

Kia Ora

Hard to believe that I have officially lived in New Zealand for one year! God's continued faithfulness over the last year has proven time and again the calling that he has placed upon me and that I am where He wants me. I am happy to announce that the Lord has provided a two-year visa for me. This is the final visa that I need until I can apply for permanent residence but it will be over a year before I am able to apply.

I have hit the ground running this year with Cultivate taking place within the first week of January. Cultivate (as I previously wrote about) is a youth discipleship program that a good friend is the director of. It was such a privilege to be a part of a team whose sole purpose was to help the youth grow in their relationship with Jesus or in some cases help start their relationship with Him. We had 36 students this year, almost double from the previous year. I was one of three male councilors. I had the youngest group of boys in my lodge, so I was looking after seven 13-to-15-year-olds for the two weeks. While it was like herding cats some days, I really enjoyed my time with those boys. I knew most of them from serving at different churches and youth events during my time at bible school, so I was able to build upon those friendships.



Summer Cultivate 2021 crew

Between the drives and preparation for the different events (like the robot building competition) I was able to have so many great conversations with the lads (and we took third btw). While some conflict arose among some of the boys, it was awesome to see the Holy Spirit work in and through the situation, bringing conviction to the offenders. But the thing that amazed me the most was to see these young men respond to that conviction and seek reconciliation with the student body as well as the staff without anyone saying that was what they needed to do. All and all, it was a great time with the youth and has provided wonderful opportunities to disciple the youth from my church post Cultivate.



My Lodge

Kristian is hiding behind Dan (far left)

Our L2-21 robot

(Lodge 2 - 2021)

It is an L4 unit I'm told.
Bless their little nerdy hearts



As the summer break has come to a close here in New Zealand, the normal weekly ministries have started back up. The two that I am leading are Refuge Youth Ministry and the Children's Ministry. It has been a really enjoyable adjustment thus far doing the preparation for each of those, stretching and growing me in new ways. But I'm up for the challenge and I'm excited to continue working with Pastor Jarryd and the team here as we minister to the Lord and the local body.

I want to say a huge thank you for supporting me over the last year! I am humbled and grateful for your generosity and faithful giving and prayer. May the Lord richly bless you as you have been a blessing to me! Calvary Wellington is not in a position to fully support me financially at this point. I am conscious that some had committed to support me for the year, if you are led by the Lord to continue to support me financially, I would greatly appreciate it.

Prayer requests:

Please continue to pray for Dan's and Matthew's salvation. I have had opportunities to share the gospel with both so pray for those seeds to take root.

Please continue to pray for youth leaders and children's ministry workers to be raised up from within the body.

Please pray for me, for wisdom and grace as I lead these ministries, and for smooth transitions and changes that will take place.

Please pray for provision for housing and flat mates for me as I will begin hunting for a place soon.

In Christ,
Josh