

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



Intern Today, Agent of Transformation Tomorrow

Monday morning's social hour at the Family Care Centre concludes, and four young Ni-vans enter the classroom to start their week.

These young adults are part of a new, year-long Medical Internship School facilitated by the FCC. Behind closed Vanuatu borders, the work of loving the people of Vanuatu, sharing Jesus through practical service, and discipling Ni-vans has not stopped. In fact, the opportunities keep growing.

School leader Estera Badulescu explains: "These students will make a huge contribution to our work in the clinic during the internship, and they will continue to impact their communities by protecting and improving their health in the future as a result of the training they receive. Through their skilled-based education and discipleship, they also can be a light for their communities by spreading the love of God."

Each week, the interns learn theory in the classroom two days, and the other three days are spent in the clinic, applying their knowledge and gaining hands-on skills under the guidance of the FCC clinic staff.

Recently, one of the students from Tanna suggested treating her back pain using custom cuts so the 'bad

blood' would run and the pain would be gone. Knowing that the circulatory system had just been taught in the classroom, Estera asked her to explain what she knew of how blood functions in the human body.

The student had an "ah-ha" moment connecting her recent learning to her own circumstances, understanding that her blood circulates all over her body and the blood in her back and the blood in her heart are the same. By doing custom cuts, she would just be opening a lesion with the risk of infection and losing blood - not actually curing her back pain at all.

In the FCC's discipleship-oriented community, the lessons learned allow students to question and evaluate long-standing cultural beliefs within the gentle support of real relationships, making the most of every opportunity to equip Ni-vans to be agents of transformation.

For more information or to donate toward the Medical Internship program needs (such as practicum learning in the form of outreaches to the local communities, textbooks to enhance learning, or other visual teaching aids for classroom purpose), please visit: www.familycarecentre.org

Monthly “Open Night” Builds Community Relationships

On an outreach to Hong Kong several years ago, Adam Eggleton and Ashley Hernandez were inspired by the work of YWAM Hong Kong within their city. They felt a stirring to similarly impact Tauranga and New Zealand. Although the dream sat closely on Adam’s heart, he knew to rely on God’s timing to see this desire become reality.

In the past year, Adam and Ashley had time to revisit those ideas: *“How can Marine Reach reach out into the community more and share what we’re doing here? How can we support our local churches in their desires to see their youth disciplined?”*

Marine Reach launched a new initiative, the Community Outreach Circle (shortened to ‘ComReach’) under the leadership of Adam and his wife, Beza. Together with Ashley and many of the other staff, Marine Reach has been actively going out into the community while also welcoming the community to the Training Centre.

Late last year, Marine Reach hosted a three-part monthly “Open Night” at the base. One evening every month, the ComReach team facilitated an event for the public.

The first night, Marine Reach founder Linda Cowie and other staff shared testimonies from their outreach experiences. The evening was attended by more than 50 people from local church communities. The next month included a short

teaching on how to hear God speak, followed by application time allowing participants to practice honing their listening skills. On the final night, the ComReach team led about 70 guests and staff in worship. Many of the guests had never experienced such a cross-cultural, interdenominational and intergenerational event.

Going forward, the ComReach Circle continues to look for ways to participate in what God is doing in our local communities, and also welcome the community onto the base for relational investments. Discussions are currently happening on how to take Marine Reach’s calling to disciple young people out to local churches in a more formalized version. The hope is to not only bless the youth of NZ, but to bless their respective churches, communities, and futures.

For more information about how to be involved at Marine Reach, please go to: www.marinereach.com



Fresh Take on a YWAM Staple

For thousands of young people, participating in a DTS (Discipleship Training School) has been a life-changing experience. Marine Reach has been offering DTS's since the ministry's founding in 1990. Young adults from dozens of countries around the world have traveled to New Zealand to be disciplined, trained, and schooled in following Jesus.

When New Zealand's borders shut a year ago, the DTS staff wondered about how to proceed without international students, but as with so many things in the last year, God has been working behind the scenes and orchestrating events in beautiful ways.

Last October, Marine Reach welcomed their first Kiwi-only student body to undertake the 5-month intensive learning programme. The students' nationality was just the first 'fresh' development in the DTS.

During the lecture phase, for the first time, Marine Reach welcomed two other DTS's running simultaneously on different bases to participate in 2 weeks of joint lectures. With so many Kiwi's in community together, the staff began to glimpse what this unique, COVID-altered time might birth: fresh unity among New Zealand young people with a passion to know God and make Him known;

fresh comradery and support among DTS staff at various YWAM bases; and fresh awe recognising how resourceful and faithful God is, especially in the midst of unprecedented times.

In March, Marine Reach graduated six Kiwi students ranging in age from 18 to 68. After their 3 months of lectures, they travelled to Raglan, Palmerston North, and Marton taking the gospel. They joined a Christian kids camp, volunteered at churches, served in the gardens at Marae's, and led youth events and skate ministry. Through their time of outreach on the North Island, they connected with over 1,100 people, partnered with five churches and ministries already sharing the love of Jesus to Kiwis, and saw 42 people choose to accept Jesus as their saviour!

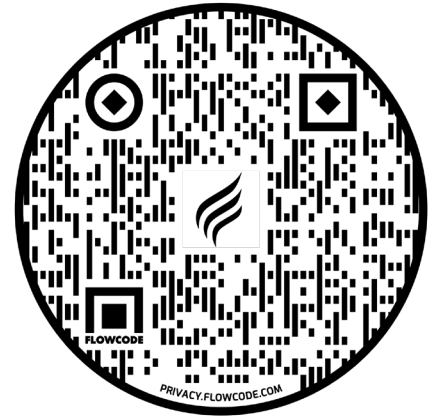
Although this DTS looked different than past DTS's, Claire Hodgkins, the school leader, comments: "I have great hope for the nation of New Zealand knowing that these 6 students are being sent back home to share the gospel."

Marine Reach plans to run another DTS in July of 2021. For more information about DTS, scholarships for Kiwi students, and other training opportunities, visit: www.marinereach.com



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- Please pray for wisdom in pioneering new initiatives across the ministry.



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