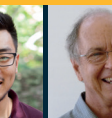
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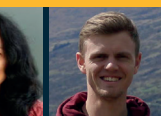
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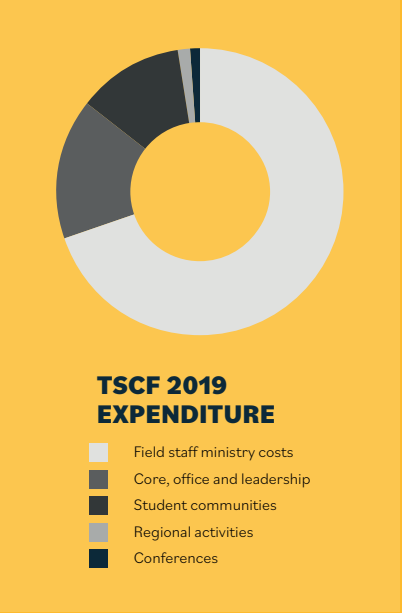
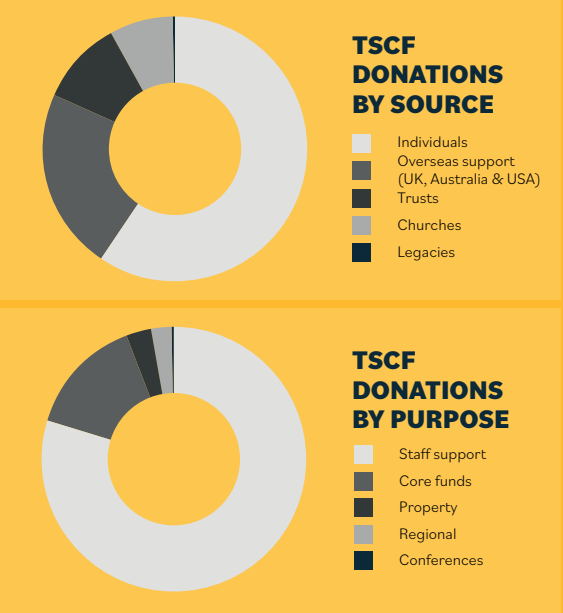
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