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## \* New Beginnings





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## New Beginnings

Ben Carswell • National Director

After a challenging couple of years, it's not  
hard to sympathise with those who were  
looking forward to a new year anticipating  
it might be a chance for a fresh start. Sadly,  
the ongoing realities of life impacted by a  
global pandemic continue. However, the  
arrival and return of students to our poly-  
technics, wānanga and universities is also a  
reminder of the new opportunities we have  
to share the good news of Jesus with stu-  
dents in New Zealand.

I'll never forget the day, when, with a mix of  
fear and trepidation, excitement and expec-  
tation, I packed my life into two small cases  
as I left home for the first time to begin my  
student days. Moving to a new city, mak-  
ing new friends, studying new subjects,  
joining new clubs were all part of the new  
beginnings as a first year student. They were

significant and formative times for me. For  
this generation, in this COVID-disrupted  
moment, these early weeks of their student  
years are a crucial time for TSCF and student  
mission.

**“Our prayer is that in  
2022, students from  
Auckland to Otago would  
find new life in Jesus”**

Both online and where possible, in person,  
TSCF has been represented at clubs days  
and orientation events around the country.  
We have met students, made connections  
and started building friendships, all with the  
prayerful desire that others may encounter  
Jesus and be transformed by Him for life.

At its core, the Christian message we pro-  
claim is one of new beginnings. Remember  
what Jesus said to Nicodemus: “*You must  
be born again!*” It's the message Paul shared  
with the Corinthians when he said, “*If any-  
one is in Christ, they are a new creation, the  
old has gone, the new has come!*” Our prayer  
is that in 2022, students from Auckland to

Otago would make a fresh start and find  
new life in Jesus.

As we look back on the last couple of years,  
we recognise they have been challenging  
for many, but we also look back with thank-  
fulness for a steady, though small stream of  
students coming to faith and trust in Jesus.  
As we begin this year of student mission,  
we're delighted that 'The Well', our new  
residential community, is now open with  
its first cohort of students seeking to live  
for and speak of Jesus at Lincoln University.  
We're thankful for all who have partnered  
with us in this exciting initiative and pray it  
will be used to bring new life in Lincoln.

While we hope and pray that the future  
may be easier, there are no guarantees.  
The global pandemic has taken its toll.  
Continued uncertainty and worries remain  
for many. There are significant changes to  
the reality of campus life in NZ and a need  
for ongoing flexibility, as COVID restrictions  
are in place. But we remain committed to  
'reaching students for Christ and chang-  
ing students for life'. While student mission  
is rapidly changing, our message has not.  
'*Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday and  
today and forever*' (Hebrews 13:8) is at the  
heart of TSCF and all we do.

As you read this Canvas edition, may you  
be encouraged and inspired to pray for stu-  
dents starting new beginnings across New  
Zealand. Would you pray for new begin-  
nings as students meet Jesus, turn to Him  
and trust in Him?

In Christ

*Ben Carswell*



Ben Carswell preaching at Summit 2021





# THE WELL

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Rachel Hay • Graphic Designer

*In September 2018, under God's good hand and with the generosity of his people, TSCF was able to purchase a section of land on Springs Road, directly opposite Lincoln University. Fast forward to Feb 2022, the first-ever group of students have moved in and are pioneering a new TSCF initiative. Head of Training and Development, Tim Hodge and Lincoln property student Luke Gilchrist share their reflections as part of The Well project team.*

**Rachel Hay:** Tim, can you describe to us what The Well project is?

**Tim Hodge:** The Well is an intentional residential Christian community for students, developed to serve the gospel at Lincoln

University over the next fifty plus years in three ways:

Firstly, through outreach, so that people who want to find out more about Jesus can come.

Secondly, through hospitality. The Well has a big dining table in an expression of hospitality. In the gospels, Jesus is often at a meal or going to a meal or coming from meal. But on the university campus there is increasing fragmentation. So, we want to show people hospitality as part of Christian witness.

And the third thing is in terms of discipleship. What it means to live as a Christian

The Well planning team meets on site in the early construction stages

**“It’s been so encouraging and humbling to have so many people involved in construction; from the builders minimising supply chain problems, to those who volunteered their expertise, to those from every continent who donated money.”**

**– Tom Broughton, Board Chair**

community to rub shoulders with people positively and negatively. What does it mean to agree to have certain faith-building activities together? It might be praying every Monday morning for friends who aren't Christians or looking into the Scriptures every Friday evening and taking turns to lead a Bible study to get better at that.

The reason this building is called The Well is twofold: it's on Springs Road, which runs past the university and springs and wells go together. But more so because in John 4 a woman who is an outcast in her own society meets and encounters Jesus at the well. And the whole community is transformed after she meets Jesus. And that's the aim, that men and women who live there, continue to be transformed by Jesus, and for others to be welcomed in and transformed by Jesus through the work of the Spirit.

**RH:** TSCF believes in reaching students for Christ and changing students for life. Tim, what part does The Well play in achieving that big vision?

**TH:** TSCF has four aims and our first is True Witness. We're a mission organization. The Well is a community, and it's a place for students, who aren't Christians, to find out more about Jesus.

Through Undivided Life, TSCF aims to help those that live in The Well to work out what it means to be a Christian, not just on Sundays

but also in Monday lectures, on Tuesday evenings when you have an argument with your flatmate, and on Wednesday mornings when you're trying to pray together.

Lincoln University, certainly before COVID came to our shores, had the largest percentage of students from overseas of any of the universities in our nation. So, there are lots of opportunities to speak for Jesus with people who are from outside NZ, living out Global Reach.

And fourthly, we aim to encourage Deep Thought: lots of late-night discussions amongst residents and guests about all sorts of things, having good yarns, and particularly about how the good news about Jesus impacts whatever it is they're talking about.

**RH:** Luke, can you share a little bit about why you were interested in being part of The Well project team?

**Luke Gilchrist:** Early on in my first year, I was talking to Tim about how it would be interesting to have a house where people from Christian Fellowship could go for our Wednesday lunch, so I've been part of the team to bring a student perspective.

**TH:** I think Luke is underplaying his hand a little bit there. Luke is essential on the project team, he's an equal partner in decision making and has brought a clarity around



the student voice that has made things infinitely better. TSCF really believes in making sure that students drive things forward locally and nationally. Students are very capable and Luke is using his property understanding through his studies and to serve the kingdom of God where he is and I'm very grateful for that. .

**RH:** Can you guys both share about what you have learned through working on the project team?

**LG:** It's been a big learning experience which has been really good to be a part of. I've learnt a lot of practical things like the fire regulations, how to cope with the little things that you don't foresee which pop up,

and that you can't take anything for granted with COVID.

**TH:** I've learned about the process of building and architects. I've learned how to be content with asking 'silly' questions when I don't understand stuff. But more than that I've see how it's better to work in a team because we bring different skills into that team to make it better together.

I think that I've learned throughout this project that God can be trusted. So, we have had challenges and setbacks in the build, and we undoubtedly will have challenges and setbacks amongst the resident community. It's a big ask to have intentional community with a group of nine people

**"Jesus emphasizes living and serving in community, not because it's easy, but because it's worth it. I'm excited to see God change hearts and lives through the Well."**

**- Penny Keast, Community Coordinator**

and we've said to everybody who's going to live there that it's going to be hard and it's going to be good, and those things are not at opposite ends of the spectrum. But in all the challenges of building and of residential community, it's a joy to see God draw men and women to the Lord Jesus and to entrust that work to Him.

**RH:** Have you seen God provide in any unexpected ways?

**TH:** I've been so humbled and encouraged by the generosity of God's people. The Well is being funded partly by a bank loan, but mostly by donations and there have been donations from former Lincoln students in every continent on the Earth. Which is remarkable because it's just wee little Lincoln.

It's also been encouraging to see God's hand over the timing with an anchor donor who put quite a lot of money in to enable the purchase of that land.

We also had a building contract which is mostly fixed price with our builder which was signed in April 2021. By the time we got to June nobody in the industry did that anymore because of the financial risk associated with material delays caused by COVID.

To realize God's sovereignty over something as tangible as a building has been hugely faith building and encouraging. I have my moments when I get stressed and I wake up in the night but when I stop and am clear in my thinking, I see God's good hand over this project.

**LG:** Yeah, you've probably had some high stress days with things not arriving. But it was just interesting to talk to a builder over the weekend about how bad getting stuff actually is now, and how we've just been ahead of that. That's a good reminder.

**RH:** How has your faith intersected with working on a project that is so practical?

**TH:** It's a building project, but it's a building project to serve the gospel. The aim is not for a building to be put up. The aim is for men and women to meet Jesus over the next 50 years through living in community or through being welcomed as guests into that community. And so every decision has been run through that filter, which has led to some interesting conversations with some of the builders or subcontractors. Because it's an ordinary residential house, but it's also an unusual house because of the end purpose of it.







**“We praise God for everyone in the wider TSCF family who have been so generous in supporting The Well, sharing in the vision, supporting in prayer, making it happen with financial donations and continuing to be true partners in our work.”**

**– Tim Hodge, Project Leader of The Well**

**RH:** Luke, what are you looking forward to as one of the first residents in 2022 of The Well?

**LG:** It’s exciting to be one of the first. I’m looking forward to being able to spin some good yarns and to live with some like-minded people there who have a faith. I’m looking forward to growing as a person spiritually, through the challenges of flatting. I’m also looking forward to seeing how we can get some first years involved with CF as well, through that. And what The Well might mean for CF in the future is pretty exciting.

**RH:** It’s massive, for first year students coming to Lincoln and knowing that there is a community space right outside of the university where they can meet and fellowship with other Christians, or to have a safe space for people that are exploring what Christianity means. To be able to do that and connect with people and have fun and be social and just enjoy community together. ♡



**“The opening of The Well marks a significant moment in TSCF’s history. It is a testimony to God’s provision and the faithful partnership of many people. We are excited by the possibilities of all God will do.”**

**–Ben Carswell, National Director**

# 5-Step Bible Study

**A model used by TSCF which you may find helpful for personal use.**

- 1.** Pray and ask God who in your life you could start a one to one Bible study with - perhaps a non-Christian friend, or someone at uni/church who’s younger in their faith than you.
- 2.** Ask them! You might be surprised to discover how many people are keen for something like this. It can help to be specific: would you like to meet once a week for the next 6 weeks for an hour to read and discuss Colossians together using this 5-step framework?
- 3.** Expect that however unsure you might feel about your ability, the Holy Spirit will speak to you both as you read his word together as God has promised.

**As you read the passage, look out for these things:**



Anything that “shines” from the passage, that draws your attention.



Anything that is difficult to understand or that you’d like to ask the author.



What is the heart of the passage, the central idea?



What are the implications for my life: for my beliefs, behaviour, attitudes?



Find a friend I could share what I’ve learned with.

**“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”**

**–Hebrews 4:12**

## National:

### General Ministry:

- Recruitment for several positions.
- For strategic thinking in light of ever changing Covid situations.
- For the National Board lead by Tom Broughton and Janice Cheng.

### Global Reach:

- For a new group of students from around the country who will begin The Crossing Global Reach Initiative in late March.
- That God will grow their understanding of His heart for the people of all ethnicities, and they will grow in their desire to partner with God in showing His love to the people He has put around them.

### The Well:

- Thank God for the project being close to the original budget and timeframe and those who have supported it.
- Thank God for the nine pioneer residents from several local churches living in The Well. Pray for wisdom while navigating how to live in a community in times of covid.
- For residents to live out the aims for The Well to be a place of encountering Jesus through evangelism, hospitality and discipleship.

**"I call on you,  
my God, for you  
will answer me;  
turn your ear  
to me and hear  
my prayer."  
Psalm 17:6**

### Resource Team:

- Our team has changed a lot in recent months. Please pray for us as we develop this growing team to support one another well, and to keep focused on the core mission to see students reached for Christ.
- Pray we would have wisdom around priorities, and that we would manage to keep trusting God amidst all these changes.

### Minty:

- That this year would be used to develop, shape and improve Minty for future years, as we continue to build awareness of the internship.

## Regional:

### Auckland:

- Give thanks for Josh Irving joining the staff team and pray God would raise financial and prayer support for him and his family.
- Praise God thanks for new students the groups have been able to connect with and pray that despite online meetings, groups would be great communities for students to live out TSCF's vision together.

### Waikato & Bay of Plenty:

- That the Lord will raise new members and student leaders with a heart for campus mission.
- That students will live undivided lives of purpose, integrity, hope, which create intrigue and dialogue with their student peers, pointing them to Jesus.

### Manawātū:

- Give thanks for the hard work of our student leadership team, showing initiative and energy despite various obstacles.
- Pray that our Easter Outreach and the CF/OCF camp will go ahead in April.

### Wellington:

- Praise God for the new Vic CF committee. Pray for wisdom and creativity to proclaim Christ on campus.
- Pray for new mission opportunities at Massey and the Polytechs.
- Pray that TSCF Wellington would know how best to serve and partner with local churches in God's mission together.

### Canterbury:

- Thank God for the students we have met so far this year, and for student leaders's hard work amidst university disruptions.
- Pray for CU as we finish off our evangelistic series from Ecclesiastes on 'More to Life Than...'; and our evangelistic movie night in early April. Pray that some students will be interested to investigate Jesus further.

### Lincoln:

- This year, a particular focus for the CF is seeking to meet and involve first years and younger students, as the group has struggled with this in recent years.
- Pray that we will form solid relationships with new students through O-week events and camps that solidify into long term friendships throughout the year.

### Otago:

- Pray for the student leaders of the newly formed Otago Christian Fellowship (merging OCF and VCF) and the Christian Medical Fellowship as they navigate the challenges of changing circumstances of COVID. Please pray that they will connect with new and returning students.
- Please pray for the Dentistry Christian Group that is restarting this year. Praise God for the two students who are leading this new initiative.

**PULL ME OUT AND PUT ME ON THE FRIDGE  
TO KEEP TSCF IN YOUR PRAYERS!**



# INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF!

## Josh Irving

As a first-year student in 2009, unsure of his faith, Josh accepted an invitation to read Luke's gospel with three students from the local TSCF group. Over that year, in Scripture and community, Josh came to believe in the lordship of Jesus over his whole life and was baptised.

It was also through TSCF that Josh met his now-wife Kate. Both served as student leaders in their respective campus groups, which led to Josh being a student representative on TSCF's board and Kate completing Minty.

After graduating, Josh worked as a schoolteacher in Auckland and Singapore. They returned to Auckland for Josh to pursue theological study through Carey Baptist College. While completing his training in 2021, they sensed God's hand in leading them (back) to the student mission and Josh to join TSCF's Auckland team. ♣



**"The appointment of Josh and Kathryn are the answer to many people's prayers. We are thrilled to have two gifted young leaders joining TSCF staff. I encourage you to be part of the team praying for and financially supporting them."**

**-Ben Carswell, National Director**

## Kathryn (KJ) Millar

I grew up in the multicultural community of South Auckland, so cross-cultural ministry has always been important to me.

My first experience in academia was a diploma in web design, which led to me working in web design and completing a computer science degree at AUT. It was at AUT that I was first introduced to TSCF.

Through TSCF, I grew in my faith as I read the Bible at Uni. I was thrilled to get to know Jesus better and see him work in my friends

too. As a result, it's a joy to continue to reach students for Christ and change them for life with my new role at Canterbury Uni. It's a privilege to train student leaders, read the Bible with them one-to-one and equip students to reach their peers and those in their workplace. ♣



**To financially partner with Josh or KJ please visit our website [tscf.org.nz](https://tscf.org.nz)**

# NOTICES

## Vacancies:

### COME JOIN THE TEAM AT TSCF!

We have a variety of roles available across Aotearoa, New Zealand. If you're passionate about seeing students' lives changed through the gospel, then we would love to meet you! To find out more, visit our website [tscf.org.nz/jobs](https://tscf.org.nz/jobs) or contact Maggie Barker at [personnel@tscf.org.nz](mailto:personnel@tscf.org.nz).

## Partnership:

### AS A MOVEMENT, WE ARE FUNDED BY THE GENEROSITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

If you've been encouraged by the stories we've shared about the work God's doing through TSCF. We ask that you would consider financially and prayerfully partnering with one of our campus teams in 2022.

Visit our website to get in contact with team leaders from each region to see how you can help students grow and learn about the good news of Jesus Christ.

## The Well:

**THROUGH GOD'S FAITHFUL PROVISION, THE WELL IS UP AND RUNNING IN LINCOLN.**



In chapter 4 of John's gospel, the women at the well encounters Jesus and the lives of many are transformed. Our prayer is that many students would encounter Jesus through gospel centred community. We're grateful to God for all who've donated to get The Well to this point. Would you prayerfully consider contributing to The Well project to take it from started to established?



## Growing in Witness

Annelise Chan • Graduating Auckland law Student

I've had the privilege of studying at the University of Auckland for six years, and TSCF has been a significant influence in helping me live for God as a student. I came to university for a degree, I'm leaving having seen glimpses of heaven amidst a broken world.

At the very start of uni, I attended a TSCF conference where I was given two copies of Luke's gospel so I could read it with a friend. We spent some time practicing reading the Bible together and in one of the final sessions, we were invited to write down the names of three people we could invite to read Luke. I came away from Launch with the names of friends I wanted to talk to about Jesus. I was terrified, yet I had also been incredibly struck by the people I had met. They had a passion for speaking to people about Jesus and it was infectious. They were confident in handling God's

Word. I felt like I was the opposite: I was shy and hadn't really shared my faith with anyone during highschool.

Since then, I have had so many experiences of God's goodness and glory. I went into Jesus Week in 2019 praying that God might allow me to find just one person to read the Bible with and he answered that prayer. A Bible study with a girl living in a hostel led to seven of us reading a part of the book of Mark together. These people were from all different faith backgrounds and all corners of the world – from Yemen to the Netherlands. I've seen brothers and sisters in Christ grow in leading Bible studies. I've had the privilege of seeing Christians test their faith and God sustaining them. I've also had the sad situation of non-Christians reading some of the Bible and deciding they don't want to continue. Most poignant of all,

I happened to talk to a person for the first time just as they were ready to commit their life to Jesus. I was able to celebrate someone becoming a Christian and see the fruit of all the seeds God and so many others had planted.

### What I've learnt (and continue to learn):

First, I've learnt about the power of the Holy Spirit working in us. Aspiring towards being a True Witness isn't about striving to understand him with our intellect or knowing the answer to every question. It's God providing opportunities, people to talk to, and boldness to simply start the conversation. God doesn't just send us out to go be witnesses on our own. He asks us to trust Him as he comes with us.

Second, it's much easier to be an exile in the world with other exiles (1 Peter 2:11-12). In Veritas, the Christians in Law School group, about five of us were in the same year and were able to converse with curious non-Christians as gospel partners. It was thrilling praying together for our friends. If you're a student struggling to talk to people about Jesus, chat to people in your campus group about it or just grab a few friends to support each other. Pray together that God would empower you to speak of him, share your worries and fears about evangelism, pray for the people each of you are talking to and hold each other accountable by asking how conversations went.

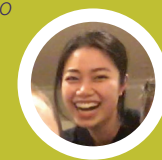
Third, intentionality goes a long way. Having a few people's names written down has been incredibly helpful. Pray for them and make the effort to talk to them about your faith. I've found that if I'm being intentional, almost every topic of conversation can lead to the topic of sin or God.

Fourth, be courageous! Don't be afraid to ask: you might be surprised by the response. If God does open doors and you're reading the Bible, start with a simple question like, 'What sticks out to you?' and go from there. Don't be afraid to say you're not sure about something. Staff workers are very helpful to point you towards biblical answers and resources. Ask to read the Bible one-on-one with other Christians as well as non-Christians. Reading the Bible with Christians sharpens and encourages us.

**“God doesn't just send us out to go be witnesses on our own. He asks us to trust Him as he comes with us.”**

Fifth, people watch as you go through hard times. The way you live your life reflects who your King is. At some point, people are likely to ask or comment on something and in these conversations, what the person has observed can back up what you say.

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:9-12*



Annelise Chan and Auckland team leader Robyn Drake



# Lincoln Staff Profiles



## Chris Hay (Interim Lincoln Team Leader & Minty Team Leader)

I joined staff in 2015 having realised the highlight of my time at uni was involvement with Lincoln University Christian Fellowship. I've been mostly working alongside Lincoln Uni students to help them reach the campus with the gospel. More recently, it's been a real joy to be running TSCF's internship programme Minty, as it was very formative for me after graduating from uni.



## Kate McClelland (Team Leader - Maternity Leave)

After being involved with the Christian Fellowship at uni, I returned to Lincoln with a desire to make disciples and see students come to know Christ. I've enjoyed adventuring with students and seeing them grow in their faith, but am currently on maternity leave.



## Tim Hodge (Head of Training & Development)

Reaching students for Christ and changing students for life is our aim as TSCF: what could be more exciting than that! As our Head of Training and Development, I get to encourage, train, and assist TSCF student groups and TSCF staff across the motu. Home is in Lincoln so of all the students I meet, I have the honour of knowing the Lincoln context the most.



## Penny Keast (Associate Staff)

I have served in missions all over the world, while pursuing God's call to Russia, but was recalled to New Zealand due to Covid. This year I have relocated to the Well (TSCF's residential community in Lincoln) as community coordinator to provide pastoral support and facilitate the students' commitment to creating a space for outreach, hospitality and discipleship, alongside supporting the Lincoln staff team.



## Ani Kartikasari (Associate Staff)

I have been providing pastoral care for postgraduate students, mostly internationals. We've been able to meet regularly for fellowship, prayer and the occasional shared meal or retreat in Akaroa. Working closely with the university has opened up great opportunities to connect with students.



## What's Happening On Campus?

### Wednesday Lunch:

Every Wednesday at 1pm, we meet together on campus to eat and spend time together. This semester we are also working through TSCF's Basis of Belief that brings us together from different churches and backgrounds as the Lincoln Uni Christian Fellowship. We are asking the question, 'so what?' What is the Basis of Belief, and why is it something we should know, praise and worship God for?

### Connect Events:

One of the main priorities for the start of the year is connecting and building relationships with new students. We will be running many social events and catch-ups to meet

people and help them grow to be part of the Christian Fellowship community.

### Bible Study:

Every Monday night we gather together in TSCF's new residential community house, The Well, to study the Word. This is for those who know lots or little about Christianity; currently, we are working through 1 Peter.

### Prayer Meeting:

One of the most important times in the week! Every Wednesday from 12.00-12.30pm we meet on campus in the Chapel. This is open to staff and students. 🙏



## Story of Change

Henry Bassant interviewed by Chris Hay • Lincoln Team Leader

*Henry is studying a Bachelor of Commerce in Agriculture at Lincoln University and shares some of his faith journey.*

**Chris:** So, Henry, tell us about your life and your upbringing.

**Henry:** I grew up in Wellington and I didn't really have much religious influence growing up, but my Oma was very devout in her faith. I thought she was quite over the top with how much she would talk about Jesus. I always listened politely but wasn't really paying attention.

When my Oma passed away in 2018, I read out a prayer at her funeral. I started with, 'I'm not a Christian and I don't think I ever will be...!' Then it all kind of snowballed in 2019 when I started uni at Lincoln.

I met a bunch of people from the Christian Fellowship at an event and found it really wholesome. They were good people and I found the friends I made there refreshing as they weren't going out drinking. My attitude towards Christianity changed and I started going to church and CF purely because I enjoyed the friendship.

**C:** What have been some of the key moments over the last few years?

**H:** I initially started looking into things to honour my Oma's memory, but I was still very sceptical. I thought that I would know everything about Christianity after three years and then make my decision, which is funny as it's taken you and me two years to finish the book of Luke! I know that she was praying for me as well which would've helped.

There were a lot of times when someone was sharing something from the Bible, and it was as if they were speaking specifically to me. There was one time when the sermon was on Luke 5, and the pastor mentioned that we need to invite Jesus into our boat. At that point I was on the edge, kind of testing God and it felt like he was saying I needed to commit.

**“There are unwritten universal truths, like morality, we know that certain things are good or bad. And I started seeing those unwritten truths written in the Bible.”**

**C:** What made you finally commit?

**H:** I was waiting for this big, revealing, unmistakable moment, but that didn't really happen. The big thing I think was seeing God's truth. There are unwritten universal truths, like morality: we know that certain things are good or bad. And I started seeing those unwritten truths written in the Bible.

**C:** Romans 2 talks about how God's law is written on our hearts, and you've experienced that as we've learned about God's design for the world.

**H:** Yeah, and also the way we were created. For example, I always thought that sex before marriage was a good thing and something I didn't really like about Christianity, but now I see that God's idea for sex in marriage is good and true.

**C:** So how have you seen your faith journey grow over the past few years?

**H:** I think understanding more of God's truths. When you start getting into the Bible and breaking it down and really living the way that God intended, you see that this is the way he meant you to live. 🙌

*Please pray for Henry as he continues to grow in his understanding of who Christ is and that God would shape him as a student resident of The Well in Lincoln.*



## Campus Groups

Some say Lincoln campus is New Zealand's smallest but arguably finest campus with two TSCF groups.

Lincoln University Christian Fellowship seeks to reach undergrad students with the gospel. This includes halls students, second years, third years, international students.

The post-graduate group is very ably run by Ani Kartikasari. This group seeks to reach those who are studying post graduate studies on campus, many of whom are international.

Both groups aim to meet and build relationships with people with the goal of introducing them to Christ in the Bible. 🙌





Reaching students for Christ, changing students for life.  
**He ākonga ki ngā ākonga hei ara whakawhiti mō te Karaiti.**



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