



# RESCUE

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CCCNZ ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

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AMBASSADOR'S REPORT, MARK GRACE

On the 10th of April 1968 Cyclone Giselle batters New Zealand. The Lyttleton to Wellington Ferry *Wahine* is blown off course as it approaches Wellington Harbour. The ferry strikes Barrett Reef, ripping off its starboard propeller. The port engine is disabled. The ship begins to founder. Water begins pouring into the car deck. It's early afternoon. The captain gives the order to abandon ship. The rescue effort begins.



Salvage operations for the sunken *Wahine*

## THE GREAT RESCUE

Paul teaches us in Colossians 1:13 that we too have been rescued by a great rescuer:

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

The events of Christchurch on Friday, 15 March 2019 starkly remind us about the pervasiveness and power of evil, and these verses echo that malevolent, intelligent evil has a profound sphere of influence.

The Bible reminds us that we have been rescued from the reign and rule of demonic darkness in us and around us, we've been rescued from the power of sin, and our own sinfulness.

In 1 Thessalonians 1:10 Paul reminds us we've been rescued from the ultimate consequences of our own sin and God's wrath. We've been rescued to delight in the one who has rescued us, and to point others to that rescuer.

In April 2018, the chair of the *Wahine* 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Trust made an interesting comment: “We don't want it to be a depressing commemoration, we want to remember that the 681 people who survived, survived because of the efforts of ordinary Wellingtonians”.

On 10 April 1968 hundreds of ordinary New Zealanders participated in a great rescue. Ferry crews, police, soldiers, boat owners, fishermen, local residents and many others offered what they had to help in the *Wahine* rescue.

## ORDINARY CHRISTIANS, EXTRAORDINARY RESCUE

We are a movement of ordinary Christians participating in a great rescue.

CCCNZ seeks to serve 180 churches, 20+ campsites, and many support ministries involved in the rescue. We delight that 49 churches have Linked-In. Our overriding heart is to see that every New Zealander of every age, in every part of New Zealand, knows and understands the gospel for themselves.

We recognise the rescue is happening in radically changing conditions. God is bringing the nations to New Zealand, with Auckland one of the world's most ethnically diverse cities. The speed of communication and technological development is changing the way we work, study



At the 2018 Auckland Regional Conference, *Everyday Disciple Making*

and grow. Our society is growing increasingly hostile towards the gospel—and yet is hungry to explore spirituality and deeper meaning.

In these changing times we recognise it is Jesus who rescues; through the gospel, from the Scriptures, by the Holy Spirit. Over the last 12-months our events have all been designed to better equip people participate with God in this great rescue.

Our Regional Conferences are events for ordinary Christians with a focus on encouraging people to practice ‘everyday disciple-making’—no matter your age and stage of life, we want to see men, women and young people who are faithfully sharing their lives together around the Word of God, in the power of the Spirit.

Our Movement of the Word events continue to invite both senior pastoral leaders, and leaders of small groups or other ministries to be better equipped to live out 2 Timothy 2:2—people who can invest the Scriptures into others through preaching, teaching, small groups, Bible studies and one-to-ones.

Our history as a movement is one of faithful teaching, committed disciple-making, Word-loving, Spirit-filled communities that seek to reach out for Christ, and we want to continue this legacy.

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## ALL HANDS ON DECK!

In the early afternoon on 10 April 1968 the Wellington Harbour Master asks everyone in port to grab a vessel from the wharf and to head into the rescue. Boats of all sizes participate. Teenagers in tiny motor boats, and crews in fishing vessels all head for the *Wahine*.

We recognise one of the most effective means of rescuing New Zealanders is through planting new churches. These churches will come in all shapes and sizes, but they all have a laser-like focus on rescuing those in the sea around them.

We are delighted to note that over the last year approximately 18 churches across the movement are in some form of church planting conversation. The conversation includes replanting closed churches, replenishing declining churches and planting new churches. We are encouraged to see ordinary Kiwis—with hearts for lost friends and the ability to lead and teach—exploring with their elderships the possibility of planting. None of this is a quick fix, but over time it is our hope that these conversations blossom into new churches participating fully in the rescue.

We recognise the highest concentration of those needing rescuing in New Zealand live in Auckland.

Lui Ponifasio has recently joined the CCCNZ team one day a week working as the Auckland Mission Enabler with the APA. The Auckland Partnership seek to serve the 40 churches in Auckland that share our heritage. Lui has rich and deep experience in church planting. Dave Giesbers, our Church Planting Enabler, continues to serve churches and leaders across our movement

through Church Planting Forums and church planting coaching conversations.

We recognise the two largest challenges to evangelistic church planting is praying people, and growing leaders.

To address this we've appointed a National Prayer Enabler, Jackie Millar. Jackie is seeking to grow a team of people across New Zealand who will mobilise ordinary Christians to be praying for the rescue.

Growing leaders for the rescue has been a critical issue over the last 12 months. Elderships and pastors are recognising the critical role they have in growing potential leaders, not primarily with programmes, content or curriculum, but through relationship, hospitality, Scripture and example. Leaders who love Jesus, who delight in the gospel and who have passion to lead through the Holy Spirit, from the Scriptures.



*Child Protection Workshop 2019*



*Regional Conferences are places to come together to worship God and learn from his Word in community*

To support this, Jeremy Suisted has been serving as Coaching Coordinator—helping people from within our movement coach others from within our movement. Kerry Rickard has joined the team as PastorLink Enabler, seeking to see pastors supporting pastors. Rob Morton serves as the 3TRUSTS Scholarship Coordinator, helping connect people who are looking to train or study for ministry with those providing scholarships.

## THE FLOTILLA AND THE FORESHORE

At the same time as a small flotilla is rescuing hundreds of passengers bobbing up and down in the sea, hundreds more ordinary Wellingtonians are racing to rescue those who have crashed ashore. Everyone plays a critical part—those in the flotilla and those on the foreshore.

As a service trust we seek to serve not only churches planting in the flotilla, but those churches and support ministries on the foreshore.

In 2018, our National Administrator, Danielle Diprose, is taking many calls weekly from churches seeking assistance with administering their role in the rescue. Murray Brown, our National Youth Enabler, is providing coaching, events and training for both youth leaders and those they lead. We are interviewing this month for a National Children and Families Ministry Enabler. Sharron Taunton serves as PA and Office Support, by helping staff keep up with admin tasks and scheduling. To help us serve both the flotilla and the foreshore better, we've recently appointed Hannah Munro as our Events and Promotions Manager.

Our Communications Manager, Sophia Sinclair seeks to serve the teams in the flotilla and foreshore by keeping people up to date with events, news and resources. In the past year we've seen more people connecting with each other via social media, and more have been reading our email newsletters: Youth, Te Harinui, Leaders and Admin. We've noticed a real desire from people to hear stories about what God is doing up and down the country, and people are

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Coffee, food and friendship at our Auckland Regional Conference 2018

looking to the magazine Rongopai as a place to connect, share stories and praise God for how he is working in and through our movement.

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE RESCUE

In the early afternoon of April 10<sup>th</sup> emergency services are already stretched due to the cyclone and not efficiently co-ordinated due to failure of communication equipment on the *Wahine*.

What accelerates the rescue effort is the increasing ‘working together’ of the various emergency services with them. At 2:05pm a coordinated approach begins to take shape. This accelerates and substantially improves the overall rescue effort.

Our wider movement is grateful for our funding trusts Lichfield Lands and Hillview, for our

mission agency GC3, for Stewards—our property trust, for Pathways—our Bible college, and the many other support ministries that make up who we are. We recognise if we are to serve our churches and each other in the rescue we need to continue growing together and working together while remaining focused in our specialist areas.

## WILL YOU JOIN THE GREAT RESCUE?

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And now we—who have been brought from death to life—have been given this ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5-6). We are his ambassadors, members of his body, workers for his rescue.

We are grateful to God for all he is doing amongst us as he carries out the ‘day of salvation’, as he provides us with opportunities to serve and his Spirit to equip and help us. It is an immense privilege at this time, on these islands, to participate together with you in this great rescue.



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# MOBILISING FOR RESCUE

THE CHAIR'S REPORT, GORDON FOUNTAIN

Mobilising has been a big part of the 2018-19 year. Last year we wrote about organising the team at base camp, with our sights set on reaching the summit. This year we reflect on equipping and mobilising our board, staff, churches, and everyone in our movement to play our part in the great rescue plan to reach Aotearoa, New Zealand with the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

## STAFFING

We have expanded the staff team to provide greater capacity and build in some sustainability for the future. Having resourced the essential areas of Leadership, Finance, Youth, Events and Tertiary Scholarships, in the year to December 2018 we brought on staff in the areas of Coaching, Church Planting, Communication, PastorLink, and Prayer.

Alongside our staff team, our Regional Enablers help bring the national perspective to you and your church at the regional and local level. CCCNZ would not be as effective as it is without the voluntary work of our enabler team throughout the country. Our Regional Enablers do a fabulous job of assisting with local conferences and coordinating local networking.

It was a joy in February 2019 to meet as board, staff and enablers over a Friday night and Saturday to consider the opportunity before us to reach Aotearoa and listen widely to those who came. It was a formative time to meet with others in the ministry and to welcome new ones who have joined our team. I extend the CCCNZ Board's thanks to each one who contributes in a voluntary or remunerated role. We really appreciate your part in the team. You have modelled to us that 'together works better'.

## PARTNERSHIP

This report will give you details on CCCNZ's activity and support services to you, our churches and ministries. You have responded as a result. We now have 49 churches Linked-In and accessing the various networks and services available which our website [www.cccnz.nz/page/what-we-do](http://www.cccnz.nz/page/what-we-do) clearly presents. This is a significant milestone as we marshal towards the goal of reaching our nation with the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Thank you for your partnership.

The CCCNZ Board is also grateful to our financial partners: Lichfield Lands, Longview Trust, Hillview Trust, Stewards Trust, Soul Purpose Trust, MK Hunt Foundation, and the individuals and churches who also make donations and contribute to the ministry. Thank you for supporting us to assist our movement throughout our nation.

## GOVERNANCE

Early this year we farewelled former trustee and enthusiastic supporter Ian Elliott. Ian's passing was a great shock to many of us throughout the country. His leadership and encouragement to be



Group time at the 2019 Listening Hui

ELECTED	NAME	YEAR	APPOINTED	NAME	YEAR
Waikato	Stuart Bay	2019	Wellington	Bruce Stormer	2019
Otago	Graham Ashby	2019	Auckland	Gordon Fountain	2019
Southland	Graham Fletcher	2020	Auckland	Shannon Samuels	2021
Canterbury	Murray Frost	2020	Manawatū	Mark Grace	2021
Auckland	Debbie Bosse	2021	Auckland	Ane Ponifasio	2021
Auckland	Rick Iles	2021	-	Vacant	-

involved was exemplary, and we join with many other organisations who have paid tribute to Ian.

One of Ian's passions was to encourage diversity on boards, and when he retired from the CCCNZ Board in October last year, he left knowing that the Trust Deed mandated replenishment and diversity within the governance of CCCNZ. The CCCNZ Board was active in calling for new people to join us and creating room for experience and gifting to be expressed. Governance is something CCCNZ takes seriously, and later this year we plan to hold seminars that will specifically address governance matters and what board involvement entails.

During the year four of the board positions—two elected and two appointed—were open for selection, as mandated in our deed. Sefton Marshall and Lui Ponifasio chose to finish their term on the board at the November election, and we thank them for their contribution to see CCCNZ established. We're pleased to support Lui in his new role as Auckland Mission Enabler, a partnership between CCCNZ and the APA.

In the past year we welcomed new trustees to the board. Ane Ponifasio and Shannon Samuels were appointed to the board, and Debbie Bosse and Rick Iles were elected unopposed. All four bring



Church Planting Forum 2018

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their church ministry and mission leadership experience, and we are thrilled to have them join our board team.

This year Stuart Bay and Graham Ashby complete their deemed elected terms, while Bruce Stormer and I (Gordon Fountain) complete the appointed term. Currently, there is one appointed position vacant, which the board is looking to fill this year. Closer to our election in November we will inform you regarding these trustees’ intentions and issue details regarding the 2019 election process.

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### TOGETHER FOR THE RESCUE

We continue to see at CCCNZ that *together works better*. More than at any stage in our nation’s history we are seeing the value of coming together for a common cause can be a powerful force for good. This shouldn’t surprise us as our Lord Jesus himself said in his prayer to the Father for us as believers who would follow the disciples:

“I have made you known to them in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” (John 17:26)



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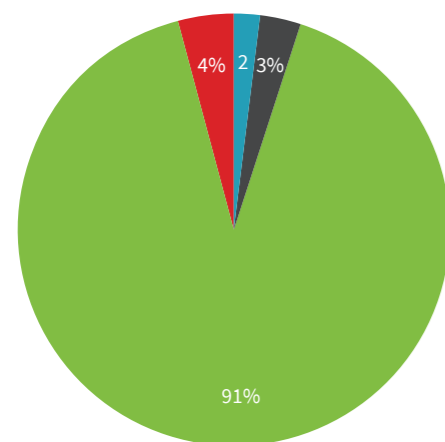
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## FINANCIAL REPORT

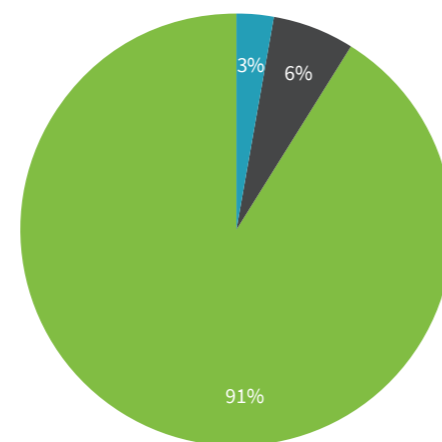
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### REVENUE

**2018**  
**DONATIONS** \$13,930    **EVENTS** \$17,741  
**GRANTS** \$510,583    **OTHER** \$22,727

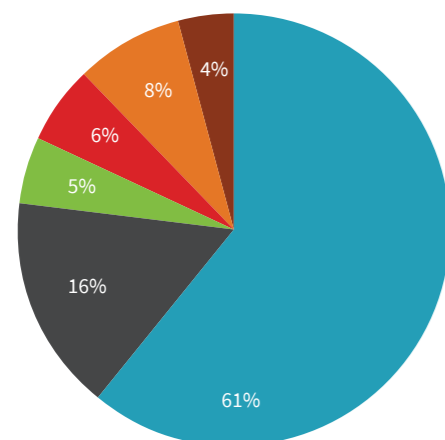


**2017**  
**DONATIONS** \$8,390    **EVENTS** \$19,188  
**GRANTS** \$270,000    **OTHER** -

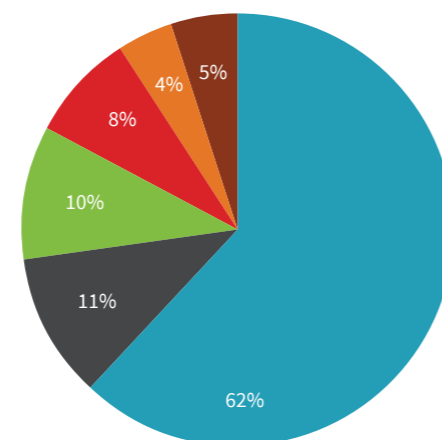


### EXPENSES

**2018**  
**STAFF** \$254,832    **TRAVEL** \$66,809  
**EVENTS** \$19,471    **PUBLICATIONS** \$22,791  
**OFFICE** \$33,239    **OTHER** \$16,246



**2017**  
**STAFF** \$123,459    **TRAVEL** \$21,697  
**EVENTS** \$20,025    **PUBLICATIONS** \$15,958  
**OFFICE** \$7,544    **OTHER** \$9,837



We started 2018 with a deep commitment to continue the work that has been laid out in front of us, and we finished the year immensely grateful for God’s provision in seeing this happen.

As new doors opened in the area of ministry and office staffing roles our expenses increased in this area with staffing costs for 2018 of \$254,832 (2017: \$123,459) and a few key appointments still open come year end.

Relationships continued to be a strong focus, resulting in travel expenses for the year of \$66,809 (2017: \$21,697) which has been spread across the full team in various areas of support around the country.

As our staff team spend time traveling and visiting ministry leaders throughout the country the stories of how Christ is quietly impacting the lives of ordinary people to make a real difference in their communities are being told. 2018 has seen us put a strong emphasis on retelling those stories so we can all be part of the bigger story here in New Zealand.

Publication costs for 2018 were \$22,791 (2017: \$15,958) which includes both printed and digital media. The result of this has been an increase in website traffic of 107% (December 2018 saw 1,245 users access the website), an increase in Facebook followers of 544% (December 2018 saw 844 followers) and email newsletter subscribers going from 1,105 in December 2017 to 2,430 in December 2018.

And events continue to grow as we spend more time together supporting each other in both everyday discipleship (theme of our Regional Conferences), to targeted training events such as youth and church planting forums. Due to the growing diversity of our events and various costs associated with each event, we ended the year with a total deficit for all events of \$1,730 (2017: \$837).

We are grateful for the many individuals and churches who have committed to supporting our work through one off and regular donations. In 2018 these donations were \$13,930 (2017: \$8,390) and have been a reflection of the coming together across the country to be involved in spreading the good news of the gospel here in New Zealand.

Our grants base has grown in 2018 to \$510,583 (2017: \$270,000) which has been a reflection of new targeted funding for key roles, as well as ongoing support to continue this work. We are grateful for the shared vision with our grant funders and would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Lichfield Lands, Hillview Trust, Soul Purpose Trust, Longview Trust, MK Hunt Foundation and Stewards Trust.

Taking all this into account we ended 2018 with a cash surplus of \$152,073 as reflected in the audited accounts. Of this \$119,168 was prepaid grant income for the 2019 year. Knowing that we are moving into a new year with continued areas for growth ahead of us, we feel we are in a good financial position to manage while still having the flexibility to respond to change as needed.

*Our full audited accounts are available at the Charities Commission (CC54332) or by request from our National Administrator, Danielle Diprose [daniellediprose@cccnz.nz](mailto:daniellediprose@cccnz.nz) or 027 354 4172*



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# PARTNERS IN RESCUE

## LINKED-IN CHURCHES

### Northland

Clark Road Chapel  
Raumati Crescent Chapel

### Auckland

Auckland Bible Church  
Eden Community Church  
LifeChurch Manurewa  
Lincoln Road Bible Chapel  
Manurewa Bible Church  
Massey Community Church  
New Lynn Bible Chapel  
Northcross Community Church  
Tamaki Community Church  
Ngairere Avenue Bible Church  
Orewa Community Church

### Waikato

Manawaru Bible Chapel  
Putaruru Gospel Chapel  
Chapel Hill Community Church  
Raleigh Street Christian Centre  
Hillcrest Chapel  
Northgate Community Church  
Te Awamutu Bible Chapel  
Hukanui Bible Church  
Matamata Bible Church

### Bay of Plenty

Redeemer Church  
Paengaroa Bible Chapel  
Lakes Church  
Roosevelt Road Chapel  
The Orchard Church

### Taranaki

New Plymouth Bible Chapel

### Hawke's Bay

Riverbend Bible Church  
Onekawa Bible Church

### Manawatū-Whanganui

Crossroads Church  
Ingestre Street Bible Chapel  
Feilding Bible Chapel  
Kingston Community Church

### Wellington

The Anchor Church  
Onslow Community Church

### Nelson-Tasman

Grace Church  
Hope Community Church  
Tasman Bible Church

### Canterbury

Bryndwr Chapel  
Church Street Bible Chapel  
EAUKS (Ekalesia Au Uso  
Kerisiano Samoa)

Rowley Avenue Bible Chapel

Rutland Street Church

Wairakei Road Bible Church

### Otago

Caversham Community Church  
Cornerstone International Bible  
Church  
Riverside Chapel  
Orwell Street Church

## BOARD MEMBERS

Stuart Bay (Waikato)  
Graham Ashby (Otago)  
Graham Fletcher (Southland)  
Murray Frost (Canterbury)  
Debbie Bosse (Auckland)  
Rick Iles (Auckland)  
Bruce Stormer (Wellington)  
Gordon Fountain (Auckland)  
Shannon Samuels (Auckland)  
Mark Grace (Manawatū)  
Ane Ponifasio (Auckland)  
Ian Elliott  
*Concluded October 2018*  
Lui Ponifasio  
*Concluded November 2018*  
Sefton Marshall  
*Concluded November 2018*



*Daryl Bay preaches at the Canterbury Regional Conference, Everyday Disciple Making, in 2018*

## REGIONAL ENABLERS

Andrew Clemow (Northland)  
APA, led by Rod Edwards with  
CCCNZ Auckland Mission  
Enabler Lui Ponifasio (Auckland)  
Kerry Rickard (Manawatū)  
(Concluded late 2018)  
Nick Goodwin (Waikato)  
Lawson Scott (Canterbury)  
Lindsay Martin (Otago)  
David Gibson (Invercargill)

## STAFF

Mark Grace  
CCCNZ Ambassador  
*Three and a half days per week.*  
Danielle Diprose  
National Administrator  
*Four days per week.*

Sharron Taunton  
PA to Ambassador and  
Office Support  
*Four and a half days per week.*

Murray Brown  
National Youth Enabler  
*Five days per week.*

Hannah Munro  
Events & Promotions Manager  
*Four days per week.*

Dave Giesbers  
Church Planting Enabler  
*Two days per week.*

Jackie Millar  
Prayer Coordinator  
*Two days per week.*

Sophia Sinclair  
Communications Manager  
*Two days per week.*

Rob Morton  
3TRUSTS Scholarship Coordinator  
*One and a half days per week.*

Jeremy Suisted  
Coaching Coordinator  
*Two days per week.*

Kerry Rickard  
PastorLink Enabler  
*One day per week.*

Lui Ponifasio  
Auckland Mission Enabler  
*One day per week.*

## SUPPORT MINISTRIES

We would like to acknowledge the many support ministries within the movement, particularly Stewards Trust, GC3—Global Connections in Mission and Pathways College of Bible and Mission. For a wider list of support ministries, including youth, campsites, hostels and other agencies see the CCCNZ Website: [www.cccnz.nz](http://www.cccnz.nz)



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## STAY CONNECTED TO THE RESCUE EFFORT

We'd love to connect with you and keep you up to date with prayer requests, stories and news from our movement.

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- Subscribe to our email newsletters by emailing [sophiasinclair@cccnz.nz](mailto:sophiasinclair@cccnz.nz)
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  - Leaders (for leaders in our movement)
  - Admin (for those involved in church administration)
  - Te Harinui (for everyone!)
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