



FIELD OF DREAMS

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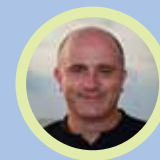
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In 1989, a young Kevin Costner starred in the classic American sports film, 'Field of Dreams'. It tells the story of Ray Kinsella, a young Iowa corn farmer who hears a voice and has a dream.

While walking through his cornfield one evening, he hears a voice whispering *"If you build it, he will come"*. Kinsella sees a vision of a baseball field with legendary baseballer 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson in the middle. Spurred on by painful memories of his own father, he fears the possibility of growing old without achieving anything.

"Until I heard the voice, I'd never done a crazy thing in my life."

Kinsella's wife, Annie, believes in him and together, at risk of significant financial hardship, they plough through their corn crop to pursue their dream and build a baseball field.

The film tells the story of how Kinsella persists through self-doubt and ridicule, and as various people get on board the dream is ultimately realised.

Looking back on the past year, we can recognise God's goodness and faithfulness in bringing dreams to reality. While the history books will remember 2021 as the second year of a global pandemic, for TSCF, it will be remembered as the year *The Well*, our new residential community was built across the road from Lincoln University.

I'm not sure if our own Kevin Costner, Tim Hodge (TSCF's Head of Training and Development) heard a voice, but when land directly across the road from Lincoln University went up for sale in 2018, Tim saw both a field and a dream. What would it look like for TSCF to buy some land, build a property and run a residential, mission community housing students seeking to be a witness for Christ? TSCF had previous experience running similar communities in Wellington and Dunedin, but this would be different. This would be custom designed and be owned and managed by TSCF. The risk was great, but the potential reward, greater.

No doubt, there were some who, as in the movie, felt it was *"totally illogical and impractical"*. But for others, there was excitement and an opportunity. So, with the generous support and partnership of others, in late 2018, we purchased a section of land on Springs Road.

"If you build it, they will come."

Buying the land was the relatively easy part. The next steps would be something TSCF had never done before – designing, funding and building a residence that would eventually be known as *The Well*. The scale of the task was daunting, but ably led by Tim Hodge, a project team was brought together, and work began in earnest. In 2020, we commenced designing the concept. In 2021, in faith, and amidst the ongoing impact of a global pandemic, we pushed 'go' on the building project. There was no turning back now!

A building project and a global pandemic aren't the best of bedfellows, but in God's

kindness, the timing was perfect. A fixed-price construction project was agreed, which by the end of the year would not have been possible to acquire. A timeline, though tight, was realistic and assuming it was achieved, meant that new students could become residents in 2022. The work began.

It was encouraging and on schedule, until that day on 17th August 2021, when our Prime Minister announced that with the arrival of community transmission of the Delta variant of COVID-19, we would be returning to a nationwide Level 4 lockdown. Suddenly the

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project was facing increased risk. The buffer that we had allowed for project delays was small. Thankfully, nationwide restrictions were soon lifted for all but Auckland, meaning the work could continue. However, the impact of the lockdown led to supply chain disruption and significant delays in building projects nationwide. No doubt there were times where, like Ray Kinsella in the movie, Tim and

the TSCF team asked the question “*Am I completely nuts?!*”

Despite the many challenges, the doubts and discouragements, the work continued. We saw answered prayer, as God provided for and protected us, with the work being completed, just in time. The Council granted consent and at the start of 2022, the first group of students became residents of *The Well*.

As Nigel Pollock, the former National Director who started the project said, “From a field and a dream to a community with a vision has taken a few years. These new residents are now laying foundations for the future. We’re very thankful for many who have given, prayed and worked to bring this into being.”

Bringing a project like this together requires many people serving and sacrificing together, but we’re reminded ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.’ The building may be completed but the work is just beginning. The dream has been realised and the vision is now reality. *The Well* is now an opportunity for future generations of students to be part of God’s story at Lincoln University inviting other students to meet Jesus at *The Well*.

The idea of a ‘field of dreams’ isn’t something that is just restricted to a specific project like *The Well*, but rather is an apt image of what TSCF is trying to do in all our work amongst students across NZ. We have a vision of helping students be transformed by the gospel



Before and after from *The Well*

of Jesus and to become servant leaders of character. We long that they would come to a personal knowledge of Jesus as both Saviour and Lord and guided by God’s revelation of Himself in the pages of Scripture, that they would integrate faith, study, work and life, bringing cultural renewal to NZ’s tertiary institutions.

Over the last 85 years, we have pursued that vision. For some, this has been at considerable personal cost, as men and women have taken risks to obey Christ. Some have been opposed or challenged in the work, but we have seen many people who have turned from doubters to believers in Christ. Humanly speaking, the risk to reputation or of finance may have seemed totally illogical, but the call of Christ is greater. There is always the risk of failure, but without risk, there is no reward.

Jesus tells His own story of a ‘field of dreams’ recorded in three of the four gospel accounts, as He shares and explains the parable of the Sower and the soils to the crowds. His story is a key to understanding Jesus’ ministry and to understanding God’s ways of working.

It’s a story that’s familiar to us – a farmer goes out to sow his seed. Whilst scattering it, it lands in different places with different results. Some lands on the path and is eaten by the birds, some falls on rocky ground and grows no roots, so withers in the heat. Some fall among the thorns which grow and choke the plants. But some falls on good soil, where it grows and produces a crop.

The story for TSCF is not dissimilar. We work ‘a field of students’, sowing the seed amongst



Group shot at Summit 2021

“WOULD YOU JOIN WITH US AND ‘ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD’?”

like camps and retreats were postponed as COVID restrictions made it impossible for them to proceed. Unfortunately, these inconveniences were just a hint of what was to come throughout the year. As we started the year, we were facing financial uncertainty and challenge, as we faced the likelihood of deficit budget. The reality of continued complexity and need for ongoing flexibility meant we were unsure what student mission would look like throughout the year.

And yet, despite these challenges, God has been at work. On campus, we’ve seen local outreach events and national events, held both in person and online. *The Mark Drama* even managed to continue, ensuring social distancing requirements were met, whilst still communicating the story of Jesus.

Remarkably, we were able to meet together for *Summit*, our national conference, though the regional COVID alert level restricted our numbers. It was a joy to see students come together from each region exploring the theme of ‘Beyond Borders’ in the book of Jonah. It was thrilling to hear of students coming to faith in Christ at *Summit* through

the faithful witness of friends. This year, our MINTY cohort was the largest in recent times with a good group of recent graduates committing to a year of discipleship training in a student context.

Last year in student mission will probably go down as one of the more challenging in recent memory, and yet, God is still at work. Connecting with and keeping hold of students has been increasingly complex as students have stayed away from campuses and been learning online. But there is still plenty to be done and plenty of students to be reached, whether online or in person. Or as Jesus said ‘open up your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.’ You see, ‘the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few’, so would you join with us and ‘ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field’? 🌱

students, praying and believing that we will reap a harvest. Jesus explains that for some, the evil one comes and snatches away the seed sown in their heart. For others, they hear the word and receive it with joy, but they have no root and so they only last a short time, falling away when trouble or persecution come. Others find that the worries of this life and deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, so it becomes unfruitful. But for some, the seed falls on good soil and they hear the word and understand it, and so produce a crop multiplying what was sown.

This past year, we have experienced all these outcomes. Some have come to faith in Jesus

and are fruitful and multiplying, but others have sadly had the seed snatched away, or fallen away themselves. We know that whenever the seed is sown, some will land on good soil.

TSCF started the year in a mood of optimism with our nationwide *Launch* events, before local campus groups ran in person Orientation and Clubs’ Day events to meet new students. It wasn’t long before COVID restrictions were in place and made building relationships with new students all the more challenging. Our groups in Auckland particularly suffered, as short lockdowns hampered the first weeks of the year. Formative events

AUCKLAND



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Robyn Drake *Team Leader*

117 Days in Lockdown. It feels like the black cloud that cast a shadow on the whole year: disrupting clubs days in March and then returning in August. However, we can testify to God sustaining us through the struggles with motivation, mental health, and uncertainty.

1x Launch. On 28 February, it was wonderful to bring together new and returning Auckland students for a day of fun, food and workshops on how to live for Jesus at uni. As one student reflected on the day, "I'm encouraged to pursue Jesus in every part of my life, especially with sowing seeds of God's word with my uni friends." God's timing in enabling it to go ahead was evident, when shortly after the last student had left, a late-night press conference announced Auckland was going into lockdown the next morning.

5x Nacho Nights. We gathered all the student leaders from the different groups together for support, equipping and training (and nachos!). It was encouraging

to see the peer-support that leaders provided for each other and the unity of vision.

2x Workshops. We ran two workshops for Auckland students: *Answering Questions about Christianity* and *Bringing the Gospel into Everyday Conversations*. Students have continued to speak to their friends about Jesus despite the challenges of lockdown. They have supported one another by chatting through hard questions they've been asked and by meeting up together with non-Christian friends.

125x Sweet Treats and 3 Cheese Platters. Supporters, staff and students joined together for *Celebrate Auckland* in June. We heard about how God has been at work, and about the unique opportunities and challenges of Auckland. As we shared the vision and the need people responded and we have added a couple of volunteers and one short-term volunteer staff worker to our team. We also had two opportunities



to reconnect with Pasifika graduates from the days of Pacific Students for Christ which were a great encouragement to current students.

600+ Hot Chocolates. Whilst chatting to students at the University of Auckland about *The World We All Want*, in partnership with other Christians on campus, we gave away hot chocolates and Gospels of Mark. Despite the decreased numbers of students on campus (with many studying online), we noticed that people were much more likely to pause for a chat compared to pre-COVID times. With lockdown starting a week and a half later, we're thankful for the seeds sown that week and the Christian students who grew in boldness for sharing the hope we have.

12 Weeks of Daily Devotions. Knowing the third lockdown would be a long one, we started online Daily Devotions every week day for half an hour. For some students it was

the first time they had spent regular time in God's word and they thrived in it.

2 Groups Combined. An unexpected blessing of everything having to be online was students from two campuses 23km apart (Massey Albany and Unitec Mt Albert) were able to join together for Bible studies, bringing much encouragement to each other. They benefitted from the dynamics of a larger group when usually there would only be two or three students in each. Alongside this, outreach to international students at Massey Albany has continued online through English conversation classes and Bible studies with a couple of students coming to trust Jesus as their Lord and Saviour this year!

It's been a mixed up year, but we look back with gratitude for all God has done in and through the students. 🙌

WAIKATO & BOP



WAIKATO & BAY OF PLENTY
Dave Hodgkinson Team Leader

Last year the Cambridge Dictionary announced ‘perseverance’ as their Word of the Year. It summarises 2021 well for TSCF’s Waikato and Bay of Plenty groups. The writer of Hebrews calls us to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus”. (Hebrews 12)

The year began with a sudden lockdown in the upper North Island, which caused the rescheduling of Orientation Week events, a scaled-down

Launch event, and cancellation of our annual camp. Nonetheless, TSCF groups persevered through the year to point students to Jesus.

Bible studies through Ruth, Daniel, Mark, 2nd Corinthians, and James in Hamilton and Tauranga prompted Deep Thought in students, relating the unchanging Word of God to the complex world they live in now

True Witness remains TSCF’s primary aim. Last year we focussed

on bringing the resurrection of Jesus to the fore in our campus outreaches, by serving hot cross buns at Waikato University in Hamilton, and an investigative display with the theme of *Resurrection: Hoax or History?* at the Tauranga campus. Many students stopped to look at the display, which examined the compelling historical claims for Jesus’ Easter resurrection. TSCF students served hot cross buns, handed out a quiz, and discussed the Easter story. Having genuine conversations about the true meaning of Easter, and the hope the resurrection provides, was incredible.

In the second half of the year, our main evangelistic focus was *The Mark Drama*: a 90-minute acted performance of Jesus’ life from Mark’s Gospel. It was great to partner with local churches to perform *The Mark Drama* six times in Tauranga and Hamilton over consecutive weekends. TSCF Hamilton President Ethan Tattersall said, “Chatting to the audience members afterwards revealed to me how impacting the drama was both to those familiar with the gospel and to those who weren’t. Many of those I’ve talked to since would love to do it again in the future!”

In Hamilton, the TSCF group also ran a *Science and Faith* forum, with a talk by a Waikato University science lecturer, followed by Q&A and an invitation for further discussion.

We have also seen perseverance in smaller initiatives. In the Waikato, Nick Goodwin (Associate Staff Worker) worked with students consistently to run the *Christianity*

Explored course each week in Semester 1, keeping going when students attending were small in number. Similarly, Nadine Liddle (Waikato Staff Worker) ran a regular Bible study on campus. She randomly met a student at lunch on campus, befriended her, and invited her along to explore Mark’s Gospel. This student became a Christian as a result of this. The gospel is bearing fruit!

TSCF’s Global Reach coordinator, Kim Shaw, visited Tauranga and Hamilton in May to share about *Hospitality and the Gospel*. Our students participate in *The Crossing* (a Global Reach elective) throughout the year.

Campus access and foot traffic really decreased toward the end of the year due to the Delta lockdown. During this time we reverted to online weekly catch-ups and continued our Semester 2 Bible studies online.

I am mindful of the importance of persevering and being faithful to God in all we do. I am also aware that there remain thousands of students to reach across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty campuses. COVID has changed the dynamics of student ministry significantly: we must consider carefully how we respond to the challenges and opportunities it presents. 🍌

MANAWATŪ



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Scott Mackay Team Leader

Finding connection points for faith can be difficult on New Zealand university campuses. A new initiative this year at Massey Manawātū was our *Big Ideas* nights. These fun evenings, have lots of interaction, themed food, a talk and a Q&A. The topic which received the most interest was *God and Science*, with over 60 people attending. Others included *Will God let the planet burn?* and *Can God cure my depression?*. Generally, we saw around 5-10 non-Christian guests attend each event and they have been a great way to combine evangelism and deep thinking about the wider implications of the Christian faith.

Grill-A-Christian is another strategy we use to connect, particularly with residential halls students. At one hall, Sunjin, a vet student from Auckland, invited her hall and 14 non-Christians turned up. We've run *Grill-A-Christian* at two other halls. Sometimes they work really well, and sometimes they don't (at one hall, no one showed up!). The best thing is

seeing students show initiative in reaching their friends.

The student leadership have done a great job promoting evangelistic Bible studies, as a 'next step' for the non-Christians who we have connected with. We use a simple four-week study on the basics of the gospel. Hunter, a first-year Engineering student, invited one non-Christian friend from his class. He ended up with three! Joel, an intern working with the TSCF groups, helped Hunter take his classmates through the course.

Jackson was invited to CF by a Christian friend from his class. Somewhat awkwardly, Jackson turned up our evangelism training one lunchtime. But a couple of us met with him over the next four weeks, explaining the gospel. He was incredibly open and hungry to hear the news of God's grace, having grown up in Palmerston North in a completely non-Christian environment. At the end of the second session, which focusses on our guilt before God and



CF/OCF camp on Anzac weekend

our inability to save ourselves, Jackson asked the best question ever: 'So, does God show mercy?'. That opened a door to explain the work of Christ and justification by faith alone. A few weeks later at *Summit*, Jackson accepted this gift of salvation. He has since joined a church and been baptised – all of which was a huge encouragement to Melissa, the CF student from his class. When she returned to university after the mid-year break Jackson was now a brother in Christ!

The Christian Fellowship and Overseas Christian Fellowship (OCF) have continued to work well together. OCF has struggled with numbers over the last year, but has focussed on hospitality and keeping the Bible central. They have been encouraged by the stronger connection with the CF.

Six student leaders have joined the new leadership team, from four different churches

in the city (Baptist, Presbyterian, Reformed, Independent). We have also had some help from a few graduates, mentoring some of the leaders. Each leader has impressed me with their commitment to gospel mission and Christian growth. Half of the new leaders are first-year students. We spent a few days away at the beach at the start of November to grow as a team and plan for the year ahead.

Our prayer for 2022 is that more students would come to faith in Jesus, and grow as active members of local churches. We would love to see the profile of TSCF groups increase at Massey, perhaps through service activities on campus and increased social media engagement. We continue to see the residential halls as an important place to reach and support students in their faith. 🙌



WELLINGTON
Matthias Loong Team Leader

“Pivot” was our word of the year.

We had the opportunity to try a few new things. Orientation Week is the key time to meet new students, so the student leaders came up with the idea to do an *Identity* questionnaire. It was a hit. We had more activity at our stall and more sign ups of students expressing interest in the Christian faith than in previous years. That said, our follow-up process was challenging and we didn’t see students investigating Jesus as we hoped.

For the first time in many years, Victoria Christian Fellowship had our own weekend retreat called *Refresh*. Our camp speaker was Mark Santich and we unpacked the topic of *Identity* from the Scriptures. It was an encouraging time away for students as they heard from God’s word and got to know each other better.

Part of our pivoting included changing our main weekly meeting to be primarily evangelistic. We wanted our weekly structure to reflect our primary

aim of True Witness. As such, we put on eight evangelistic talks spread out across the year. Topics included sexuality, justice, satisfaction, and the reliability of the Bible, to name just a few. In between these events, the students organised several socials and conversation cafe nights in order to connect with non-Christian friends and classmates. Overall, our numbers were small. However, it was such an encouragement to see unbelievers regularly attend to our outreach events engaging with the Christian faith.

One of the strengths of TSCF Wellington is our partnerships with different gospel ministries in the region. Max and Mei Rideout have been doing fantastic work with international students for many years. Despite seeing fewer international students on campus due to closed borders, they continued a weekly evangelistic Bible study in partnership with ISM and the Anglican chaplaincy. It’s with great joy to share the news of George* professing faith in Jesus this year! Praise God that he’s a new creation in Christ. Do pray for his maturity as he continues to walk with Christ, rooted and strengthened in him. Recently, he got baptised on Raumati beach.

We finished our year with the *Refuel* conference. This is our year-end leadership retreat. It’s a time to be refuelled by God’s word and to prayerfully look ahead to the new year. The theme of this conference was *Guidance and the voice of God*. A fitting subject perhaps in a time of uncertainty.

*Name has been changed.

At the end of this year, we say goodbye to a significant number of students (leaders and core members) who’ve been integral to CF for the majority of their time at university. It’s always sad to say goodbye. Despite the many disruptions caused by lockdowns, I’ve seen the ways in which God, by his Spirit, has worked in their lives. By his Word, he’s convicted, challenged and comforted them. I’ve seen how they grasped the gospel more clearly and sought to proclaim Christ more boldly. My prayer is that they continue to revere Christ as Lord; and keep on being prepared to give the reason for the hope that they have in the next season of life.

I have no idea what next year might bring. I suspect that “pivot” might be the word that we use again. Whatever the case may be, our God is unchanging. He is trustworthy. Our identity is secure in Christ. And the gospel is still the best news for every person. This we can be sure of. 🙌



CANTERBURY
Mark Santich Team Leader

There is nothing more joyous than the excitement of students coming to know Jesus, and this last year has been one of great joy. It has by no means been a revival, but as Jesus reminds us in the parable of the lost sheep, "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent" (Luke 15:7). There is something effervescent in the excitement of new believers overflowing with joy in sharing with others their new found relationship with Jesus, their thirst to learn through reading God's word and their desire to meet with other Christians as they settle in to a church.

In a year that has been dominated by COVID restrictions and uncertainty it has really helped us at Christian Union to keep focusing on the bigger picture of what God is doing in his world. He wants people to know his Son Jesus. As we have studied the book of Acts in the second half of the year we

have seen the fruit that comes through sharing the astounding news of Jesus' resurrection and we have seen that play out on our own campus.

At the beginning of the year, during orientation week, students in CU invited new students to join us to investigate Jesus in Mark's Gospel at CU. We ended the first term by inviting friends to an Easter talk, *Hope Beyond Death* with a testimony from a uni lecturer who had recently become a Christian, followed by a Q&A. Questions around the resurrection from interested students meant that we then organised an online event *Resurrection: Hoax or History* a talk and Q&A with Rory Shiner (from Perth, Australia) in Term 2. Then in Term 3 we screened the movie *The Case for Christ* about an atheist journalist, Lee Strobel, who investigated the resurrection of Jesus after his wife became a Christian. We also looked at the book of Acts and how the news about Jesus spread from the Jerusalem to ends of the earth.



CU 2021 end of year get together

It was an encouraging year with quite a range of opportunities to invite friends and classmates along throughout the year. From the initial contacts we made during orientation back in February two students finally committed their lives to Christ – one around the middle of the year reading the Bible with KJ (one of our Minterns), and the other, Jemimah, after final exams in October. Jemimah couldn't help telling everyone at CU about her excitement that she had finally made a decision and commitment to follow Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. She is loving church and growing in her understanding through reading the Bible with other students. Another student also became a Christian at the end of *The Case for Christ* movie, later telling us that she prayed the

prayer at the end of the movie when Lee Strobel committed his life to Jesus.

It is very easy to look back on this year and remember all the challenges of COVID and government, but these all pale into insignificance against the amazing work of God in the new life he has given many individuals this year across New Zealand through the work of TSCF and we have been so privileged to see God's work up close at Canterbury University this year. 🙌

LINCOLN



LINCOLN
Kate McClelland Team Leader

Summer, autumn, winter, spring. I love that in Aotearoa we get to experience the diversity and richness that each changing season has to offer. Summer has to be my favourite; the hot sunny days, dripping ice creams, camping holidays and long evenings spent enjoying a balmy Canterbury evening. Bliss!

I've been reflecting on seasons lately and the different characteristics and feelings associated with each one. In our own lives some of us may be more familiar

with the winter blues or perhaps the harvest of autumn.

Here on Lincoln campus we've experienced numerous seasons in ministry across the years and within the university semesters. Sometimes it feels like they all blow through at once, others can feel very long with the next season difficult to see ahead.

As I reflect on 2021 it has been a difficult year for the team for numerous reasons; and we've experienced something of a

winter. It has been difficult to see growth on campus. There have been numerous activities to put our hand to with limited time and resources available to each of us. We've undergone a campus review: unpacking what we do and why. We are seeing the benefits of that work now, but at the time it was incredibly hard as we honestly and openly asked questions and tried to understand the university student culture around us.

And yet, as we approached the end of the year and all it had encompassed, the team were able to rejoice and say "God is good". There are glimpses of spring around us and indeed over the year that has been 2021!

One of the highlights for Lincoln was going together to Summit (TSCF's national conference in Waikanae, Wellington). It was the most students that we have taken to a national gathering in the last 11 years that I've been involved with TSCF. 14 Lincoln students joined our staff team of three to be encouraged and equipped together in the gospel. A particularly shaping time for our group was a session led by Mark Santich and Scott McKay on how to witness to our campus. After a few months of reviewing what we have been doing on campus at Lincoln, this session equipped our group with the next steps forward and we came back to Lincoln reinvigorated and ready to put into practice what we'd learnt and discussed.

It has been encouraging and refreshing to simplify our activities on campus; to focus

primarily this last semester on connecting with others and establishing one to one Bible studies. There is a sense of spring as burdens are lightened. Rather than trying to do everything, we can enjoy being with each other and welcoming others into that space. We can focus better on doing the activities in front of us well. There is a sense of spring too as we look forward to next year knowing our rhythms on campus are far more sustainable and life giving. As both a staff and student leadership team we have high hopes for one-to-one Bible studies kicking off between students in 2022. We long to see students opening Bibles together with their friends, both Christian and non Christian, and growing together as life-long followers of Jesus.

We have high hopes too for *The Well*, another sign of spring. This has been a dream a long time coming and we can't wait to see what fruit it will bear in the next 5, 10, 20 or even 80 years to come!

To quote *The Beatles* and a great song from the wonderful *Bee Movie* "Here comes the sun, and I say, it's all right".

We look forward with hope into 2022, knowing the Son, our Saviour Jesus is with us always in every season. 🌱



OTAGO
Simon Sim Team Leader

One of the most famous and recognizable landmarks in Dunedin is the university clock-tower. Since 1879, it stands tall in the middle of campus; its bells ringing every hour, usually indicating that I'm running late. It is a poignant reminder that though life and seasons change, some-things remain steadfast. We can still rely on the steady chimes even after 150 years. Like the chimes of the clocktower, the gospel message continues to sound through our campus as we weather the changing times and seasons of student ministry. Even amidst the highs and lows of this year, the name of the Lord and its proclamation remains our 'strong tower' (Prov 18:10), bringing salvation as we invite others to hear about Jesus.

There is much to be thankful for as we reflect on 2021. We ran an outreach called *The Story Project*, an interactive art mural that creates opportunities for conversations about Jesus with students. We were encouraged hearing of a student who came to faith through *The Story Project*.

The student groups have been busy this year, gathering physically through most of the year, except during lockdown, where they continued to meet online. It has been encouraging to see student leaders serve faithfully despite the disruptions of Alert Levels. OCF and VCF have been meeting on Thursday evenings and have had a few combined meetings during the year, including an online Q&A panel discussion looking at questions about *Science, Faith and Everything-In-Between*. CMF (Christian Medical Fellowship) has continued meeting weekly during lunchtime on Thursdays. They've been going through a series called *The Human Journey* and inviting Christian doctors to speak at the weekly meetings.

Among the highlights was hosting a group of students from Christian Union in Canterbury during Re-Orientation Week in Semester 2. We also had a combined groups camp in August. We were joined by Mark Santich, who led us in exploring



the gospel of Mark, with the aim of equipping them to read it with their friends.

This year has been particularly challenging for the *Harbour Light Base* residential community. We have experienced both the joys and sorrow of Christian community: when it goes well and when it doesn't. However, these experiences have shown us why Christian community is so vital for gospel witness in student culture. Even though it has been the source of many challenges, it has also been an encouragement to see students grow in their faith through the friendships formed in the residential community.

One of the significant changes for next year is that the *Harbour Light Base* residential community will not be operating next year. We are taking a hiatus to reflect and review our experiences of residential communities

over the last six years in Dunedin, with the hope of restarting it in the near future.

We are grateful for the team that God has called to serve in Dunedin. We've loved having Esther and Ashley join the team as Mininterns this year. Please continue to pray for the staff team into 2022. After three years on the Dunedin team, Michael will be finishing up and is seeking to be a witness for Jesus in the workplace. Penny, who joined the team last year as Associate Staff, is moving to Lincoln to serve at *The Well*. With our team greatly reduced, please pray for wisdom as we navigate ministry with different capacities. Our prayer is that God will continue to grow the work in Otago; that the gospel will continue to ring out on campus for years to come! 🙌

MINTY

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Chris Hay
Minty Team Leader

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like the cedar of Lebanon'. That is the opening verse from Psalm 92:12-15, the cornerstone verses for TSCF's Ministry Internship Year, Minty. Our aim with Minty is that Minterns would flourish like the palm tree, which still is able to produce fruit in the middle of the tough landscape that is the scorching desert, and that they would also grow large, strong, sturdy and tall like the cedar in Lebanon. Our prayer is that they would be faithful and fruitful for the Lord not just for a year but for a lifetime.

Minty is lived out in the context of the university campus. Minterns spend time throughout their year studying theology, reading the Bible with students, having regular investment from staff and supervisors, and some paid employment to work out a theology of the workplace. This is all while being supported financially and in prayer by many throughout NZ.

This year it was encouraging to have five Minterns across the country: Ashley and Esther were based in Dunedin, Sarah at Lincoln with KJ and James based at the University of Canterbury.

There were many encouragements throughout the year however one of my favourites was our time together in Moeraki to finish up their internship. The theme of this retreat was holiness. We spent time studying the Bible learning about just how holy God is, how un-holy we are and how we are only able to pursue holiness in Christ.

During this time each Mintern also spent time reflecting on their year. They spent time asking questions like: What has God taught me this year? What sin have I seen in my life? How has God been faithful? What have I learnt about him? How have I seen him at work amongst students? One of the common threads throughout all of their reviews was how helpful and encouraging their supervision



has been. Each Mintern is supervised by a TSCF staffworker who will meet with them regularly to study the Bible, ask them tough questions, and to be a listening ear. And for all of the Minterns, one of their top highlights of the year was their supervision.

We see the importance of the younger learning from the older throughout the Bible: Joshua from Moses, Timothy from Paul, Elisha from Elijah to name just a few. There is real value in having the regular and faithful investment of older Christians into our lives. All the Minterns got a small taste of having that investment this year and hopefully it will be something they seek to pursue for themselves but also to do to others for the rest of their lives.

The question of what's next is different for all of our class of 2021, some are heading into the workplace, some back into study and one

is joining TSCF staff. Pray that they would all be people that, regardless of where they are or what they are doing, would seek out the wisdom and discipleship of those older than them, and that they would be people who seek to invest into those younger than them.

I love Minty as I've seen and experienced it myself. God has used and continues to use my one year doing Minty to help form and shape me in a number of ways. I am eager for students to experience the same investment and opportunity that I did. We long for students and graduates to flourish like the righteous in Psalm 92, and believe that Minty is one way of helping that happen. For 2022 we will continue to talk to students and graduates across TSCF, inviting them to consider Minty in the future, praying that whether they do or don't they would be faithful and fruitful for the Lord for a lifetime. 🍀

Minterns organising the fun evening at Summit



Kim Shaw
Global Reach
Coordinator

The Crossing Global Reach Initiative saw students, recent graduates, Minterns and staff; meet online together seven times this year. We learnt from mission agency leaders key concepts and practices for crossing cultural and religious barriers, and building Christ-centred relationships with classmates and friends.

Practical challenges were given that put the learning into practice, guiding participants in growing and deepening friendships throughout the year.

Participants found it insightful and honest, encouraging and realistic. Misconceptions about culture were broken down and each person felt more confident in how God had placed them among people from other cultures and how He could use them right where they are. One participant reflected, "I have more confidence in being open about our relationship with Jesus and sharing it with our friends."

Interviewing Ruth Hicks in Ecuador as part of our Global

Reach evening at *Summit* provided students the opportunity to hear first-hand stories of God being at work in Ecuador's CECE movement. Maintaining connections with our IFES friends continues to be an important aspect of our ministry, as we seek to help students here realise they are part of a global family of students on mission.

When borders are closed it is a challenge not to lose sight of the rest of the world. Despite the closed borders we were able to give students a global vision of the gospel and see some compelled to serve Christ in other countries in the future. We were also able to recognise the local opportunities we have on campus and in our communities to share the gospel with people from many nations in our incredibly culturally-diverse country. 🇳🇿



TSCF IS GROWING ACROSS NEW ZEALAND!

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We want to expand our teams working directly with students across New Zealand. We are looking for staff in all our regions and have particular needs in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

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Are you a passionate communications manager looking to oversee a diverse range of projects? You will be a core part of our team, developing, implementing, and integrating strategies for our publications, website, social media, and publicity and assisting with promoting TSCF staff and fundraising needs.

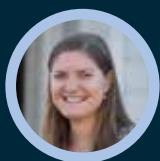
OFFICE ROLES

We have opportunities for people with a keen eye for administration or finance in our Wellington office.

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FINANCE UPDATE
Caitlin Ormiston Chief Operating Officer

2021 was, for TSCF, another year of testament to God's faithfulness. It was our second year of significant global uncertainty: whether around travel, access to campus, or lockdowns; and we now know that it is unlikely that we will ever return to the way life was before COVID. COVID has forced us to explore new ways of doing things, and some of those remain beneficial even though they might no longer be necessary. We have become more flexible and more creative in our approach to ministry, a posture that continues into 2022.

By the grace of God, working through His people, TSCF was able to maintain a balanced budget, despite all the uncertainties. We finished 2021 with a small surplus. As I shared in last year's Annual Review, the budgeting process for the 2021 Financial Year was not without complication, because COVID and lockdowns were, at the time of budgeting, having a considerable impact on our income, and this made future forecasting difficult. We thank

God for not only sustaining us, but, with your support and your prayers, we saw a slight increase in our income.

The biggest change in our financials has come as a result of the construction of *The Well* in Lincoln which began in May 2021. Although the completion of this project came at the beginning of the 2022 financial year, we have seen a significant shift in that our cash resources have been used to fund our increased fixed assets, now that there is a residence on the land in Lincoln. We praise God for this, trusting him for the future funding as we work to repay the mortgage over the coming years. There are still opportunities to give towards this strategic ministry project.

We were also thrilled to be able to hold *Summit* (our national student training event) in person in July. This event is such an important opportunity for TSCF, as we have many students gathered together for training and equipping for their mission to students. It's so valuable for



students to meet others around the country who share the vision of reaching their friends for Christ. The life-long friendships that are often formed at these events contribute significantly to students keeping going for the long haul, as they encourage and support one another.

Although a large portion of the costs of *Summit* are covered by fees, we endeavour to make it accessible to as many students as possible. The high value we place on this training event means we are prepared to run *Summit* at a slight loss to the organisation, and this can be seen in the comparison between events income and expenditure.

One other significant matter the end of year finances show is that our reduced income has met proportionally with reduced expenditure. This reflects the following:

1. Reduction in staff: a small but significant number of staff finished their time with TSCF

during the second half of 2021. At present, we have only been able to fill some of these vacancies.

2. Reduction in activities: due to lockdowns and other COVID restrictions, some activities were reduced, such as meeting with students (hospitality costs, travel), and the cancellation of some national meetings.

Although both of these have had some short-term benefits in terms of reducing expenditure, they are not sustainable in the long-term as we seek to realise our vision of reaching students across New Zealand with the good news of Christ.

We invite you to join us in partnership, in financial support and in prayer, as we continue reaching students for Christ and changing students for life. Without you, our partners, we would not be able to continue with this vital ministry. Thanks for being a part of it! 🙌

OPERATING INCOME

Operating income is exclusive of any donations to The Well project.

INCOME	2021	2020
Donations	1,595,606	1,587,816
Revenue From Student Communities and Ministry Activities	203,691	289,330
Revenue From Events	16,520	1100
Total Income	1,815,817	1,878,246

The bulk of TSCF income comes from donations received from individual supporters, partner churches and trusts. A portion is also generated by core activities, events such as our national Summit conference, and student residential communities. The majority of these funds are spent directly on the costs of the project they are generated from, or on related projects.

*Rental income decreased in 2021 as we concluded our residential accommodation at 2 Kelburn Parade in Wellington.

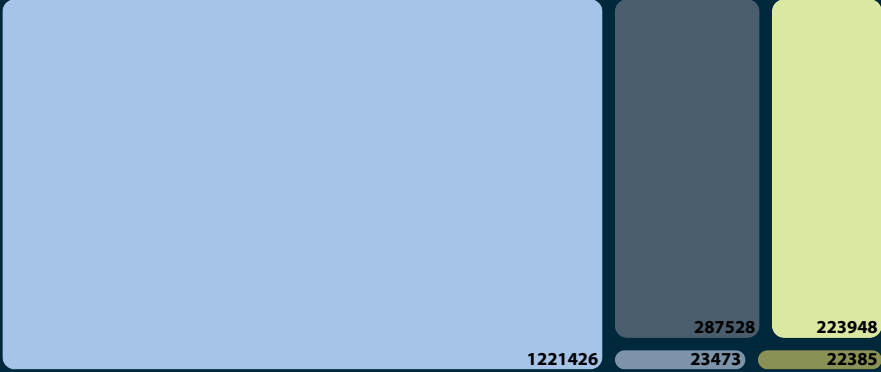
OPERATING EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Staff Ministry Costs	1,221,426	1,188,648
Ministry Support, Office & Leadership	287,528	308,605
Student Residential Communities	223,948	309,998
Events	23,473	5,601
Regional Activities	22,385	30,514
Total Expenditure	1,778,760	1,843,365
Surplus	37,057	34,881

If you would like a copy of TSCF's full accounts please email John Riley, Finance Officer at johnr@tscf.org.nz.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

We have broken our expenditure down into five key areas:



- Staff Ministry Costs**
Making up a large part of our annual expenditure, these funds enable staff to work with students on the ground and contribute to the national vision and strategy of TSCF.
- Ministry Support, Office & Leadership**
This includes governance and the administration required to run national projects and events, and the resourcing of field staff for ministry.
- Student Residential Communities**
These exist to provide intentional gospel-focused community living. The expenses related to our provision of the residential properties and community activities, pastoral support, and training events.
- Events**
We were able to hold *Summit*, our national conference in person in 2021!
- Regional Activities**
Includes camps and local events tailored to the specific region.

As you read this trust and pray that it encourages you to see God at work through the lives of those being impacted by TSCF in New Zealand. One way that you can continue to support this ministry is with your financial support.

Please visit the TSCF website (www.tscf.org.nz/ar21) to make a generous donation today. You can make a 'field of students' come to fruition. Thank you!



2021 DONATIONS
\$314,824

REMAINING MORTGAGE
\$535,000

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For more information, or if you're interested in contributing to this project. Please visit tscf.org.nz/the-well or contact The Well Project Lead, Tim Hodge, at tim@tscf.org.nz.



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THE WELL PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE STUDENTS ARE IN RESIDENCE!

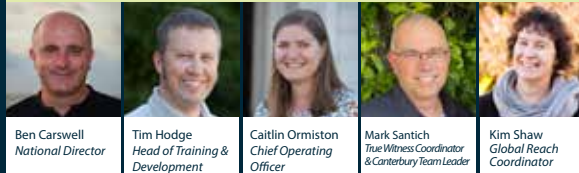
Your donations in 2021 totalled an amazing \$314,824 which, added to past funding, allowed the project to proceed. To complete the build and fit it out TSCF has taken a mortgage of \$535,000.

Further gifts to The Well project will reduce interest costs, pay the mortgage and allow the community to flourish and fulfil its vision to advance the Kingdom on campus.

Lincoln University students at a summer Bible study at The Well.

TERTIARY STUDENTS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP STAFF

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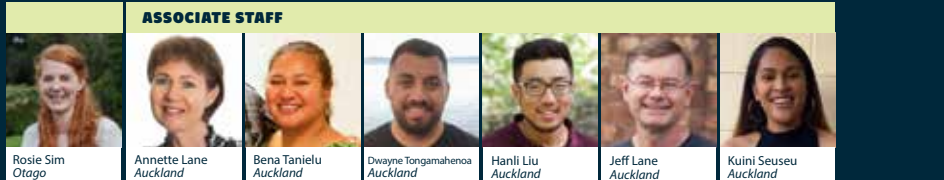
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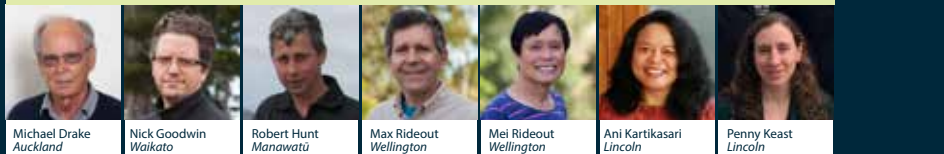
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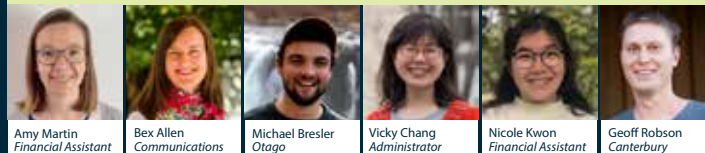
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