



## THE TRUTH WHICH SCIENCE COULD NOT PROVIDE ...

Cameron is a third year Science student who was recently baptised in his local church after coming to faith through ES. He shares his story with Terrace Times

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**Terrace Times:** Cameron, please tell us about your religious background/upbringing

**Cameron:** I grew up in a non-Christian household and was raised as an atheist to believe that science is the only way to determine truth. Interestingly I attended a Christian school, but I never found the teaching very interesting or helpful.

**TT:** How did you get involved with ES when you came to uni, and why?

**C:** During my second year of uni I was invited to attend the Mark Drama in Jesus Week 2019. At first I was pretty closed-minded to it all; but that changed when I saw how the audience around me reacted to the crucifixion of Jesus. I decided I needed to find why everyone was reacting so strongly and emotionally.

**TT:** You spent the rest of 2019 reading Mark's gospel with (then)-trainee staffworker Warwick. How did that come about, and what was it like?

**C:** I met Warwick at the Mark Drama, and he was super-welcoming, and he invited me to the Jesus Week talks, which I attended. After one of those talks he asked if I'd like to read the gospel of Mark with him. It turned out to be one of the biggest things to help build the foundations for my faith in Jesus - I learnt so much about Jesus that I had never considered before.

**TT:** So what led you to become a Christian?

**C:** I think it was finding the truth in Jesus which I could never find before with science - especially about my purpose in life. I also realised that living like Jesus is more fulfilling and eternally better than anything that this world has to offer.

**TT:** You were recently baptised in your local church - why, and what was it like?

**C:** Ever since I became a Christian it had been on mind as one of the best ways to publicly profess my faith in Jesus. The experience leading up to being baptised was quite nerve-racking as I had to prepare a brief speech, but afterwards I felt amazing and I knew it had been the right decision.

**TT:** 12 months after coming to Jesus Week as a guest, what was Jesus Week 2020 like for you?

**C:** It was so encouraging: one of my non-Christian friends attended one of the Jesus Week talks, and has started reading through Mark's gospel, and signed up for the Alpha course because she's keen to find out more about Jesus!

**TT:** How can we pray for you?

**C:** Please thank God that even though Warwick moved on to other ministries after his traineeship, staffworker Reuben and ESer Lachie (pictured) have met up with me each week to disciple me under God's word. Please pray that I might live more like Jesus in everything I do, and that I would always hold fast to Jesus and have the strength to share my faith in every situation.



## FROM THE CAMPUS DIRECTOR

As 2020 races to its conclusion, it's almost impossible to summarise our year on campus! There have been constant and countless challenges to tax even the most extreme change-lovers amongst us - and that's with 2 months to go, let alone the year ahead ...

But what's supremely evident is that when Jesus says "I will build my church, and the Gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Mt 16:18), His ongoing faithfulness to His promises shines through in extraordinary ways. From a life-changing MYC on the Resurrection, to the incredible bravery of ESers willing to share their testimonies on social media in Jesus Week, the mission to reach the 35,000 full-time undergraduates on the North Terrace campuses has continued unabated in 2020.

And so in this edition you'll meet Cameron - who has come to Christ during the last 12 months through the ministry of ES - and Sharna - an ES grad from the early "Noughties" still seeking to be involved in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Do be encouraged by what God is doing in and through His people to glorify His Son.

Lastly, with 2021 on view: if you know of any incoming students next year, please invite them to Commencement Camp (Feb 17-19; [northterrace.es.org.au/events/commencement-camp](http://northterrace.es.org.au/events/commencement-camp)). We'll be ready for another generation to join this great gospel enterprise!

Geoffrey Lin



## "TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH"

Sharna Steinert started at ES in 2000. Two decades later she shares with Terrace Times how she's still seeking to be part of God's global mission

### Terrace Times: When did you come to ES, and what did you study?

**Sharna Steinert:** I attended a few Bible Talks in my first semester at uni, but my first real contact with people was at MYC that year. I loved it, and got involved for the rest of my degree! I studied a BA, with Honours in English, a Diploma in Languages (Spanish), and a Grad Dip in Education.

### TT: How did ES help you grow in your Christian walk?

**SS:** When I started attending ES I'd just moved out of home. I hadn't yet found a local church, and I really appreciated having Christian input through the Bible Talks. As I got to know other ESers I joined a Bible Study Group, got to know my bible better, and started to get in the habit of talking about the Bible with other Christians. I'm most thankful for my time in ES in growing a habit of regular Bible reading and prayer, and a commitment to meeting regularly with other believers.

### TT: After graduating, you looked to join Wycliffe Bible Translators. Why? What was your goal?

**SS:** Because I want to see God's Word in every language so that every person and community in the world can access the gospel in a language they understand deeply. Initially I started in direct translation work with SIL International, training speakers of other languages in the skills they need to translate the Bible into their own language. After that I was invited to join a team in southern Spain in a literacy role to work alongside an existing Bible translation project ...

### TT: But unfortunately Visas weren't forthcoming ...

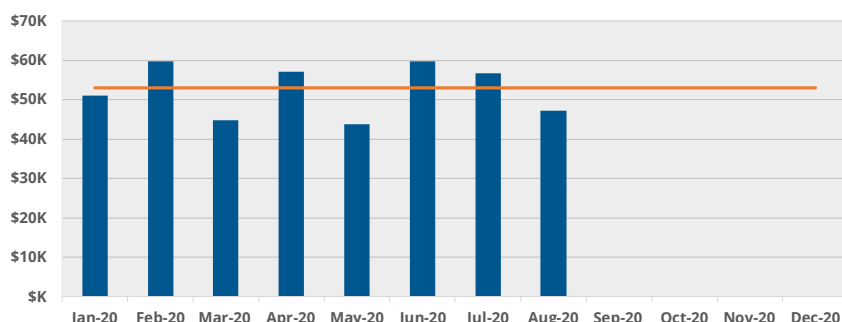
**SS:** Yes, there have been several turns in the path! I am currently serving as the Communications and Marketing Officer for SIL, which is a key partner of Wycliffe in providing training and consulting services. It's a great privilege to be part of sharing with the broader church about what God is doing throughout His world.

### TT: You recently spent time at MYC with ESers - what did you find encouraging about that experience?

**SS:** It was a great privilege to meet so many ESers and hear about how God is at work in their lives right now, and where they hope to head after uni. So many are considering if mission work might be something God is preparing them for! And I loved meeting lots of international students at MYC: it felt like a tiny glimpse of heaven, when peoples from every language will worship God together!

### TT: As an ES graduate, why should Christians continue to partner with ES?

**SS:** University is a unique place where people gather from all walks of life, from so many countries, to prepare for the rest of their lives. My time with ES helped me live out my faith, and opened my eyes to the needs of those around me to hear the gospel. I had so many opportunities to be trained to evangelise classmates, friends and even random strangers ... it's great when students hear the gospel from a peer!



## FINANCE UPDATE

Through all the ups and downs of 2020, God's people have continued to show remarkable generosity in enabling campus evangelism through ES. You'll see that with 3/4 of the year gone, we are only slightly behind our budget (~\$53000/month) - we are so thankful to God for the generosity of His people. If you're in a position to partner with us in this way, please contact

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