

Everyone sent Ka tonoa te katoa



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Reflections from NZCMS Board Chairperson

Kia ora whanau

I have broadened my comments beyond 2021 to this uncharted season we are all navigating.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge our brave and tenacious Mission Partners who have weathered this Covid storm as true ambassadors worthy of their calling. Behind the scenes, our staff and Board members have spent tireless hours, sometimes in the middle of the night, to support our Mission Partners as we help them deal with their future plans, lockdowns, flights, MIQ, and finances.

In this brave new world we will enter, we are asking ourselves: What is God saying to us all through this? What will mission service look like? How does NZCMS remain relevant and influential in proclaiming the Gospel globally? NZCMS has always been focused on 'sending Mission Partners overseas to proclaim the Gospel'. Is that our sole purpose? How do we attract people to aspire to serve as missionaries? Where is the priority on the world stage for sending people?

To begin to answer these questions, NZCMS undertook a major strategic review so that we could position ourselves to fulfil the original purposes of the Society while also challenging ourselves to remain relevant in the future. Staff and Board met together to pray, discuss, and brainstorm what the future could look like. We've talked with Māori colleagues, other NZ Mission Agencies, and all the CMS organisations globally.

The conclusion of these discussions was the evolution of five key areas of focus:

- Sending Mission Partners globally
- Inspiring and educating NZ churches for mission
- Discipling young people
- Engaging with our bi-cultural whakapapa
- Equipping the Church for intercultural mission in our neighbourhoods.

In response to this important process, one initial response has been to refresh the NZCMS brand and logo to ensure that they accurately reflect the values and kaupapa of the Society.

Throughout these discussions, several key themes emerged. Firstly, a remembering of the Macedonian Call: 'come over and help us for a while'. Our Mission Partners serve at the invitation of, and in partnership with, the indigenous church.

Secondly, the idea of 'holism' - a holistic approach to Gospel work - has been at the forefront of our thinking. For example, micro-business and social advocacy work can be done alongside church planting and discipleship training to help address the wider issues communities face, such as climate change, poverty, and injustice. Samuel Marsden talked about 'the Gospel and its glad tidings'. Perhaps that's what we see being referred to as 'Holism' today. In fact, he personally reflected this dual responsibility by investing his own money in buying a boat (the Active) to enable Māori to export their produce to Australia, while preaching the Gospel to them.

A third theme that has emerged for us has been our recent expansion into Māori evangelism within Aotearoa, the beginnings of a response to a prophetic word given to NZCMS by a Māori elder in the 1970's. Waitangi celebrations last year, attended by NZCMS staff and Board, have further built our understanding and responsibility to partner with tangata whenua. This is another exciting and God-directed 'collaborative indigenous partnership'.

I have only outlined some very brief thoughts here, but discussions continue to enable us all to hear what the Spirit is saying in this time. We are all united in our desire to keep NZCMS at the forefront of global mission in our unfolding new world. Thank you for your support and partnership as we navigate mission together into the future.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki i nga wā katoa (May God bless and watch over you)

Graeme Mitchell
Chairperson, NZCMS Board
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Everyone Sent

By Rosie Fyfe, NZCMS National Director

Each of us at NZCMS shares a deep passion: to see the church engaging in mission. We exist to enable this - as a sending organisation, we provide resources, prayer support, and logistics to send people into mission.

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Who, then, is a missionary? To unpack this, we need to look backwards briefly, and reflect on how our answer has developed over time.

NZCMS was founded in 1892 in response to the challenge from CMS UK to “take your own share in the evangelisation of the world: send out your own missionaries and support them”. At that time, mission was predominantly from the ‘West to the rest’; and even now, many of us would think of a missionary as someone who goes overseas.

At NZCMS, John 20:21 has become the focus of our reflections on mission, helping us further understand the intent of Jesus’ call. When Jesus first appears to his disciples after his resurrection, he says, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” It’s a broad commission: Jesus sends *all* his disciples into mission, not only those who go to distant places. As followers of Jesus, we are all called to be sent people - to live out and proclaim God’s love in the world. If you think about it, global mission is just local mission somewhere else; our global Mission Partners, sent out from NZ, will partner with local Christians as co-labourers. What all Christians have in common, wherever we are, is that we are sent out by Jesus into the world.



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This language of sending is used throughout the Gospel of John. God the Father sends Jesus into the world: crucially, mission is first and foremost God’s mission. As we read in the story of Scripture, God has always been reaching out in love to His people, and the full expression of this saving love is when God reaches out in the person of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me”, he uses the verb ‘send’ in an ongoing sense, not just as a ‘one-time’ sending. We as Christ’s disciples do not take over Jesus’ mission, replacing him; but rather, his mission continues and is effective in our ministry. The work we do is participating in Christ’s mission, not our own. Our service, placed in Christ’s hands, is to continue his redemptive work as “the sent One” within this world which is so loved by God.

We work in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus sends his disciples in John 20, he breathes on them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” The calling is the same today. Mission is not just our own actions or good works. Mission is always done in God’s strength, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All of this makes for a truly transformative vision of life together. God calls the church to be a sent community of people, to participate with God in His redemptive purposes for the world. NZCMS continues to send people globally – to take the Gospel to places where Christ is not known, and to partner with local churches, empowering and training local believers. But even as we ‘send globally’ we know that all Christians are ‘sent people,’ sent to live out and proclaim the love of Christ wherever you find yourself.

Our artist Lily Emo, who you will read about in the next article, has depicted this idea of “Everyone Sent” through birds. Birds travel and move around, both small and large distances; some are from New Zealand, and some from other parts of the world. These beautiful illustrations symbolise how we work together in response to God’s leading: unique disciples, moving with a common, unifying purpose in mission.

We have also featured these birds on our new website as beautiful, abiding images of mission together. Please spend time exploring the website – there is something there for everyone, no matter where you find yourself on the journey of exploring mission. Join us – Everyone Sent!

What about the Birds?

By Lily Emo

Lily Emo is an illustrator based in New Zealand. She has a special interest in children's books, and won the Margaret Mahy Illustrations Prize in 2020. Lily and her husband are former NZCMS Mission Partners, and served in Nicaragua in 2009-2010.



By the time NZCMS came to me with a request for artwork, a lot of thought had already gone into presenting their values through their new branding. John 20:21 had been used to form a lot of the thinking behind the tag line “Everyone Sent”. At their core, the illustrations I’ve created are intended to aid NZCMS’ new branding by representing this tagline visually.

I decided to use birds to symbolise this idea rather than actual people because as soon as you depict one person, you immediately leave others out. I didn’t want to specify or define who the people are that are sent and to whom they are sent. NZCMS’ tag line captures the idea that *everyone* is sent - it’s inherently invitational, so I wanted it to be inclusive in whatever illustrations I produced.

Birds seemed like the obvious choice because of Aotearoa’s affinity with birds. Furthermore, birds travel and move around a lot. Some travel far and some not so far, which seemed fitting when I came to think about those connected to the organisation.

I illustrated a variety of birds, selecting not just those from New Zealand but also birds from different locations around the world. They represent NZCMS’ unique identity as a New Zealand organisation while also emphasising its global focus and the diverse partnerships involved in its work.





I also created some options where the birds are travelling in formation. I had this idea when I saw the compass arrows in the new branding, but this also represents the relational aspect of mission that is such a pivotal value for NZCMS.

Connected to this is the essential focus of working together with a common purpose: being sent by God into the world.

Just as the birds fly in formation towards a destination, the Church is called to go together to share the Gospel.

Lastly, you will also notice the eclectic activity of each illustration. They are not simply flying, but each is travelling in their own unique way. Some are interacting with each other. Some are dancing. Some are worshipping or carrying something. Some look passionate and strong, while others look calm and gentle. Some are young, and some are old.

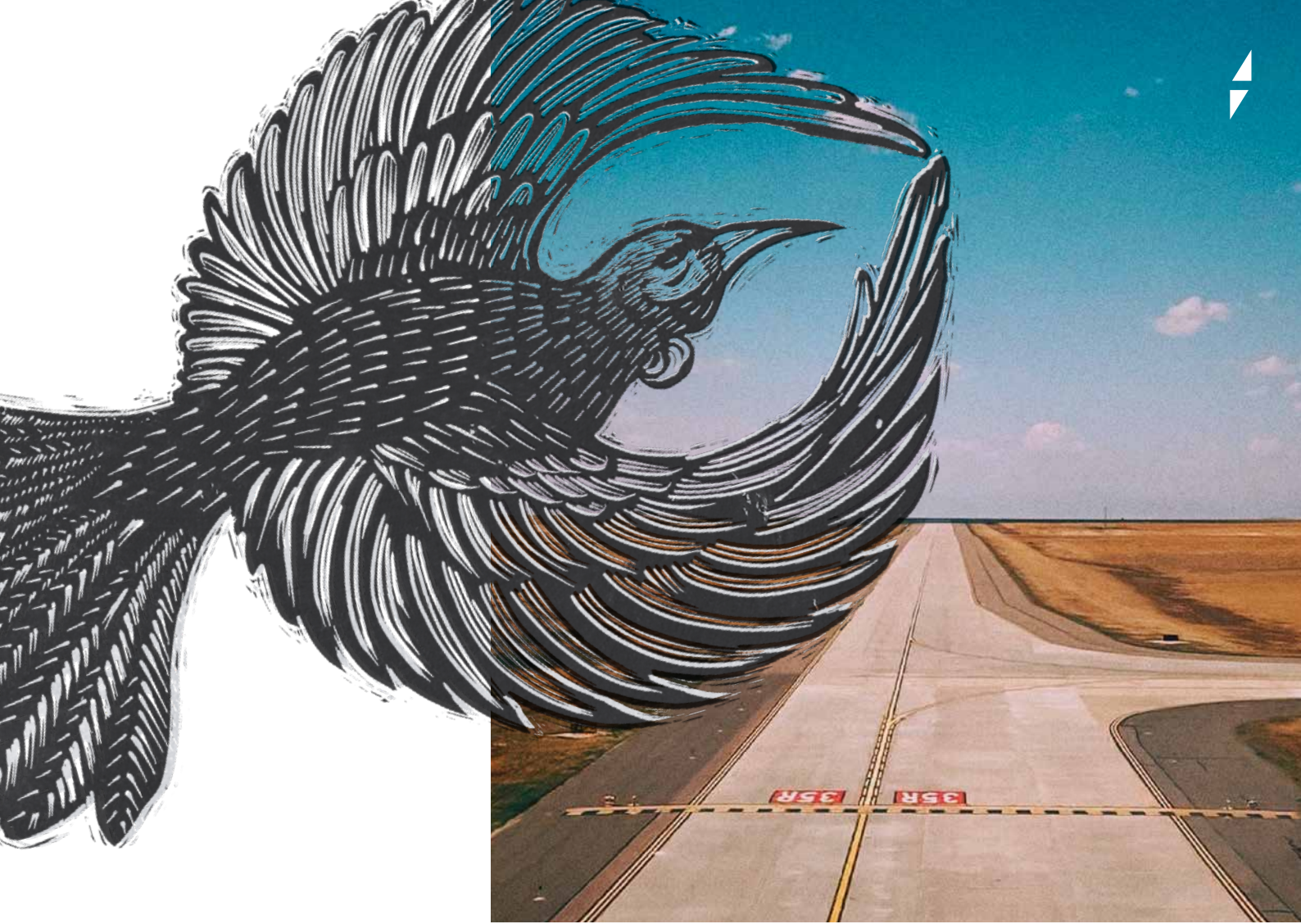
NZCMS has all sorts of personalities, giftings and experiences. I wanted to use these illustrations to symbolise to every disciple that they have a place in mission. They show the diversity of everyone who is and can be involved in what God is doing through NZCMS. I hope that these illustrations give room for anyone to imagine how their own lives fit within the call to follow Jesus.

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Snapshot of Life on Mission

Our Mission Partners serve all over the world. We asked some of them to reflect on their lives and ministry in 2021 - a 'snapshot' of what life on mission looks like for each one of them.



To the Middle East from Home

Rick, Mission Partner to the Middle East

Mission can take all sorts of forms. Often the way in which we participate in that call is unique to our individual passions, skills, and situations. Rick reflects on what being sent to the Middle East from New Zealand looks like for him and his family and the encouragement and challenges he has drawn from the Apostle Paul.

What happens when you remain called and fully committed to overseas mission work but believe God is leading you to return to New Zealand? Are you, then, still a 'sent' Mission Partner?

NZCMS took a brave step when it approved our family returning to New Zealand while allowing me to remain fully engaged in Middle Eastern theological education by extension (TEE), and tertiary level theological education quality assurance ministries in the Middle East and Asia. I work from a home base in a small country town in the North Island, with my wife Anne contributing locally (may we say, at the 'home' end?) and re-engaging in local church and community ministries. And, of course, I would be able to travel back to the Middle East and Asia reasonably frequently each year. Three years ago, pre-Covid-19, that was a reasonable assumption!

So, how does it work when a pandemic means, for an extended time, that you are effectively locked up and cannot travel overseas, or, if you can, you will struggle to find a way back?

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How did the Apostle Paul Serve?

Intriguingly, the Apostle Paul found himself in a similar, yet far more severe, situation when he was imprisoned in Rome, facing the death penalty. Was he still a sent one, while chained to a Roman soldier and under house arrest? (Our Covid lockdowns seem somewhat trivial in comparison!) Could his ministry, the work of the Gospel, continue under such circumstances? Had it all come to an end?

That was the number one question of the Philippian Christians when they heard of Paul's arrest and imprisonment in Rome. They had a special and supportive relationship with the Apostle, which he describes as a “partnership” (koinōnia) in the Gospel (Phil 1:5; 4:15). So, they sent Epaphroditus from Philippi to Rome to bring Paul a financial gift, meet some of his practical, physical needs, and to especially ask about the work of the Gospel. Had it now come to an end?

At the same time, Epaphroditus brings news to Paul of disunity in the Philippian congregation amid growing opposition, leading Paul to become concerned about the work of the Gospel in Philippi! To answer their concerns, give thanks for their gifts and the practical service provided to him, and to address the crucial issue of unity, Paul writes the letter which we call Philippians.

Contrary to what the Philippian believers had expected, Paul reassures them that the Gospel ministry continued, and was not merely continuing but advancing while he was imprisoned! Not only had the entire imperial guard heard that Paul's imprisonment was for the sake of Christ, but local believers had been emboldened in their proclamation of Christ (Phil 1:12 - 18). Gospel ministry was going on and their shared partnership in the Gospel could also continue (Phil 1:7), even if the pending trial led to Paul's death (1:19-26).

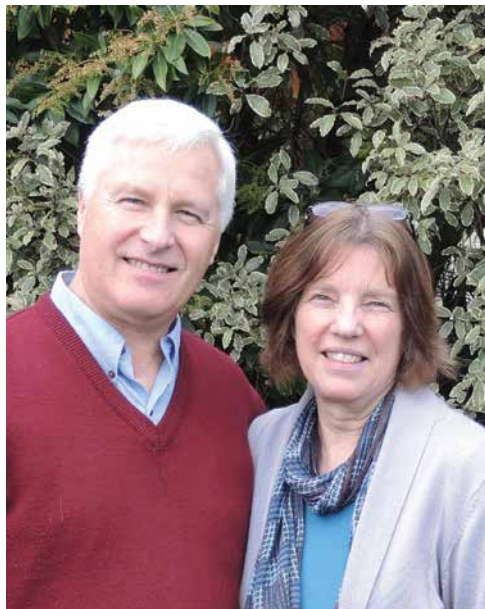
Overseas Missions from Home


In the same way, also contrary to natural expectations, it has been surprising to find that after two decades of mission based in the Middle East, some of the most significant things I have ever done in ministry - by God's grace! - have been accomplished in the last two years, while sitting at a desk in a small home office on the edge of a town of about 5,000 people in rural New Zealand.

We should note, though, that these God-enabled contributions have been built upon our 22 years of physically living in the Middle East and a similar period of active involvement and service in theological education there. Back in 1996, our language director used to say of the Arab-world that maximum effectiveness in cross-cultural ministry required a minimum of seven years of living there. While serving now from home *here*, continuing mission impact is possible precisely because we have been *there* - for many years of living, learning, loving, and serving cross-culturally.

And, since April 2020, this has all taken place without any overseas travel possible! It is amazing what can be done in our digital age, with virtual networking and synchronous video conferencing! The global pandemic has forced us to rethink not only mission, but many facets of what used to be “normal” life, work, ministry, and education!

It has given huge impetus and relevancy to the programs of eLearning and, much more recently, doing theological education through mobile devices such as smartphones, both of which we've been seeking to establish in the Middle East. There is significant need for appropriate quality measures, standards, and





guidelines for online evangelical theological learning as theological schools re-think their delivery of Bible, theology, and leadership education, without compromising in any formational area.

Of course, these new ways of education bring up all sorts of other challenges! In the online environment, how do you ensure that learning remains holistic and transformational? How does one tap into processes of personal, spiritual, character, and ministry formation from an online, educational point of view? These are issues we have been carefully addressing, but I digress. We will need to save that discussion for another article!

The Challenges and the Benefits

For sure, there are limitations to mission work, whether from prison (as in Paul's case) or 'home' in New Zealand, including some previously unheard-of tech-hazards, such as "Zoom burnout". Working relationships with colleagues require additional efforts and time, including many evening video conference calls, necessitated by the 9- or 11-hour time difference between New Zealand and the Middle East, and occasional middle-of-the-night calls, most of which I try to avoid.

Yet, it is a blessing to remain actively involved in ministry in the Middle East and Asia from New Zealand. With appropriate care and effort, home-based, overseas-focused mission is not only possible but can bring unexpected outcomes.

With the Apostle Paul, his imprisonment led to a bolder witness from believers in and around the Roman capital. For a home-based Mission Partner, the personal time and energy saved through not regularly travelling overseas are significant. And it is valuable, too, that not being present on location in the Middle East means that my co-workers are less dependent upon my presence, which is a good thing. It also means that my inputs can be more thoughtful, considered and strategic. Indeed, that is what I call "the crazy thing" about serving from home – finding that significant things can still happen! Probably a "God thing," wouldn't you say?

As it has happened, I now have several roles in Middle Eastern and Asian theological education and serve in them with a heartfelt passion. Whether an overseas-based or a home-based Mission Partner, it is incredibly rewarding, and a privilege to follow in the footsteps of the model Servant, sent by the Father, who "came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

"As the Father has sent me, I also send you"

In this respect, I am encouraged by Don Carson's insightful words about Jesus' saying, in John 20:21b, "as the Father has sent me, I also send you." He notes that the perfect tense of the verb "has sent" (*apostellō*) suggests that Jesus is in an ongoing state of 'sentness.' Just because he ascends to his Father does not mean he is no longer the 'sent one' par excellence. We as Christ's disciples do not take over Jesus' mission, replacing him, but rather his mission continues and is effective in our ministry (D. A. Carson, *The Gospel According to John*).

So yes, one can be a 'sent one' as a home-based, overseas-focused Mission Partner, for the work we do, *wherever* and *however* we do it, is carrying on *Christ's* work of mission, not our own. Our service, placed in Christ's hands, is to continue *his* service as "the sent One" within this world, so loved by God.

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The Harvest is Plentiful

Interview with Māori Evangelist
Te Hauoterangi (Howard) Karaka



Te Hauoterangi (Howard) Karaka is a Māori Evangelist, in a joint venture between NZCMS and Te Manawa o Te Wheke in Te Puaha o Waikato (Port Waikato). He ministers in numerous marae and has seen God bringing an incredible harvest among his people. Our Communications Officer, Jairus, caught up with Howard to discuss his ministry and reflect on what God has been doing in 2021.

Could you share a bit about how your story into evangelism began?

I was never brought up in a church atmosphere. But I remember hearing a great evangelist preaching one day during an Easter Conference. I was one of the workers in the kitchen. That's when I first heard the Gospel being preached. Like a lot of my people, I fought against that and never really took it on board.

Later on, I was in Ōtara, South Auckland, and my wife and I had gone for a walk. I remember walking through this park and I could hear this powerful message being preached and I thought "Gee, this voice is familiar." It drew me to the building, and it was the same gentlemen who I had heard preaching at that Easter Conference!

How he preached, and the passion that he had, was so powerful. It touched me, and I thought "maybe one day when I follow God and get over myself and stop running, I'd love to be an evangelist like this guy!" His name was John Komene, and he was a great Māori evangelist who travelled all around New Zealand and overseas. He was preaching in my language, Māori, and in English, and that really hit me.



I moved to Australia many years later in 2004 and came to the faith. The church I got involved in was an African Apostolic Church and they were very strong in the five-fold ministry and the prophetic movement, but they were also great evangelists. It took me back to this gentleman I had heard many years beforehand. I never thought I'd become an evangelist because I was never a public speaker, but that passion really fired me up.

What does day-to-day evangelism and ministry look like for you?

Evangelism for me is a lot of pastoral care. For example, I've been conducting a large amount of funerals recently. I keep in contact with those families before and afterwards. I praise God that many of those families have come to the Lord.

I'm planting into a lot of our people a different way of evangelism, to follow up with discipleship and pastoral care. I also do hospital visits, home visits, bible studies, and running services as well. So, I'm shifting away from evangelism where it's just preaching the Gospel. There has to be a follow-up.

In the past, there was a huge revival in the place where I came from. But when the conference was finished, the evangelists (whom I praise God for) went home and there was no follow up. Within a year many of those people had fallen away from the faith. So, God said "Ok you've seen what's happened over here, so I need you to change direction."

Have you found there has been an openness to the Gospel as you've evangelised to Māori and ministered on the marae?

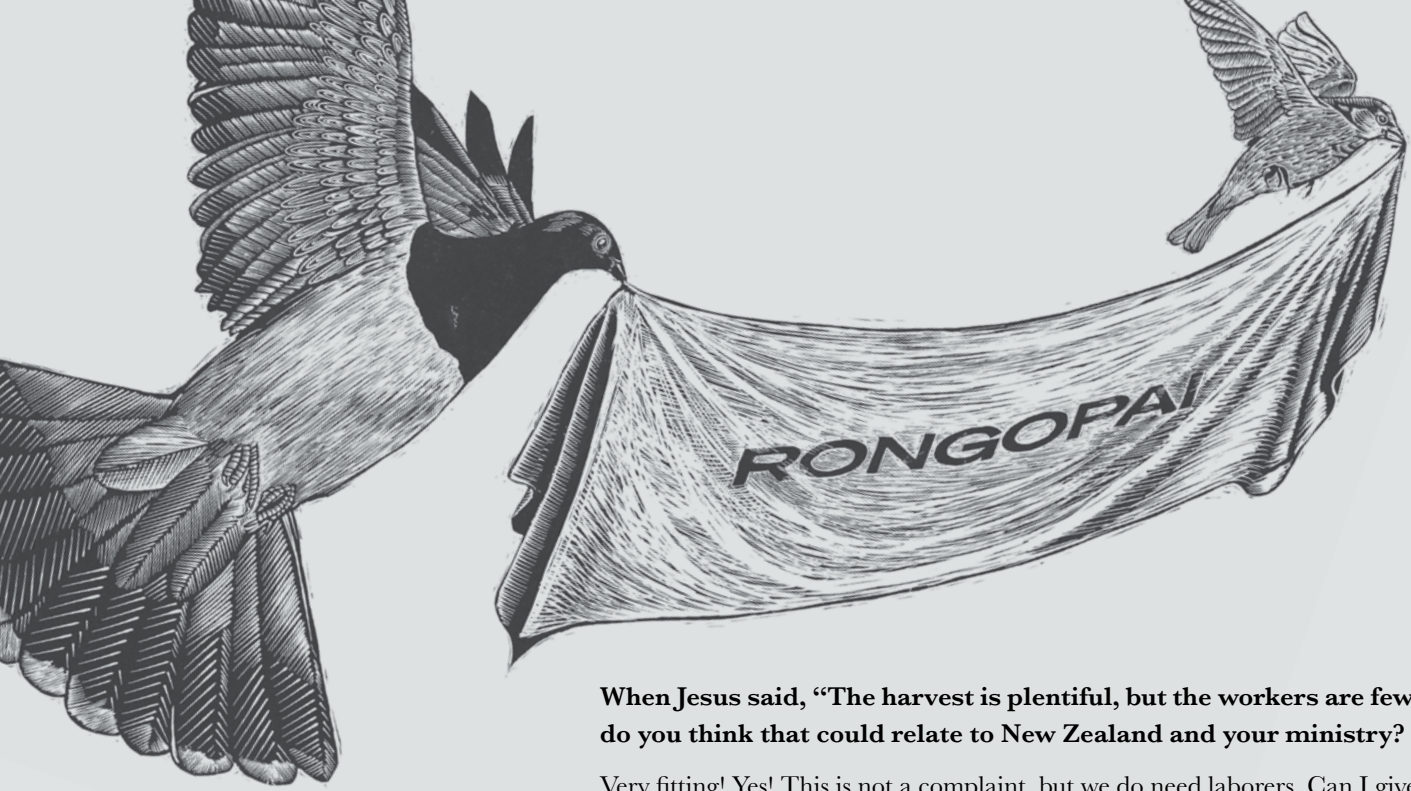
Yes, there has been a massive change. My people were called the dry wasteland. That couldn't be more wrong. There are so many people that have come to the faith now. When you look at the marae ministry I'm doing at the moment, we've had up to a hundred people attending. There are massive changes among our people.

A lot of the marae where I was working were closed off to the Gospel and had to go through a healing process because they felt they were failed by the church. But now bringing that Gospel to them and being available to minister to the people has brought that healing process.

Do you think there is a special bridge to the Gospel that only Māori can bring?

Yes, there is a huge need for Māori born-again Christians. It's a lot easier for Māori to minister to Māori because there is also the same language. But it's not only that. It's a lifestyle and a way that Māori relate to each other. The relationship is deep. And the other thing I must say is that it's inspiring for other Māori to see that and follow that. The same thing that happened to me. I saw this Māori evangelist and I thought "One day I'd love to be like him. Here's someone preaching the Gospel in Māori and in English. So, there's a language and a way that Māori just connect with each other.

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When Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”, do you think that could relate to New Zealand and your ministry?

Very fitting! Yes! This is not a complaint, but we do need laborers. Can I give a brief example? Recently, I had three funerals in one day. You can imagine that! Because the tikanga, the protocol, has changed a lot now during these uncertain times, we are able to fit things in. But it can be quite difficult. We need laborers, we need workers to be out there to till the field. I’ve given up on a diary because you’ve just got to go with the flow and be available.

If we’re going to see revival in New Zealand, I wonder if it’s going to come from Māori. Do you think there could be truth to that?

Well, there is a revival happening where we are! We kind of say “Lord bring that revival!” and He says, “You have it!”

Seeing the number of people who are coming to the faith now, those who used to oppose the faith when I first came to work in the area are now the ones who have jumped on board! Just recently, I led a 76-year-old woman to the Lord, one of our elders. She was one of the worst to oppose the faith. Seeing what God is doing is unreal. That’s a revival. Seeing the number of people coming to the faith even just this year.

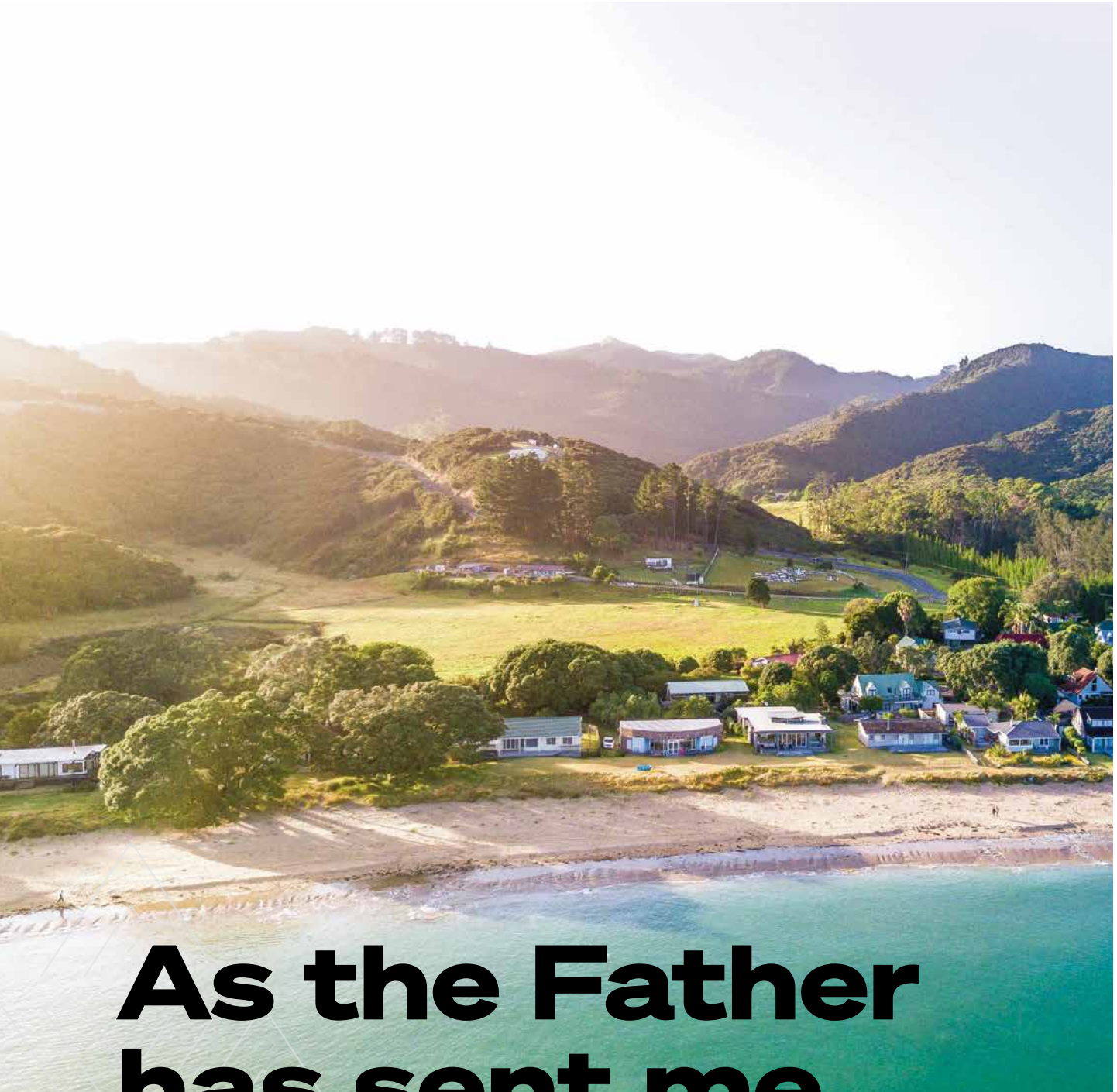
To finish, where do you see God leading you in 2022?

Restoration. Restoring our people. God has already opened the doors for ministry that have been closed for many years. God is healing those places and the people. There’s a process and we still have a long way to go, but it’s happening.

So, what I see for 2022 is God opening up a huge area for this ministry. And I’m going to take whatever I can take! We are in the days and hours of the unknown. Time is too short to be sitting around waiting for some ‘big thing’ to fall out of the sky. It’s all on us now. To take on board what God has given us now and to be faithful in the work that we do. Just do what God has put in front of you.

God is bringing people back to the church. We understand what’s happened with the land. But there is a greater history. It’s all written in the Bible. This is what we have to reach for. The Great Commission couldn’t be more urgent today than it ever has been. This is the time of salvation.

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JOHN 20.21



“Here I am Lord, send me.”

A Mission Partner serving in the Middle East

Often, discerning whether God is calling us to stay is just as important as hearing the call to ‘go’.

This is the story of a Mission Partner who has gone through one such journey. Working with refugees in the Middle East, she shares some of the struggles she and her team experienced in 2021. Names have been removed or changed to protect them and their ministry.

May 2020 was my 10-year anniversary serving in the Middle East and I was very happy with how things were going. I had a great team, and the ministry was going well, with several refugee women loving Jesus and sharing about him with others. We as a team had baptised 16 people at that stage, which was such an amazing blessing, even if we were no longer seeing some of them. Some had moved away, some had fallen away, and one had been forbidden from seeing us by her husband. I was excited about seeing the ministry grow even more, and finally completing our team vision, which was to see the beginning of a movement of believers in this town which would transform individuals and the society.

Within one short year, there was a huge change. In May 2021, when I got back from my time in New Zealand, we went through a relationship crisis with the church we had partnered with for nine years. After months of deliberation and prayer, we decided as a team to separate from the church, but the damage was already done, and everyone on the team started announcing that they were finished in our town and would be moving on to other parts of the country or region. Everyone except me.



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I really questioned then if God was asking me to move on too. Was this a scattering, a redistribution of the team to other parts of the Middle East with big harvest fields but fewer workers? Had we completed our vision, and disciplined local people who would be able to continue on without us in this town? Our aim had always been to leave one day having disciplined others so they could take over the vision. Was that ‘one day’ today?

Or were the women not ready yet, and was I still being asked to stay on without my team?

When I think back to the beginning of my journey to overseas, I always remember Isaiah 6, where God on his throne, in all his glory, is asking “...who will go, whom shall I send?” and Isaiah replies, “I will go Lord, send me.”

At that moment that is what I felt God was asking of me, to go from my country and family to a new place, so that the Gospel could be known there. God gave me a new home, and a team that became like a family here.

Now that family were leaving, and not from my choice this time. I felt very alone over this period, even before everyone had left. I didn’t know if I could continue my ministry by myself. Yet I couldn’t leave this town and the women we were working with. I felt it was unfinished. I felt God was asking me to stay, even though he was sending the others on my team to other places. And God was telling me that he would provide. I was reminded that even though people come and go, through choice or circumstance, God is forever with us, by our sides, and that when he sends us, he sends us with himself. So, I said to myself that I would stay until at least mid-year 2022 and reassess how things were going with the vision with me personally.

In the end, one of the team decided to stay too, so I’m still part of a team, even though it’s a small one! We are establishing ourselves anew and figuring out how life happens now. In the meantime, we have had great progress in the last few months. Two of our women have (separately) baptised two others who they have been discipling! This is not the first time one of our women has done this, but it’s the first time they had done this without us being connected to the second woman in any way. This is exactly what we are aiming for - that our women will feel equipped to lead others to the kingdom without us, and disciple them to, in turn, lead others to faith, so that there is a movement of people following Jesus.

“How did you feel when you baptised her?” I asked Muna, one of the two women.

“I felt so happy,” she said, “I loved it.”

Now Muna has experienced the joy I feel when a new person comes into God’s kingdom. This is the joy that keeps me working here in the Middle East, where life isn’t easy, but where I am kept despite what has happened this year with the church and the team. God may call me on to a new place eventually, but for now I hope to experience more joys in the future: of our women discipling others and the Kingdom continuing to grow.



My Time in Togo

Miriam Tillman, NZCMS Mission Partner in Togo

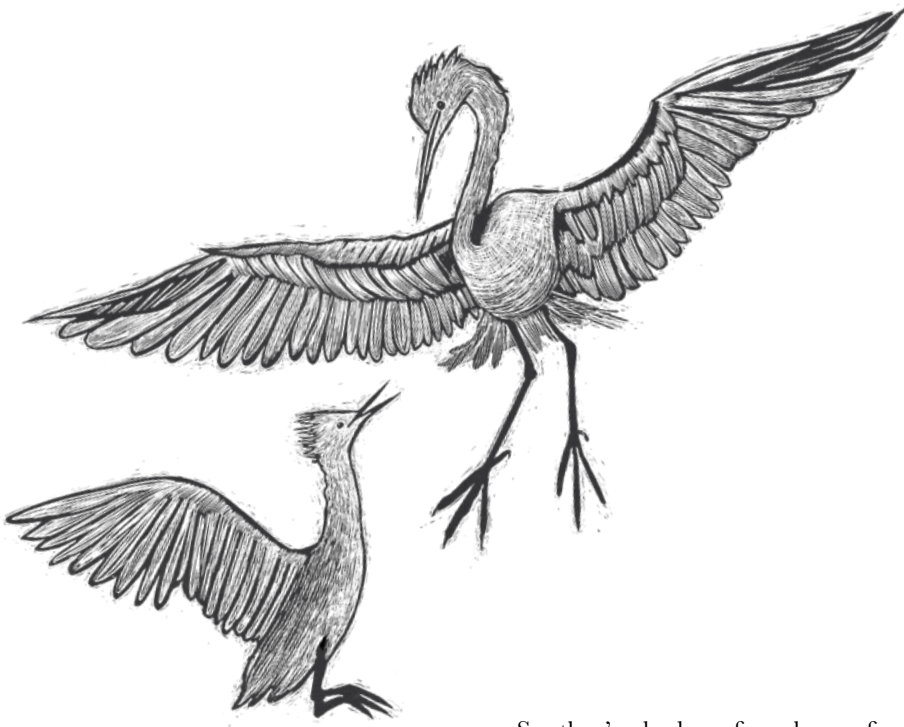
Miriam has recently finished as a volunteer pharmacist at the Hospital of Hope in Mango, Togo. She has served there since 2015 and will end her time with NZCMS shortly. In this article, Miriam reflects on the past year and her wider work in the pharmacy.

A Time for Rest

Over the last two years I have had malaria an additional 12 times, which brings my total to 20 during the six years I have been in Togo. While I've never been hospitalised, it does take 2-4 weeks to recover from each bout of malaria and each time the recovery period seems to get longer. I've never really felt like I've fully regained my strength before getting sick again. Coming down with Covid-19 in January 2021 probably didn't help either!

I've decided that I am going to give my body a break and take a year to live in NZ. At this stage I do not have any plans beyond that, but I may return to Togo, work with Mercy Ships, or begin another adventure elsewhere. I'm sure God will lead me towards those plans closer to the time.

I have always served as a pharmacist at the Hospital of Hope with the intention to train myself out of a job. Initially I thought that I could do this in my first two years. However, when those two years passed, I realized this was not truly practical, and continued to extend my time there. But I always had the end goal of training the Togolese so that they could run the pharmacy by themselves.



“A big thank you to everyone who has supported me in prayer and finance during my time in Mango. I could not have done any of it without you all!”



So, they’ve had me for a bonus four years! The Hospital of Hope have been aware of my plans not to return, and we have been working towards training up my replacements as much as possible.

Handing Over the Pharmacy

For the last seven years I have been striving to teach the pharmacy technicians everything they need to know to run the pharmacy. So much is involved: from reading doctors’ handwriting to knowing the American brand names of medicines, from time management to organising the ‘flow’ of the pharmacy, from dealing with upset customers to how to communicate with the prescribers in a professional manner. The most difficult concepts to teach were ordering medicines 9 to 12 months in advance, and dealing with conflict within the pharmacy, normally over the work and vacation schedules.

Tite is continuing in his role as the Head Pharmacy Technician and we have trained up another two technicians who can perform all the necessary tasks and will support him in this role. Everyone else in the pharmacy has been trained up as much as possible so that they can all support each other.

On the last day that we were all working together the pharmacy technicians put on matching outfits and gave one to me! They also made me a certificate which they signed as a show of appreciation.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who has supported me in prayer and finance during my time in Mango. I could not have done any of it without you all! I am now back in Christchurch so I hope to be able to catch up with everyone soon.

I will miss all my friends in Togo - the pharmacy technicians, my friends in market, my house church members, the hospital employee kids who come in my door each day to ask for chalk, the kids at French Club, my missionary friends, and the chaplain ladies. But I know it is now my time to rest a little and enjoy first world life until I know where God is calling me to on my next adventure with him.

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Our Anchor Within the Veil: A Treasurer's Comments

John Corban (MMS, C.A.), NZCMS Treasurer

Last year I wrote that 2020 was unexpected. Cue a 'déjà vu' moment - 2021 served up another helping of the unexpected, especially for those north of the Bombay hills. What do you do when you can't plan events, visit people in person, or even buy toilet paper and flour at the supermarket? Where does our hope lie? I've drawn great strength from re-reading the book of Hebrews, especially 6:13-20, where we read about a sure and certain hope, and an anchor within the veil, where Jesus our forerunner has gone.

Apparently, the forerunner of ancient boats was called the Anchorarius, the one who had charge of the anchor. Jesus is our Anchorarius, who has taken our anchor and planted it firmly within the veil in the most holy place. At NZCMS, our hope is fixed on Jesus, who still sends us out into every corner of the world with the good news of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

This year the NZCMS board agreed on a raft of significant policy changes around our care for Mission Partners, especially on their return from service, which had a financial impact on NZCMS. This was the right thing to do - to put money in second place - but it felt like a step of faith. I believe God has honoured that step, and we are grateful to our financial supporters who have continued to give faithfully to mission despite the uncertainties of the year, and especially those who left us bequests. We encourage you to continue to hope in Jesus, and to go, pray, and give into 2022.

Despite a drop in total income, our overall surplus increased, largely due to the bequests received, and a reduction in overall expenditure. Our balance sheet remains strong, and we remain committed to leveraging all our resources in the pursuit of the vision before us.

INCOME & EXPENSES	2021	2020
Supporters	1,280,906	1,140,947
Anglican Missions Board	474,687	532,500
Grants Received	32,200	111,200
Other Income	111,792	123,123
Total Income	1,899,585	1,907,770
Less Expenses	1,612,781	1,743,018
Net Operating Surplus	286,804	164,752
Non Operating Unrealised Asset Gains	76,038	0
Overall Surplus	362,842	164,752

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