

Finances

One of the most often asked questions is 'how are we financed now?' As a result of the changes we have stopped, or transferred to other Christian groups, most of our funded programmes so we are reliant upon the gifts of people and organisations. It's back to our founding principles of depending on God for the provision of His resources for His work. It's a good way to be!

Mission Leadership Team

The changes have also resulted in a younger, fresher Leadership Team to lead the mission. Julie Heaton from Nelson is the team Leader along with Karl Dickson from Wellington and Paul Keane from Timaru. Please pray for them as they help lead us into the future as Incedo. For the record the old team (Or originals as they prefer to be known) of Darryl Gardiner, Mal Green and Gus Row are still all involved in other capacities. To contact any of the MLT email Karl on k.dickson@incedo.org.nz

Scope



Scope is the Newsletter of Youth for Christ in New Zealand. We have a number of updates to let you know about, but the big one is..... we are changing our name! Youth for Christ will now be known as Incedo (In-seed-oh) which is loosely based on the Latin for 'move forward'. This is not a rebranding but a re-birthing or re-founding of our mission. There are many reasons for this but one of the main ones is that we are focussing on living our faith in Jesus as missionaries and going to young people, inviting them to encounter Christ in genuine ways and follow Him forever. We had to face the fact that we were not doing this well. We could not live on what God had done in the past. Read on, for how this new focus is being expressed in different ways around NZ.

Coming Events

North Island Converge focusing on training and enabling volunteers in Taupo. 10th – 12th August. South Island Converge in Canterbury is from 24th – 26th August.

Harvest in Northland will be from the 27th Dec- 2nd January 2008.

There will be a range of other camps and events over the holiday so contact your local YFC/Incedo base for details





Goodbye CTC and Hello Surge

Many people will know by now that CTC, which YFC has run over Queens Birthday weekend for more than 40 years, finished in 2006. We have replaced it with a new flagship event called Surge. The first Surge was in April in Wanganui. About 130 volunteers from all over NZ met, stayed for four days, weeded areas of native bush, made paths for DOC, cleaned and painted kindergartens, sanded, water blasted playground equipment and dug! A lot of hard but rewarding work all completed by YFC/Incedo members and some of the young people we work with. Each night we joined together to party, worship and enjoy the fact that we had served the people of Wanganui together. This will be an annual event and next year's Surge will be in Blenheim.

YOne are on the road travelling around New Zealand and the Pacific. They have just returned from touring Fiji and still have about 4 months on the road in NZ.

Amnesty Freedom Week

This August, as we did last year, we will be joining in the Freedom Challenge as a way of serving Amnesty International. We will be helping young people get involved in protesting internet repression. Last year different centres ran concerts, got young people to write letters to Robert Mugabe, YOne had some special concerts, and a range of club programmes were run where issues of illegal imprisonment for your beliefs, were creatively communicated.



Korean Ministry in New Zealand

For more than five years now we have had a ministry to Korean teens in New Zealand. It started with the arrival in New Zealand of Tim Lee from YFC Korea. It is growing and developing in Auckland and will be in other parts of New Zealand before too long. This has opened up the opportunity for New Zealanders to work and serve in Korea teaching English. If you are interested contact Mal Green for information m.green@yfc.org.nz

FIJI YFC

It is ten years ago this June that YFC started in Fiji with New Zealand help. It is now a ministry run and led entirely by Fijian locals with some support from us. It's encouraging and exciting to see God grow the work there and humbling to be small part of it. If you want more information contact Mark Campbell on m.campbell@yfc.org.nz

Nelson Naturally

Sarah and Alex completed a trek with Nelson young people in early July through the beautiful Abel Tasman park. After 8 days and 150kms in the bush, walking and biking in the rain, mud and wind, and kayaking in the sun.

Sarah writes: 'I can handle the rain, the little sleep, the dysfunctional group and the hard stuff because of the stories and moments that come out of it all. Tough, 13 yr old boys saying they've discovered how much they love their family and mates and want to give them a huge hug and tell them they love them. Young people admitting they aren't doing well at school and want to start attending more often, get back into classes and be 'good' at school. Individuals wanting to give up 'unhealthy habits'. One girl telling of how on Day Five it all 'fell into place' as to why



Just crossed a series of tidal estuaries

she was here - how she is responsible for herself and it's ok to make mistakes as long as we learn from them and try to do better...'



The group climbed hills above Wainui, Golden Bay

Sarah and Alex are continuing to work alongside these young people as they reorient themselves back into regular life.

Samstock

Samstock is the South Islands own music festival held each year in Otago and seems to get better each year – the bands, the creative expression, the fun. It seems to be infectious: just ask the kids, the bands, the team who make it happen (all volunteers) and the kids who can't seem to get enough. Rory Grant from YFC/Incedo Otago said "I went into the chapel on Saturday night to pray about the noise complaints we were receiving and I walked in on the presence of God. Not the hurly burley of an excited worship service, but peace. A few young people scattered around on the cool grass checking out worship stations. Some praying over donated Bibles, some just looking into the eyes of eternity...Samstock is awesome".



Stations of the Cross

It has been four months since 2300 people participated in the week-long Stations of the Cross event - outdoors in the Hamilton Gardens. As Waikato Incedo continue to reflect on the experience and hear the stories of the impact it had in the community, and on people's lives, we thank God for His goodness.

Putting this event on in such a public space with the associated need to assemble and pack away fifteen art installations each night, presented new logistical challenges and involved an even greater number of volunteers. There were two significant benefits: nearly double the number of people took the opportunity to engage the heart of our Christian faith and the swarm of helpers who gave of their time and talents to make it possible gives us a great foundation going forward. And, the Hamilton Gardens management want to make it a city 'iconic' event - move over v8 supercars!

