

AIM New Zealand 2023

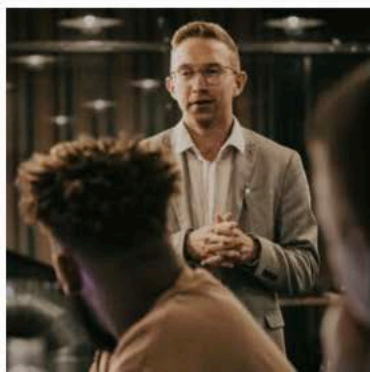
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These past several weeks have been a roller coaster for sure! Part of me does not want to leave! The church here is so kind, and they have a strong fire for the Lord. It's inspiring!

My main objective in this AIM work includes creating a Foundational Level course for brand-new Bible College students, as well as updating the structure of other courses as well. Some other courses need Lesson Plans, or Course Schedules, and my job has been to implement and create those lesson plans for classes that need them. Alongside that, my job has been to make sure all the grades and criteria meets with GATS Standards (a school system created by UPCI Global Missions).

I am speaking at a Hyphen Event hosted by the NZ Youth Department

The UPCI of NZ Youth Department hosted its first ever Hyphen Event, and to kick off this ministry, they asked a couple Hyphen members to share a testimony and a message to the current Young Adults. There was a great turn out, and I'm thankful I was offered to chance to pour into the hearts and inspire the Young Adults of New Zealand. My message to them was to not forget the one child who is looking up to you and don't be afraid to ask elders in the church for prayer and guidance in this stage of life.



Some other objectives of this AIM work include teaching music lessons. I taught my guitar student how to play, "How Great is Our God," and he's progressing well and quickly. For my drum, or cajon, students, I'm currently teaching them rhythmic patterns, and the students are picking it up quickly as well. The goal of these cajon lessons is for the students to play for church when I go back home. I want them to be equipped and ready to play.

In this journey, Bro. Borders has brought me with him to teach a Bible Study to a couple guys, one who just got out of prison, and the other is a friend of his. One of them got baptized already, and the other has made the commitment already, but finding a right day to do so with details I cannot explain.

In this journey, Bro. Borders has been a great mentor and teaching me the life of a church planter. In short, church planting is not easy, and it takes grit. A lot of it.

I gifted this 12 year-old young man, from the local church at ALC, a cajon.

I believe God is going to use Taurua tremendously. He's been faithful to church, diligent in showing up to drum practice after church, and sincere when practicing at home. When I gifted this to him, he ran to me and gave me a big hug with tears in his eyes. He didn't have the best upbringing, and his home is not the most stable to say the least, but God has His hands on this young man. He's gonna be the best drummer, or cajon players, in New Zealand, in Jesus' Name!



Playing Guitar at UPCINZ General Conference

I'm thankful to be part of this revival in New Zealand. The testimonies I've been surrounded with have inspired me and pushed me to have a stronger desire for souls and growing in the Lord.

Bro. and Sis. Goodare, Assistant Superintendent of UPCI of NZ

I had the best time at General Conference this year, and I want to thank them for allowing me to be part of it. These people of God are so nice and were very welcoming. Bro. Goodare preached on the Landmarks of our Faith, which I sermon I needed to hear and be reminded of again. Thank you Bro. and Sis. Goodare!

