

## PRAISE & PRAYER



**SACRIFICE  
AND  
SURRENDER.**

*The first student group meeting in New Caledonia, February 2019*

### EVERY CAMPUS

Howard Guinness was sent from the UK to Canada in 1928 to start a new student movement. Of the many pioneers who followed, some are well known, others less so. Their stories speak of people committed to the IFES vision of seeing a witness to Christ on every campus and even more of God's faithfulness.



Ben Carswell – National Director, TSCF New Zealand. "The quote from Howard Guinness' book 'Sacrifice' was one of the most inspirational things for me in my teenage years. He asked

where are the men and women of this day who will sacrifice and surrender their lives to tell of Jesus? With that call and that challenge I followed Jesus to New Zealand to be involved in student ministry and pioneering in New Zealand and the South Pacific." Please pray for Ben as he works to start and support ministry in new locations.

Dieudonne Tindano, General Secretary UGBB Burkina Faso. "When we compare

ourselves to the size of the student population and the number of educational institutions; we realise that there is still work to be done so that more people hear about Christ. As far as Burkina Faso is concerned the pioneering work often consists of groups that have previously existed but no longer do. Our movement sent a missionary to Mali to work with the movement there. He started new groups where there hadn't been any before." Please pray for all of these pioneered and re-pioneered groups to grow and to multiply.

Sara and Filip Friis Børtz – pioneers in Greenland. "We have just moved to Nuuk to pioneer a student ministry. God led us to Greenland in a very undramatic way. The Danish IFES movement led a trip there. Before that trip we had no real relationship to



### THANK YOU

2019 was an exciting year for IFES, with many joys and challenges. Ministry would not be possible without your faithful prayer and financial support.



*MFES Myanmar was one of 12 new movements which affiliated to IFES at World Assembly.*

Your prayers and donations helped us to gather more than 1000 representatives from 167 movements at IFES World Assembly to share ideas and plan together for the future of student ministry. Your support enabled IFES staff to come alongside national movement leaders struggling with challenging situations to provide mentoring and training. Your partnership has provided resources and encouragement for student leaders, now more confident leading groups, planning outreach events and inviting friends to study God's word.

Thank you so, so much for standing with the IFES family all over the world to see the gospel shared and students built up in faith.

## THANK YOU IN PHOTOS

**Left to right:** 1. Videos on social media allowed more people to engage with World Assembly than ever before. 2. Training events like the Breaking New Ground Gathering helped equip students and staff for ministry. 3. IFES International Services teams from Malaysia, the UK and the USA enjoyed serving in the same location at World Assembly. 4. Students like Godfree from Zimbabwe, Yazan from Israel and Abby and Syra from the USA connected across borders at regional and global conferences.



EVERY CAMPUS continued...

## IFES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Three years ago, IFES set up a program to identify and develop leadership potential within the IFES network. 18 initial participants met three times, were mentored by experienced leaders each month, and took part in IFES projects. Christian Pichler, General Secretary of ÖSM Austria, was one of them. "Learning in community with the other young IFES leaders really was the highlight for me. I learned so much just through conversations with them over coffee or lunch. Hearing about the challenges they face and the way they address those challenges made me reconsider my approach to leadership in my own cultural context. The Global

Leadership Initiative helped me to have a global vision. That's so important for leaders today."

The second cohort of national movement leaders from 20 countries will meet for the second time in Kyiv, Ukraine in March. Coming from places as diverse as Lebanon and Chile, Canada and Vanuatu, their contexts are very different, but they share many challenges in how to reach today's students with the good news.

**Please pray for practicalities like visas, and even more for God to use this program to equip each participant to serve him and to serve students in new ways.**

Greenland, but we fell in love with the country and the people and felt the call to try and establish a Greenlandic IFES movement. We have already gathered a small group of people who meet to study the Bible together. Greenland is a Christian country, so going to church is very common, but practicing being a Christian outside of church is not very common, so every little step we make to gather young people and read the Bible together is a big step for them and it's a very new thing. Please pray for an open door to the high school in Nuuk and for help to make this movement truly Greenlandic."

**In 2020, please pray with us that IFES would see new movements and groups pioneered, through which more students choose to follow Christ.**

## IFES PEOPLE: GISELA MUÑOZ

### IFES LATIN AMERICA SPANISH CARIBBEAN COORDINATOR

Being raised up in a home where Jesus was at the centre of everyday life, Gisela gradually grew in her knowledge of God's love for her and in her love for Christ. Challenged to count the cost of following Jesus and being his disciple at 14, a friend invited Gisela to an ABU Puerto Rico group at the start of first year in university. Looking for a place of fellowship with other Christians, God gave her so much more. She shares that they challenged her to engage with the campus and the world through Christ's love, to see that the gospel is relevant to every dimension of life, to study the Bible more intently and in community, and that being a leader is to serve others with humility.

Seeing God at work in every culture and context at an IFES regional camp in the Dominican Republic, Gisela chose to work in student ministry. She spent two years with an IFES Europe InterAction team in Spain, and then worked for ABUPR, finishing as General Secretary in 2018. She joined the IFES Latin America team as staff in December 2018.

**She asks: "Please pray for wisdom as I support student movements and ministry in the beautiful and complex Caribbean subregion, as well as for help in raising support for our strategic mission."**



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