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VISION: WHY WE EXIST

Our vision is for every person to know God personally, empowering them to serve Him and impact the world.

MISSION: WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to embrace Jesus Christ, through Biblical teaching and practical training, seeing people renewed into Christ's image, and equipping them for life and service in the world.



NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

I invite you to join me on a journey—a journey of faith, growth and hope. I want you to see through my eyes and to feel the heartbeat of what God has been doing in this place.

When I first became part of Capernwray New Zealand, I entered a community that had been through challenging times. The staff and board faced many hurdles. They grew the team from just a handful of people to over 20 in a couple of years, all while operating without a national director and managing a backlog of students waiting to join. It was a period of turbulence, full of questions and uncertainties.

Despite the turmoil, one thing has remained clear: our core calling. We are committed to serving students with Christ's love, abiding in Him and grounding everything in His Word. This unwavering sense of purpose is our foundation. It has defined who we are. It is reflected in our vision, mission and values, our new promo videos and our new logo.

And what has this calling produced? Fruit beyond what I could have imagined.

I love speaking about the 11 baptisms this year and the two students who have come to faith in Christ—moments that remind us of God's ongoing work. I rejoice in our church and mission partnerships. In the

lessons learned both inside the classroom and during times of wilderness adventure, as students trust in God's perfect plan. But, for me, the greatest evidence of God's grace is seen in the students who graduate. They are filled with purpose and a clear sense of calling, rooted deeply in their dependence on Christ and His Word.

Thank you for being a vital part of this ongoing journey. To our dedicated staff, board members, international leaders, guest lecturers and key volunteers—your generous hearts and faithfulness truly inspire me. To all our students and to those who have supported or sent them—parents, relatives, family members, friends, and churches, thank you for believing in what we do and for your unwavering trust.

To everyone who prays for us, your prayers have not gone unheard. They have been met with God's blessing and guidance. Most of all, I stand in awe of our triune Lord. His incredible grace has been poured out upon us in countless ways, shaping everything we do and guiding us forward. Truly, His mercy and faithfulness are the foundation of our journey.

In His care,

Ross Georgiou





CHAIR REPORT

As I reflect on the past year, the words of a popular song come to mind: "I have lived in the goodness of God." As a ministry, Capernwray gratefully lives in the goodness of God and we have much to rejoice in.

From the board's perspective, a highlight of the year was appointing Ross Georgiou as our new National Director. Ross brings a wide range of leadership skills and experience, having previously served as the CEO of Global Sports Chaplaincy Association. Since starting in September 2024, he has wholeheartedly embraced the challenges and opportunities at Capernwray. Ross, by my observation, has the heart of a servant leader – he is humble, wise and compassionate. He leads by example and connects with people from different backgrounds. Through everything, his love of Jesus shines through. We are truly thankful he accepted God's call to be with us.

Ross has worked with the staff team and board to more clearly articulate our mission and key values as a ministry. This process has distilled down what is important to Capernwray. We asked questions like: "What is our DNA?" and "What is God calling us to?" The answers describe our character and shape our actions, allowing everything to be evaluated by how it fits with our mission and values.

It is very encouraging, given our mission, to see the MBS and ABS programmes running with full student numbers. Post-Covid, there has been a surge in young people wanting to travel and experience new things. We are grateful many choose to invest in their lives by attending Capernwray NZ. It is a

continued blessing to see the impact on many people's faith and relationships with Christ. Enrolments continue to stream in and we are planning for another full year in 2026.

Increased student numbers require lots of resources, particularly with respect to staffing. I am so grateful to have a team who are committed to our mission. They work tirelessly to see programmes run well, fill gaps and provide important interpersonal discipleship with students. Staff are often working long hours, going above and beyond expectations, because of their love for the ministry. Thank you team for your dedication.

We are continually amazed at the ongoing financial provision from supporters of Capernwray. Without you we would not be able to do what we do. We appreciate all of your support - financially, in prayer and through practical help.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the diligent work of the staff team, the volunteers, the contract workers and the part time staff. Thank you for your heart for the Kingdom and your wonderful service

We humbly acknowledge God is the owner of Capernwray, looking to Him for guide and to resource us in all that He wants to do.

In Christ,

Jeff Rowan





VALUES

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US

1. CHRIST'S LIFE IN AND THROUGH ALL

It is Christ who is our life, so everything we are and all that we do is shaped by our relationship with and reliance on Him. We delight in His presence and work with Him to see people increasingly conformed to His image.

2. SHAPED AND LED BY SCRIPTURE

God has revealed Himself to us through His Word, so we study, teach and apply it diligently. We work to be those who rightly handle the Bible, following the Spirit who leads us into all truth.

3. HOLISTIC GROWTH THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

The Christian life is relational at its core, so our learning happens in community. We champion connection and belonging that result in a Christ-rooted identity, lived holiness and increasing affection for the Lord.

4. PREPARING FOR MISSION IN EVERY VOCATION

God gives each person a unique role to play in His global plan. We equip individuals to step into their God-given calling to make disciples through the various roles they fill in life.

5. EMBRACING THE NZ EXPERIENCE

Every culture has good to enjoy and different things to teach us about God and His people. We celebrate our unique NZ identity and love to share its blessings with others.



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OUR NEW BRAND

Our new logo has meaning and purpose. This year, we have revitalised our branding to honour our past and takes us into the future.



Central to our new logo is **the Cross of Christ**, positioned at an angle to symbolize two important aspects. First, it represents our life in Christ, who bore His cross and our sins. Second, it signifies our mission with Christ, acknowledging we also carry our own cross as we follow Him.



The Word of God has always been at the heart of Capernwray - from our founder's initial focus, named "The Main Thrust," to the foundation of all our programmes. The top portion of our logo symbolizes an open bible, as scripture remains central to our identity and purpose.



We have been called by the Lord to serve and steward **the beautiful land of New Zealand, Aotearoa**. Our desire is to enjoy New Zealand, worship its Creator and share it with others who come to experience its splendour. You can see the left side of our logo shares a similar shape to the North and South islands of our country.



A vital part of the Capernwray experience is our **Adventure Bible School**. The mountain symbolizes both adventure and the journey of being on the path with Christ. Furthermore, this shape reflects the architecture of our facilities at the Monavale Homestead and the Adventure Lodge. They serve as metaphors for the intentional community and discipleship cultivated at both locations.

VIDEO

This year, we will be presenting a new video at the Torchbearers International Staff Conference at Capernwray Hall in England. One of our students, Joel, came to us with a bold vision-to create a one-take video that captures the essence of our community. What began as a simple idea quickly ignited a spark amongst staff and students, transforming into a heartfelt and choreographed project. The result is a powerful expression of the "abiding life" - a visual story of what life at Capernwray looks

like in both images and words. We love how it beautifully encapsulates our heart and mission, and we pray you do too.

We're excited to share that we plan to complete our Adventure Bible School video by the end of the year, telling more stories of faith, growth, and community in the same impactful way.



MINISTRY OVERVIEW



MONA VALE BIBLE SCHOOL

The Monavale Bible School (MBS) programme guides students towards the indwelling person of Jesus through teaching and the practical application of God's Word. Located at our Monavale Homestead Campus, this course prepares students for joyful Christian living and effective service. Situated in 20-week or 30-week blocks, students take time to deepen their knowledge of and relationship to Jesus.



ADVENTURE BIBLE SCHOOL

The Adventure Bible School (ABS) programme is a 5-week outdoor-based Bible School that aims to develop students as a whole - spirit, soul and body. The sea, mountains, caves and bush are our classroom as students are stretched to explore their relationships with God, others and themselves. With our Adventure Lodge as it's home base, this programme is an incredibly unique experience.





TOURING BIBLE SCHOOL

The Touring Bible School (TBS) programme is a transformative 10-week journey combining three favourite elements from our other Bible School programmes. Teaching weeks immerse students in Bible teaching and practical training. Ministry weeks encourage students to live out the Good News of Christ through outreach. Tourism weeks allow students to experience the culture and scenery of New Zealand, taking their classroom on the road. It's an unforgettable adventure.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EVENTS

Our Monavale and Adventure Lodge campuses host many outreach opportunities that allow us to share the love of Jesus with our community.

- **BREAKTHROUGH:** A vibrant, immersive experience with over 240 local youth joining for two epic evenings of fun
- **TABERNACLE:** A life-size Tabernacle replica and reflective walk through stations that illustrate its significance, visited by over 130 community members and our 72 students
- **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Our annual Christmas celebration to celebrate the Christ event through song and drama, uniting people in faith and fellowship
- **PASSOVER:** A full Seder dinner where participants live the tradition through eating, drinking, singing, dancing and celebrating God's grace
- **CONFERENCES:** Hosting 275 people from churches, organisations and youth groups for exciting and refreshing gatherings
- **NIGHT SCHOOL:** Free Bible teaching on topics or books of the Bible, attended by 30 community members

MONA VALE BIBLE SCHOOL

It's always astounding to stop and reflect on all God is doing in our Monavale Bible School (MBS) programme. God is so faithful and He continues His work through all seasons. The world we live in may develop and shift, along with our circumstances, but God remains our firm foundation. This is a key concept God taught our students this year. Anything we love, anything we cling to, anything we rely on other than God, will fail us. But, this is part of His good purpose to bring us closer to Himself. He desires us to truly know Him, love Him deeply and fully depend on Him in every moment.

This school year has seen 11 baptisms, countless testimonies and multiple outreach opportunities. At least two of our students have come to know the Lord Jesus for the first time and many others have come to realise what true intimacy with Him actually looks like for themselves.

It is a privilege to partner with a range of guest lecturers who are passionate about young people understanding Christ and who love to minister with Capernwray. Several local pastors have taught here, including those from churches where we conduct weekly ministries. It's been amazing to

foster ongoing relationships with them as we partner in gospel work. We've also had speakers from other Capernwray locations, including Grant Weber from the newly-established Bali centre and Callum Thomas from Capernwray Australia. The students particularly enjoyed Callum's series on Daniel, which allowed them to work through a book they were previously hesitant to approach. They came to understand God has complete control of all things and that, by the help of the Holy Spirit, we can understand His Word. Whether working through specific books of the Bible or subjects central to the Christian life, we know God will always accomplish what He wants through His Word. We continually see the fruit of His work in our students' lives.

Expectations have been a consistent thread in student testimonies over the past few months. They are beginning to see how often we bring our assumptions and even demands to the Lord. Whether explicitly or not, we often expect Him to work in a certain way or do a particular thing that fulfils our desires. Yet, God is so far beyond our expectations. Time and again, students have shared, with deep gratitude and excitement, that God had not met their expectations. Instead, He had chosen something different and far better than they ever anticipated. It is such a joy to journey with students as they learn these kinds of lessons, seeing them shift from a place of entitlement and assumptions to one of trust and delight in the Lord.





ADVENTURE BIBLE SCHOOL

Adventure Bible School (ABS) is aimed at developing the whole person – body, soul and Spirit. We experienced another year of students encountering the transformative presence of Christ through this adventure-based programme. Our students ranged from ages 18 to 35, representing diverse backgrounds from Oceania, North America and Europe. There was a unique depth to group dynamics. Intergenerational and multicultural learning brought opportunities for peer mentoring and holistic growth.

Christian leadership development is a cornerstone of ABS, alongside outdoor challenges, group initiatives, intentional discipleship and teaching. Students are placed in an environment that develops resilience and fosters trust.

THE ABS PROGRAMME CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, WITH KEY EMPHASES INCLUDING:

- Living as a family in Christ through team initiatives and community life
- A 6-week period of restrictions (including limited technology, intense scheduling and minimal external input) designed to disempower worldly influences and empower Kingdom living
- Practicing faith in uncertain situations by trusting leaders, as students are only given information as needed
- Connecting physical activities with spiritual truths

These intentional structures have proven to create a special, secure environment for students to receive healing and exponential Spiritual growth. When students engage with the heartbeat of the programme we see lives transformed - marked by deeper confidence, stronger emotional/relational health and a commitment to abide in Christ wherever He leads them. ABS continues to be a unique and powerful platform for equipping the Spirit-led believers through the adventure of intimately living from the life of Christ.

OPERATIONS | GIVING

We have been blessed this year with a regular income from student fees, conferences, camps and facility rental. A generous legacy gift in 2023 made this a year of considerable progress in long-deferred property maintenance and development, with projects including:

- Replacing hot-water cylinders
- Replacing water pumps
- Upgrading our Adventure Lodge chiller
- Upgrading our fire alarm system
- Upgrading our swimming pool treatment system
- Upgraded lighting in lecture hall
- Upgraded student bathrooms
- Installing heat pumps in lecture hall
- Replacing the old veranda roof
- Replacing bikes for the ABS programme
- A new ABS utility vehicle
- New vans and covered trailer

The legacy gift also helped fund an amazing new 2-bedroom home at our Adventure Lodge. This improves our on-site staff accommodation options, providing additional space for optimum rest and refreshment during busy programmes.

IF YOU FEEL MOVED TO SUPPORT WHAT WE DO, VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO GIVE TOWARDS THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- One-off general donations
- Regular support giving
- Specific project funds
- Student sponsorship fund
- Bequests and legacies

As a charitable trust, we give tax-deductible receipts for all donations over \$5. Thank you for your support!

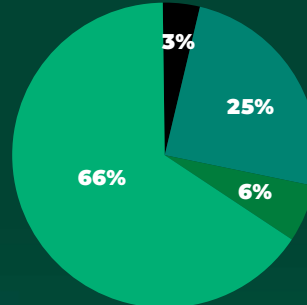


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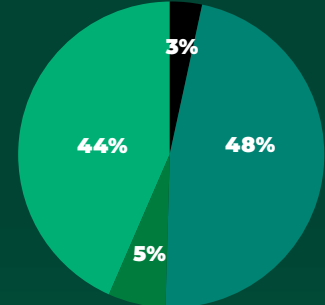
INCOME

	2024	2023
Conference & Camps	\$49,688	\$47,963
Gifts Received	\$355,622	\$850,813
Student Fees	\$951,118	\$788,652
Other Income	\$90,540	\$88,008
Total Income	\$1,446,968	\$1,775,436

INCOME 2024



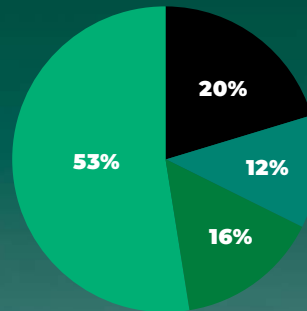
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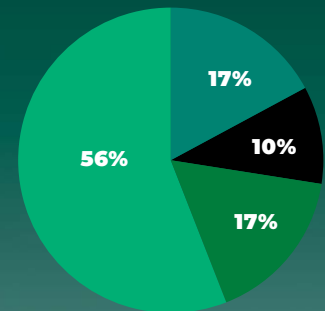
EXPENSES

	2024	2023
Operating Expenses	\$298,140	\$185,671
Property Expenses	\$173,252	\$107,154
Staffing	\$786,915	\$607,144
Student Services	\$235,140	\$187,633
Total Expenses	\$1,493,448	\$1,087,602
Surplus / (loss)	-\$46,480	\$687,833

EXPENSES 2024



EXPENSES 2023



	2024	2023	Difference
Income	\$1,446,968	\$1,775,436	-\$328,468
Expenses	\$1,493,448	\$1,087,602	\$405,846
Surplus / (loss)	-\$46,480	\$687,833	-\$734,313

OUR PEOPLE

29 TOTAL STAFF

12 FULL TIME STAFF

Housekeeping, leadership, finance, admin, faculty, ministry coordination, facilities, cooking and adventure programmes

4 PART TIME STAFF

Housekeeping, admin, kitchen and groundskeeping

5 CONTRACTED STAFF

Media, kitchen and adventure ministry

8 FULL TIME & PART TIME VOLUNTEERS

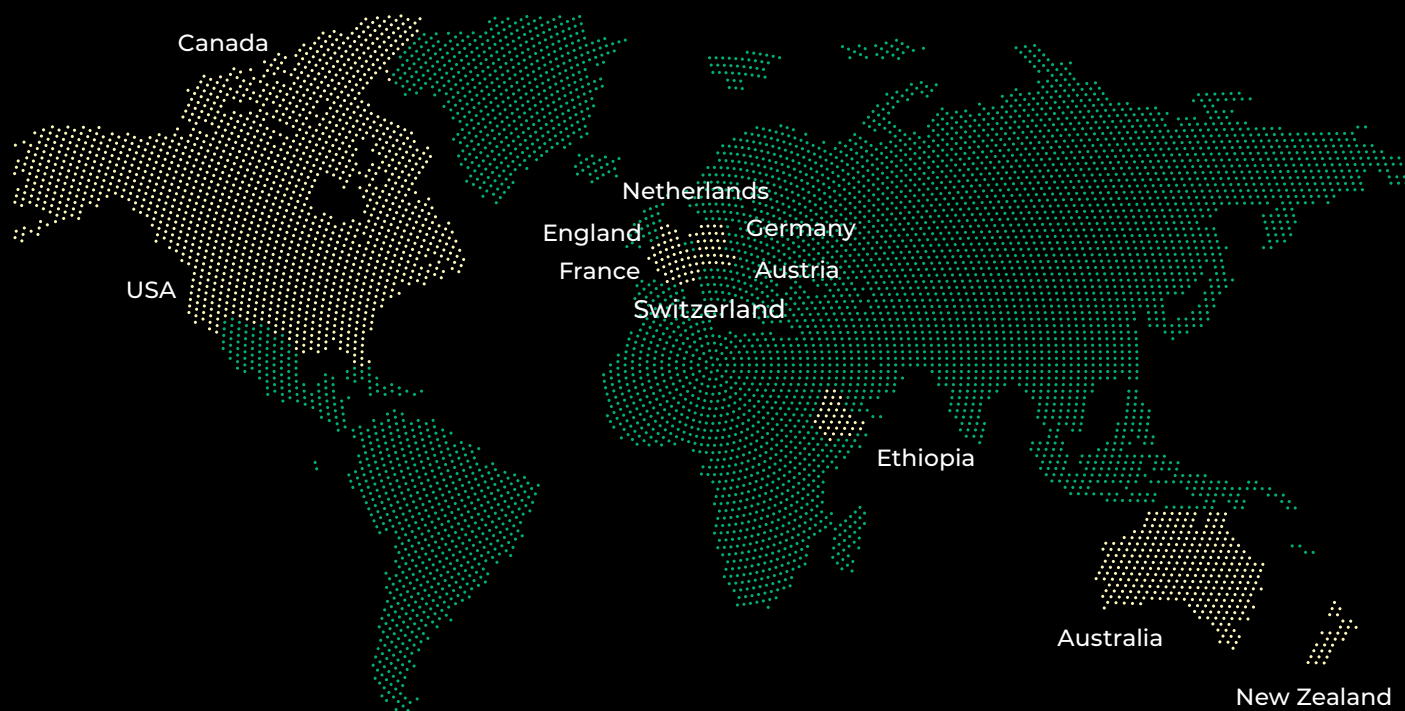
Discipleship, maintenance and ABS domestic managing

LOCATIONS WE'VE SERVED IN NEW ZEALAND

Cambridge	Whangārei
Te Awamutu	Kawerau
Hamilton	Manawaru
Ōhaupō	Taumarunui
Tīrau	Tauranga
Auckland	Mt Maunganui



WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARE FROM



HOW OUR STUDENTS ARE STUDYING

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**MONAVALLE
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

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**ADVENTURE
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

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**TOURING
BIBLE
SCHOOL**



UPCOMING

We serve an awesome God! His grace continues to sustain and guide us.

We are open for business. Though this statement may sound strange, we truly want you to feel the spirit behind it. Lockdown was incredibly challenging for us as a ministry-many of us endured tough times. Yet, here we are, with a waitlist for half of our programmes thriving again. All of this is a testament to God's incredible grace.

REFINING OUR PROGRAMMES

- We operate three main programmes: *Monavale Bible School, Adventure Bible School and Touring Bible School*. Each of these is continually being refined to suit the times we live in, without losing sight of the core mission of Capernwray New Zealand and Torchbearers International.

We invite you to sign up, recommend or sponsor someone to experience the transformative work of Christ through these programmes.

NEW INITIATIVES

- We're excited to introduce a pilot project: **Paul's Second Missionary Journey**. Students can touch the ancient stones and visit the first European church in this new 2-3 week travelling Bible school. They will experience where the Apostle

Paul and his companions ministered after the Macedonian Call. Travelling through Greece and Turkey, students can learn about Acts and the Epistles as they experiences the magnificent places surrounding these texts.

- We're developing new **short-term adventure and leadership programmes**. These 1-2 week programmes enable students to engage in an experience similar to our Adventure Bible School, without the commitment of a long stay. We hope this will allow for a more diverse group of international and local students to join. Focused on certain outdoor sports or leadership development, there will be opportunities to grow, serve and learn in dynamic environments.

NEW AND RENEWED PARTNERSHIPS

- If your vision aligns with ours and our values resonate with you, we warmly invite you to partner with us. Whether for a day or longer, our wonderful facilities are available for your use. We love partnering in building His Kingdom and we look forward to exploring how we can work together.

Through it all, we remain confident: **We serve an awesome God!**





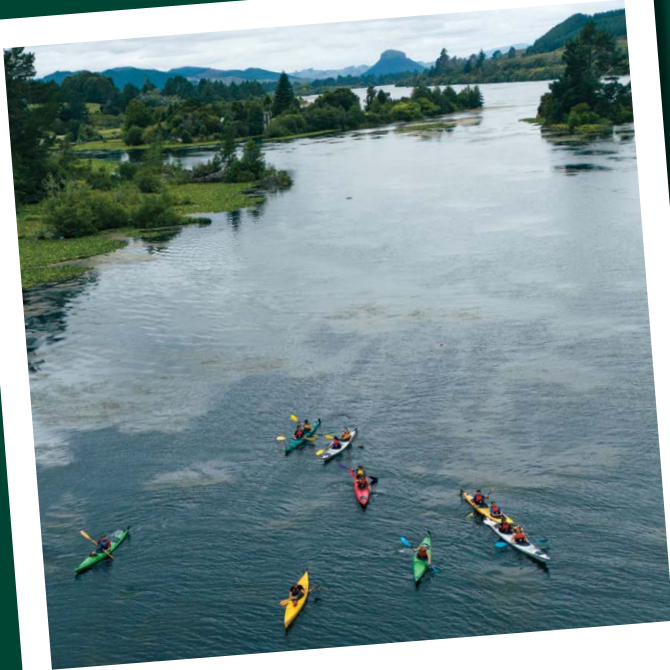
PARTNERSHIP

A Heart of Gratitude: Your partnership is transforming lives and expanding God's kingdom. Thank you for being a vital part of this incredible journey. The Lord is our enabler and sustainer, but where would we be without you?

DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

- **Pray with Us:** Prayerfully support our mission and stay connected through social media updates, emails and future posts - your prayers are powerful!
- **Follow Along:** Witness our adventures and see what students are up to by following us on social media.
- **Attend:** Come as a student for our MBS, ABS or TBS programmes. Many combinations of programmes are available, so we can find the mix that's right for you.
- **Join Our Team:** Feeling called? Explore meaningful opportunities to serve on our staff, becoming part of dynamic ministry and outreach.
- **Volunteer:** Open your home to host students anywhere across New Zealand. Or, gather a team to assist practically at our locations.
- **Discipleship:** Commit to regular discipleship, mentorship or pastoral care, nurturing the next generation of leaders.
- **Make a Difference Financially:** Support our life-changing programmes, sponsor a student's journey or contribute to our capital campaigns for key buildings. Also, consider recommending trusts or givers who share our vision to partner with us in ministry.
- **Share Your Expertise:** Use your skills, relationships and insights to help us grow, innovate and extend our reach. Your knowledge can ignite new opportunities.

Partner with us today and be part of something extraordinary-together, we are building a legacy of faith that transforms NZ and other nations!





"I have been crucified
with Christ and I no
longer live, but Christ
lives in me. The life I now
live in the body, I live by
faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave
himself for me."

Galatians 2:20



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