

“Steps of Faith” March 2021

As we write this we are full of gratitude at what God is doing this year! After a relaxing camping holiday with family and friends we had an inspiring **staff retreat** with a fresh challenge for us to really know Gods word personally= all of the bible; to live it and put it into practise in our community...there are so many ways we can connect with others and encourage them. February saw us focus on **prayer and fasting** as a staff in preparation for **YWAM KOHA Wave tour**-(see below) and shortly after, our **DTS students returned from their NZ outreach to graduate**- many lives were impacted by God’s love, including their own. It is wonderful to see so many



Kiwis engaging in training and going deep with God. One of our students came to NZ from Europe on his “OE”, got locked down with us, became a Christian and came to do DTS- now he is on a whole new

journey, growing as a Christian, praying healing for others and looking at further study



before he heads home. **One Thing Prayer Internship also graduated** last week- again many Kiwis in the room and some from overseas here on holiday; a Kiwi father and daughter did the Internship together for refreshing and refocusing on Jesus- people of many ages and stages find this course really helpful. **The next DTS and Prayer Internships start 5th July**- email us for details or check out www.ywamfurnace.nz **Prayer point = we are believing for a fresh influx of Kiwis for training in Mission and discipleship, using the time we have right now where we can’t travel overseas to prepare and strengthen our walk with God; this is also the focus of the YWAM KOHA wave tour- to mobilise Kiwis to use what is in their hands to bless others, in NZ and the Pacific.**

YWAM KOHA WAVE TOUR- the Koha is now in dry dock in Christchurch and will be open for **free tours in the following ports.... Christchurch** March 14-24th / **Nelson** March 24-April 7th / **Wanganui** April 7/8-21st/ **Wellington** April 21st- May 3rd....this is incredibly significant and we are very thankful for key contacts who have assisted with connections at Government and embassy level. The goal is for the KOHA to be deployed later this year to serve Pacific Nations...see www.ywamshipsaotearoa.org.nz for more details. **Prayer point** = please pray for many who will tour the ship to be inspired and for the right connections and doors to open for future ministry- the ship is a vehicle for Gods love to flow through and there are many exciting opportunities; much wisdom is needed. Pray also for a full compliment of marine crew, medical staff and volunteers. YWAM KOHA previously served on the Pitcairn Island run and is very well suited to this role. Purpose built medical/dental containers can be moved on and off the ship and she has large multispaced areas as well.....come and see 😊 Many of our staff will be involved in this tour; we hope to be in Wellington for some of the time, as well as providing backup admin support in the YWAM Furnace office.

FBC has renamed as “Faith Mission Campus” FMC= Home of Faith Bible College and YWAM Furnace- this amazing location in Welcome Bay Road, with 50 years plus of history in training people for ministry and mission is also the location for the Prayer Room- join us on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday 8-10am and Wednesday evening community night 7-9pm.**What are we up to ??**...our roles are flexible and varied as always, involving pastoral care of staff, prayer ministry, **Kairos teaching**- begins again this week at FMC, development of staff spaces on campus, prep of teaching materials for future courses, registrar team and admin. We also serve in Prayer ministry, mentoring young adults, run a connect group and serve on “outward in Focus” at C3 City Church. We fit all this in and around Ingas medical treatment...now week 11 of treatment for cardiac sarcoidosis; the many pills are immune suppressing with various scans and blood tests along the way..... this condition occurs in around 10 people per million so the team of specialists are learning as they go with the treatment...as always we are VERY thankful for the incredible health system in NZ and ongoing support of family and friends 😊. **Prayer point** = We are praying the next CT pet scan in Hamilton will be soon so one of the stronger meds can be reduced, as side effects impact sleep and lower blood pressure among other things. Please also pray for full financial support as we enter our 10th year of service with YWAM😊.**Family**- here are Ava and Cooper enjoying “cousin time😊”;Lauren has begun her MA in Film production and will graduate this May with her BA in Cultrual Anthropology and Film; she has a great flat in Newtown and loves attending Arise Church. We are “empty nesters “ for the first time- so quiet! We’re enjoying visiting Jesse and Bailey at their flat closeby and seeing mum and Casey and family as often as we can too. **Support goal** our monthly shortfall is \$180 per month; 3 supporters giving \$15 per week will meet this



need...Please email us to join our team😊. We are so thankful for the continuing support-practical, prayer and financial giving by our individual supporters and “C3 City Church”. To support us- put your name and staff name (Stephenson) in the reference and code section. Email the finance team at finance@yfnz.org, advising you have made a payment to us, including your email address (a one-off email). YWAM will send a receipt at the end of the financial year (March) for claiming Charitable donations from the IRD.

Bank account ; BNZ Cameron Road 02-0240-0010822-00 “The Impact World Tour (NZ) Trust” **Gifts; Note "birthday, anniversary or Christmas" in the reference as these are NOT Taxable and please email us too so we can keep track of things, thanks!** Thank you for partnering with us, as we train and equip the next generation for mission in NZ and overseas. “We pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong” Ephesians 3 : 16-17

Love from Mike, Inga and family 😊

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