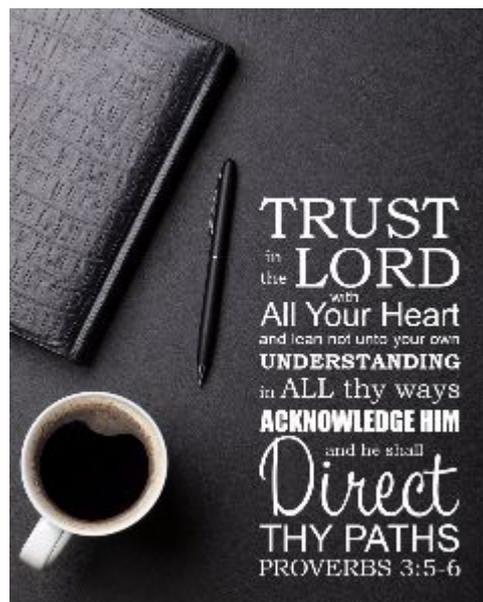


THE ANNEARS

Prayer Letter and Update

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Dear Friends

We are on the eve of another (God) adventure! In the midst of packing up our worldly possessions, two things come to mind - just how much 'stuff' we seem to accumulate and secondly,

serving God comes with a cost. Welcome to our living room, it says it all . . .



Update

Since our last newsletter we have been journeying through a particularly challenging transition season. We encouraged our students, when leaving Headspace to fully trust God even if they didn't know the next step. Then we found ourselves having to heed our own advice! This trusting God when your world is turned upside down with no immediate direction is challenging stuff! Especially when the answer to the "why" question is, "Be still and know I am God" & "Trust me". So we dug in, said yes to whatever God presented and tried to be as obedient and as 'still' as possible. Thank you to many of you for your encouragement over the last few months.

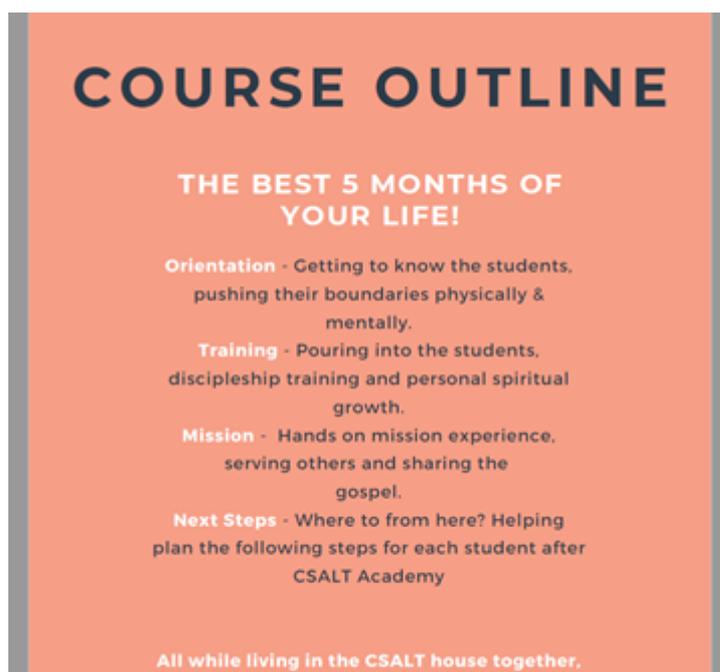
Christian Surfers

After our Headspace positions were made redundant at the end of last year, our heart's desire was to continue in some sort of full-time ministry, preferably with the focus still on discipleship. We had about five different opportunities cross our path, yet it was the Christian Surfers discipleship course that we felt God direct us to.

CSALT

ACADEMY

Think Headspace or YWAM DTS. CSALT - five months preparing young Christians (18-24yrs) for the riggers of this world by growing and developing their lives and faith, lighting a fire to serve God where ever He may lead them. Check out the website: [CSALT](#). Having seen how God moved in the lives of our Headspace students we are convinced that a course like this drastically reduces the frightening statistic of 50-80% of young Christians falling away from their faith after leaving high school.



One of the things that attracted us to the CSALT programme is something we thought would work with the Headspace programme - run the course with two couples and have a permanent location. Being with the students most of the time with no one to tag team with is intense and draining for one couple. So when the National Director mentioned the vision of teaming up with another couple and buying a house with a granny flat attached, our hearts jumped! Another lovely bonus is the course being run right here in Tauranga, so we'll still be close to family and friends.

Our Role

This is the first time CSALT has been run in NZ. Hence it is the pilot course. So very much pioneering. We are expecting things to be quite 'fluid' in this initial course, but our prominent role will be a combination of house parents (we will be living onsite) and helping deliver the programme. Though the teaching sessions will be taken by visiting lecturers, there will also be opportunities for us to run sessions as well. We will be working with a lovely young couple in their mid-late 20s, Ben and Rachel (who will be living off site). Ben's role, as Academy Manager, covers the day to day running of the programme and taking the students away on surf trips. We might even tag along :).

STARTING SUNDAY 04 JULY

P R A Y E R P O I N T S

More than anything, we covet and value your prayers

FOR US

- Transitioning well into a new ministry, people and environment.
- Bonding quickly and building solid relationship with Logan, Ben and Rachel.

FOR OUR TEN

STUDENTS

- God would prepare the students for all He has planned for them.
- The students would settle quickly and well.
- Friendships develop.
- An openness to learn.

- Bonding quickly and building solid relationships with the students.
 - Unexpectedly having to live in a 8x3mtr portacom for this first course.
 - Setting up the house ready for the students.
 - Getting everything ready for the course to begin.
 - Provision financially.
 - Learn to trust in God when the challenges come.
 - Finances for the course.
 - That they wouldn't miss their family and friends too much.
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FINANCIALS

As CSALT is a faith-based ministry, we need to raise our own financial support. At the moment we are in the process of how this will work and will be able to be more specific in our next newsletter. However if you are interested in supporting us right now, please flick us an email or PM either of us on Messenger and we can have a chat. Thank you so much.



Again, thank you for being with us at the beginning of this new season. Our hope and prayer is that God will use us to impact young lives and that we may do so in his strength and for his glory. Much love from us both.

Walter and Tracey

P.S. And yes, potentially it may mean Walter joining the crew for a surf or two . . . but only if he absolutely has to. 😊

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19, 20
