



Justin & Teen

Back at it again with the large schools

Justin working hard



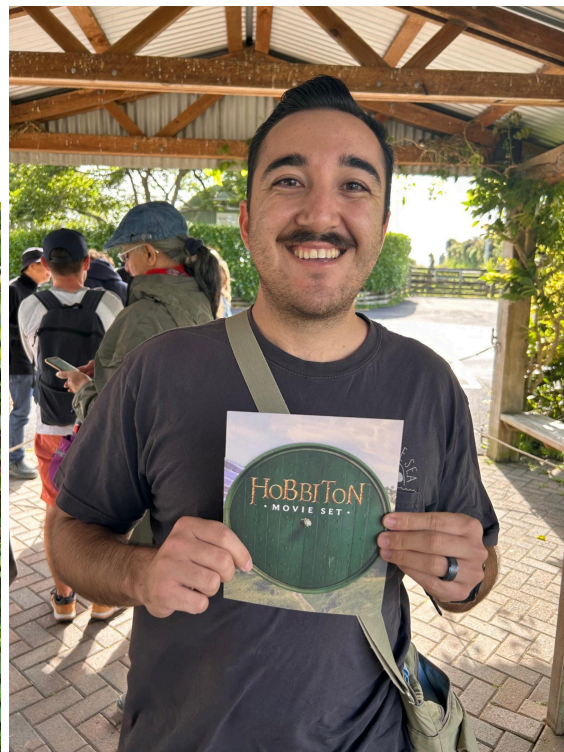
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We kicked off September with a new DTS and SBS! That makes for about 100 people with both schools combined. It feels good to have a full house again, but of course brings the challenge of so many people living in community together coming from all sorts of walks of life. We have a very fun bunch of students that have brought a lot of life here, very thankful. Every school has their own flavor; this one was full of very young people with really sweet hearts and very expressive with their hair (4 of them shaved their heads, one dyed their hair a cheetah print, and lots of spontaneous chopping of the hair).

Last week we sent our DTS teams out to the nations for outreach: Ethiopia, India, Fiji, and Indonesia!



New Zealand & The Malachi



New Zealand

Getting to New Zealand had lots of challenges. The weeks leading up to it were filled with exhaustion and low morale, airline tickets constantly increasing and a panic-y visa application IN the airport! But we eventually got there; praise the Lamb. We were so blessed by Justin's best friend who bought us tickets to Hobbiton!

The Malachi

New Zealand was not intended to be a vacation but we were invited to a gathering of YWAM leaders for an event called “The Malachi Gathering”. It’s a time for older and younger generations of YWAM to connect, where the younger can learn from the wisdom of those who have been in YWAM for decades! The young people who were invited are the long term future leaders of individual YWAM bases around the Oceania region (Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands). We were so honored to have been invited, and so beyond blessed by our friends and family who supported us financially to be able to go. Fun fact, 98% of those who gave financially are not our normal monthly supporters; this felt extra special to us.

Some key takeaways from the event for us:

We need to know our roots as a missionary movement. What was the original Word of the Lord for YWAM, are we staying true to knowing God and making Him known by leaning into evangelism, training, and mercy ministries? Why do we have 18 values?

Family and connection. Our peers in that room are the people we are going to grow up with in YWAM, the deep friends who we are going to walk through life with; so what is the cost we are willing to sacrifice to connect and be there for one another? How can Justin and I go the extra mile to love and serve our family around our region? Taking our mindset from just serving our base to a more regional and global mindset.



To sum up our time in New Zealand, it was the intermission we needed during this busy season. God stirred in us a new passion which led to an even more clear understanding as to why we're here in YWAM, across the world from our loved ones. It was hard to see at first, we started by just running the kitchen on base. But now, with our additional role in overseeing base staff, mission builders, and the DTS property, we know that we are here to connect and to serve. We are committed to the people around us, to love, support, and serve in any way that we can. We love our community and the friends we made at the gathering in New Zealand, we want to make God known with these people.

Partnering with us

We want to start by saying thank you to all our friends and family who have taken steps to support us. This past month was a trying one but we want to give credit where credit is due and how generous is our God?! We hope by watching or hearing about our journey you would be encouraged and faith would abound as needs continue to be met by our loving Father, Matthew 7:11. We are so incredibly grateful for the support from our friends and family (through prayer, reaching out and connecting with us, and financially). We like lists so here is one more.

- 1) **Prayer.** Please partner with us in prayer. We have come to really see the power of prayer and how vital it is. What can you pray about? Please pray for our marriage and the work God is doing through it. Like steel through the fire, we know there is strengthening happening but only through testing and adversity. Pray for us financially, we have seen breakthrough this month and with the trip to New Zealand but this is a road we are walking for the rest of the foreseeable future and we have quite a large bill over us right now. Lastly pray for our future in ministry, as you have read above the Lord is starting to highlight our next steps and where we turn our focus.

2) **Financially.** We want everyone who partners with us to first be prayerful about it. We don't just want people to give just because they like us, but we want to practice dependency on God and let finances be a part of our testimony. EVERYTHING we do is for his glory, including how we obtain and use money. With that being said if you do have peace about giving and being a part of our ministry then the current need is monthly support for bills and groceries or helping us with a one time support towards the loan we have to pay off. How do you do this? Please use the link to reach the donation site. Once there you will select "other" for fund type and in the comments write "Justin Orozco", then complete the rest of the prompts. If you have any questions or need further clarity or just want to give to something specific please reach out!
<https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/ywamepj>

3) **Connection.** It's now been over a year since we first moved here and we have missed home dearly. We try to come home once a year. We do have plans to come back for a little in May 2025 but until then we would love to stay updated in your lives and know how we can be praying for you and your family. Staying connected and partnered with everyone from home is important to our sustainability in overseas missions. This newsletter is only 1 of many ways we try to stay in contact with everyone. We also have a facebook ministry page where we give short sporadic updates as we get them. We want to be able to write more handwritten letters to people. And of course in the golden age of technology you can connect with us on Facebook, Insta, and Whatsapp for phone calls or text messaging. So what is the need? Messages of encouragement and prayer and how we can be praying for you. This will help us stay connected with you and involved in your life beyond the occasional social media post.



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