

# NEXT STEPS 2019

# NEW ZEALAND

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## HAMILTON

Kia ora, or "hello" in Maori. Maori is the Eastern Polynesian language spoken by the Maori people, the indigenous population of New Zealand.

I arrived in Auckland on June 2nd, and on June 3rd I made my way by double decker bus to Hamilton, New Zealand. Hamilton has a population of 165,400 people, and is absolutely adorable! We met Bro. and Sis. Borders, the missionaries we will be working with, as well as their 2 precious children, Logan and Audrey.

Grace Fellowship is the church we are mostly working with. Although

we will be commuting to different cities such as Tauranga and Rotorua to help in those services. I am looking forward to fellowship around New Zealand, and building those relationships.



## SOME STATISTICS

New Zealand is part of the Pacific Region that has a population of over 400 million. 29 nations. 7 missionaries. and over 1 million constituents.

Something that really got me was

understanding that our constituents only take up .003% of the population. Meaning everyone would have to win 330 souls.

"Lift up your eyes and see the fields are white for harvest" John 4:35

## CLASSES

For the past 3 weeks we have been in intensive training, Preparing us spiritually, mentally and emotionally for the next 5 weeks of internship. Bro. Shalm, former missionary to Pakistan, came and was our guest speaker in Auckland last week, and delivered powerful sessions on how to deal with spiritual warfare. One of my favorite sessions was our virtual prayer walk around New Zealand. (pictured) I truly believe we broke barriers in the spirit realm, and God is going to open doors like never before.



## INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

One thing we are really hitting hard on is intentional evangelism. Bro. Borders told us the story of how he often frequents the convenient store next door to the church to fellowship with the owner, Amit. He is intentional about stopping in and building that relationship with him.

Our group has adopted that and we frequent a coffee shop called La Roma. We have really become acquainted with 2 of the employees, Alana and Yosh, who are continuously interested in why we're here. Sometimes we don't even necessarily want coffee, but we stop in and strike up that conversation and show the love of God. We also have a favorite uber driver already, Ms. Shelley. We invited her to service and we really feel like God is working on her heart. She has questions, and we pray God gives us the words to say.

## WHAT ELSE?



We had the opportunity to minister in song to South Side Pentecostal church in Auckland last week. God moved in mighty ways, and we're continuing to pray for the work there.

Hearts are so hungry here at Grace Fellowship. The woman I prayed for is part of the prominent Columbian community here in Hamilton. She is receiving a Bible Study and is whole heartedly seeking truth.

What started out as a one on one bible study has turned into to about 20 people showing up to hear God's word. Keep them in your prayers!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- All 7 preaching points here.
- Everyone we come in contact with in our day to day activities.
- Columbian bible study group
- Division and depression in New Zealand
- The next 5 weeks of internship. That each of us dive in and help wherever is needed.
- an increase of souls in the church.