

The Koroutahi Manifesto

A Mobilisation Manifesto



We worship God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Creator of all, the One who is Love, the Judge of the earth. In Him we live and move and have our being in the midst of a broken and hurting world. Our mandate is that people everywhere will be invited to 'know' God, be transformed by His love, and see His love transform their world – for this is 'missio Dei' – the mission of God.

To 'know' God is to seek an intimate relationship with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; it is to love God above all else, to serve God before all else, to trust God unlike anything else, and to be influenced by no other god-like entity.

God's desire is that He be known, through the Son, worshipped, and obeyed by people enlivened by the Spirit to do so from every ethnic group on the earth. However, there remain many yet to have access to the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the mission of God is the overriding priority of God's people - those who follow, worship and obey God through faith in the resurrected Son, Jesus Christ.

The mission of God is all inclusive of every aspect of life. It seeks to positively transform all relationships — our relationship with God, our relationship with each other, and our relationship with creation and creative activities. It seeks freedom and life without prejudice. It upholds justice and resists oppression. It provides for the needy and humbles the proud. It witnesses to the God who is revealed through the Old and New Testament Scriptures, in the Son, whom God sent, and by the Spirit within believers and at work in the world.

The mission of God is happening everywhere since God is everywhere, however it is limited where there are few or no Christ followers to help people come to know our loving God.

Our aim is to encourage God's people in New Zealand to become involved in the mission of God, especially amongst those with least access to the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ and those with few resources via which they may increase their knowledge of God (e.g. mature believers to reach out to, care for, and disciple them; Biblical literature, sound teaching, etc).

Our vision is to see Christ followers from New Zealand going cross-culturally to invite others to come to know, worship and obey God. We recognize this will involve multiple dimensions determined by the calling, vision, skills, talents, gifts, experience, resources and personalities of each Kiwi involved and we will seek to facilitate them accordingly.

We will meet together regularly for prayer to seek God concerning New Zealand, the witness of the people of God in New Zealand, and their involvement from New Zealand in the mission of God.

We will work together to increase awareness of 'missio Dei' among God's people in New Zealand and highlight the unique contribution they can make in advancing His mission.

We will collaborate to educate and coach Christ followers from New Zealand on their journey toward active cross-cultural participation in this mission. We will do this together until an individual, couple or family, together with their sending fellowship, has identified a specific mission pathway they wish to follow longer term, at which time we will bless them and encourage the way they choose, trusting that they will be supported and journey well.

Within our network we will encourage one another, think the best of one other, maintain healthy relationships with one other, and allow one another freedom to contribute to the mobilisation 'conversation' equally, without either hope of preference or fear of derision. We will resource and participate in this vision to the best of our abilities, knowing that freedom exists to not be involved in a particular activity for any reason, yet agreeing to prayerfully support one another. We will be mutually accountable for activities in which we participate, freely engaging in healthy critique and evaluation.

We are...

- *Missions Interlink (David Hall, Director)*
 - *Wycliffe Bible Translators*
 - *Pioneers*
 - *Interserve*
 - *SIM*
 - *WEC International*
 - *MAF*
 - *OMF*
 - *MECO*
 - *TEARFund*
 - *Church Missionary Society*
 - *School of Mission & Ministry (Laidlaw College)*
 - *MARN*
 - *Life Resources*
 - *Spreydon Baptist Church*
 - *Global Connections in Mission*
 - *YWAM (NZ)*
 - *Ted Crawford (Individual Member)*
 - *Darren Birch (Individual Member)*
 - *INF (International Nepal Fellowship)*
 - *Tranzsend*
 - *Teen Missions*
 - *Global Connections in Mission*
 - *HCJB Global*
 - *Caleb Leadership Ministries*
 - *SGA NZ*
 - *AIM*
 - *Church Mobilisation*
 - *Urban Leadership Foundation*
 - *Asian Outreach*
 - *Mukti Mission*
 - *Operation Mobilisation*
- ...and a growing list of other signatory organisations/individuals.*