



**September 2021**

Dear Friends

**First Off**

Thank you, thank you, thank you for praying for Michelle with her unexpected and sudden surgery. Life's curveballs are never easy. But the support we received has been amazing. A week and a half down the track and Michelle is recovering well. Staying with Rach and Shane gives her a place to relax and be cared for (we had nowhere to put her in our 7x3 portacom).



**The Theology Phase – done and dusted**

The first two and a half months of the CSALT course is teaching and more 'inner' focused. Living in community and teaching sessions make up a big part of the course, along with surf adventures and serving by running the Groms youth group, helping with Good Neighbour projects and serving at the evening service at Curate Church. We have seen tremendous growth during this time. All in different ways but commonly an increased softness and desire for God and his word, dealing with and healing past issues and faith solidifying becoming more stable and surer. Even Level 4 lock down couldn't stop God's agenda. In fact, in some ways in responding to the lock down and having to adapt our programme deepened some aspects of the course. God always out strategizes. We even had our own 'bonfire' church services. Yeew!

God's impact on student's lives is what floats our boat – seeing them develop and change. We feel honoured to be part of God's discipleship programme. Ben and Rachel (Co-Leaders) are doing an amazing job of leading the course and we are seeing their leadership and confidence growing. Again, it is a privilege to be part of God's plan to raise up young leaders.



## The Missional Phase

As of Wed 22 September, for the next one and a half months, the rubber hits the road...literally. This is more 'outward' focused. They move out of the comfort of the CSALT house, flex their spiritual muscles, give things a go (even if they're nervous), light up whatever area they go to and be connectors into God's Kingdom . . . and possibly check out some epic surf spots.



The first two weeks starts by travelling around the East Cape. Christian Surfers would love to develop a presence here. Then continuing on to Gisborne, Mahia Peninsula, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa and to Wellington where we will be helping run the [Jesus Surf Classic](#), travelling back to the Mount via Taranaki. Then we are running a Groms school holiday programme, doing local outreaches, serving at the Christian Surfers National Conference and travelling to Rarotonga (God willing). One of our main outreach strategies is turning up at skate parks, have a sausage sizzle and connect with local skaters and bystanders.

## Financials

Our ministry with Christian Surfers is a faith venture. We want to thank those who have already offered to support us and also our wonderful church, C3 City Church. Lots of people giving small monthly amounts works well, but you may want to give a one-time amount or be contacted if we have an unexpected expenditure. Whatever God lays on your heart – to give or not to give is totally fine (we value prayer currency hugely).

How to give: It's easiest to set up a monthly automatic payment (AP) from your end. You can either put it straight into our BNZ account or via C3 City Church's account (you'll get a tax rebate). Either way is totally fine with us.

Our bank details:

Walter and Tracey Annear

02-0500-0232596-000

Put your name in the statement details

The account details for our church:

C3 City Church

02-0466-0285909-000

Statement details (something like): [Your name] for Annear

### Meet one of our students



The image shows a social media post from the account 'csalt\_nz'. At the top left is the profile picture, a black circle with 'CSALT' and 'CITY CHURCH' in white. To its right is the username 'csalt\_nz' and a three-dot menu icon. The main image is a young man with curly brown hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and grey pants, holding a skateboard. He is standing outdoors with trees and a hill in the background. Below the image are icons for a heart, a comment bubble, a share arrow, and a bookmark. Below these icons, it says 'Liked by bethanywakelin and others'. The post text reads: 'Hi, I am Luis. I was born 19 years ago far away in Bolivia and I love to get barreled. I chose to do CSALT to get amongst some good people and make new friends that are genuine and have the same passions as I do. One of the many things I've learnt while on CSALT is that God knows everything about me even the hairs on my head and that nothing I've done in my past affects how much He loves me. One thing I would say to anyone thinking about CSALT is that it is so worth it. It is the perfect course to bridge your teenage years into adulthood and in that short space of time, your spiritual relationship with Jesus will grow so much.'

### Prayer Points

Our battle is constantly in the heavenlies. We see it intensely on a course like this. So more than anything else, praying for us and the team is the ultimate.

- The plans and schedule for the next month and a half of outreach
- Safety on the road and the vehicles go well
- Safety in the water and at skate parks

- General good health and wellness
- God encounters and appointments, especially at the skate parks
- Boldness to step out of their comfort zones
- A heart and compassion to see peoples' lives changed through the gospel
- Students would continue to be open to God's hand in their lives
- Good relational connections with churches, youth groups, etc
- Strategic connections to be made around the East Cape
- The team would stay tight, caring and vulnerable to each other
- To be aware of, and discern, the enemy's attacks
- To keep our spiritual disciplines
- For us, that God would continue to help us to support and help the students navigate God's growth plan (and that Walter wouldn't have any more visits to ED)
- The Beddy (our 1979 CF Bedford motorhome) – that it would go well as we travel with the team 😊

### Finally

We are both honoured and thankful to have you supporting, praying and encouraging us 😊. Though there are ups and downs, and we live in very unusual times, God continues to be faithful and awesome.

'And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-20

Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui

Be Strong, Be steadfast, Be Willing

Much love from us both.

Walter and Tracey

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