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# The Offering

A New Day Dawns

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the  
wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

— Isaiah 43:19-21



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# See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

— Isaiah 43:19



Top: A Sunday service in Christchurch.

Right: A Sunday service in Wellington.

The beauty of a sunrise always captures our hearts and minds. The golden rays of light bursting forth beyond the horizon, bringing with them illumination, warmth and possibility – a new day dawns, and with it, a promise of hope.

We know God has great hope for us all, for His church.

His word reminds us that He is always at work, restoring, strengthening and fashioning new wonders...  
God is faithful!

We stand on the precipice of hope — we are trusting God, He is building His church and we have great anticipation for all that is to come. He is guiding us, and together, as His church, we step forward with courage and faith.

A new day dawns for Arise Church; and with it comes endless possibilities for us to illuminate our world with the great message of Christ's eternal love and hope.





Sunday service in Wellington.

# This year's annual offering is a prophetic declaration — we believe that a new day dawns for Arise Church. We have before us a powerful opportunity to strengthen the foundations of our church in order to step into all that God has ahead of us.

Our theme scripture for this offering comes from the prophet Isaiah, where in chapter 43 and verse 19 God says, “For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”

We know God has already been working in and through our church. This past season has been one of refining, strengthening and rebuilding to be a healthy, vibrant, Kingdom-focused church community — one that will make an impact for Jesus for many years to come. As we partner together for this offering we are agreeing in faith that God has a new day for Arise!

We are focused on God's foundational mission for the church: to worship God, to make disciples and to reach the lost. We believe this offering will enable us all to continue to outwork this mission, strengthen our foundations, and look to the opportunities that God opens up for us.

This year's offering will be used to both continue core ministries of the church and step into the new opportunities that God is calling us to. The core ministries that we know God has called us to do include: vibrant, presence-filled church services, with strong teaching and preaching that equips believers and where the gospel is shared for souls to come to Christ; effective life groups where meaningful relationships are developed, support and care is received and there is prayer and encouragement; impactful ministry to the next generation of kids, youth and young adults, to see them become mature, resilient disciples of Jesus; and to meet the needs of our communities, especially the broken and down-trodden. In each of our campuses there is great opportunity, as well as great need, for each of these fundamentals of church life — a new day is dawning for every existing Arise campus and this offering will empower that to come to pass.

Some of the new opportunities that we believe God is breathing upon and we want to pursue, if resources allow, include the fledgling Arise communities in Masterton and Porirua. It has been remarkable to see what God has done in hearts and lives in these locations, being carried by amazing, faithful people. We believe it is a new day for these locations and are excited about all that God has in store!

## We are focused on God's foundational mission for the church: to worship God, to make disciples and to reach the lost.

Please take time to read through and be inspired and encouraged by what your giving is already contributing towards and what it will enable the church to continue to do. We encourage you to take time to pray and seek God on how you can participate in this year's offering. We know God is faithful, this church is a testimony to that! As His word says in Lamentations 3:23, “Great is His faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.” Each morning, a new day dawns, and God's faithfulness endures — we believe that! This is going to be a significant moment in the life of our church as we join together and see God's miraculous provision outworked.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to Jesus and to His church. The strength of Arise is in the people that make up this beautiful church, and together we are going to step into a new day!

May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face shine upon you.

Love,

Ben & Amy Kendrew



# Strengthen, Build, Reach & Love

The key areas to which our giving will empower this year can be categorised under: Strengthen, Build, Reach and Love.



Top: Coffee team volunteers in Wellington.  
Left: Arise Care packing day in Hamilton.  
Bottom: People care volunteers in Dunedin.





# Strengthen

Strengthen is about creating stability, both financially, and in structures and systems, that support our church. This is the important work that has been done over the past twelve months and continues to happen now. We believe this offering will help solidify our financial position as we come out of last year's crisis and into rebuilding.

Strengthen also speaks to our desire to develop our Pastoral Care and continual improvements for volunteer teams and staff. We maintain a passionate commitment to care for and develop people into Christ-likeness, so this year's offering will further enable life groups to be a place of discipleship, spiritual growth, care and support. We believe in prioritising leadership development, to equip people to lead both in church environments and in their spheres of influence in society.

We also know that there are costs associated to getting some of these crucial structures in place, such as human resources systems and practices, health, safety & wellbeing, technology, training and getting up to date with best practices as a church and employer.

By strengthening these areas we bolster the foundations of our church, to prepare us for a bright future.



Top: The Storehouse in Porirua during an Arise Care Serve Day.

Middle: Christchurch Sunday pack down.

Bottom: The Storehouse renovations.

# Build

This year, Build is about our opportunities to improve property and venues that we are using around the country. In some of our campuses we regularly change venues for Sunday services and we would love to explore opportunities to lease more permanent venues for these locations to create more stability for our church congregations. In other locations the facilities need improvements and upgrades.

Thanks to the generosity of the church community at Arise in Porirua, we have been able to renovate the Arise Storehouse to make it more usable for both Arise Care and Sunday services. As we have done in Porirua, we desire to upgrade facilities that we regularly use in other locations to be more effective in the Great Commission. This offering will enable us to explore these options.





# Reach

Arise is a church that has a deep heart for the lost. We know God has called us to Reach into our communities and bring the hope of Jesus Christ to a broken and hurting world. This year we specifically acknowledge the societal impacts of the past four years on our younger generations, with the pandemic and other issues

challenging young people in their faith. We want to re-invest in our children's ministry, youth ministry, young adults and university outreach.

Check out page 10-11 for more information about reaching the next generation.



Above: Youth & Young Adults conference in Wellington.

You may or may not be aware, but for the past five years as a church we have also supported missionaries sent out from Arise to Costa Rica. Our desire is to continue this support as they reach into

that nation and around Latin America making a great impact for the gospel.

Check out page 11 for more information about reaching across the globe.



Above: The Miller family — missionaries in Costa Rica.





Above: Arise Care food drop off in Dunedin.

## One church in many locations...

We are committed to utilising this offering across all of Arise. Every location has differing needs and opportunities, and one of the many blessings of being one church in many locations is that we can unite together and see our giving make an impact in our own location and around the country. This year we are praying and dreaming for each campus and location of Arise and believe that this offering will help us step into a new day across our whole church.

Check out page 14-15 for more specifics from campus pastors & team about each location.

## Love

We are a church that brings the love of Jesus Christ to our world in a practical and tangible way.

Love remains a key element of our annual offering as we recognise the Biblical mandate set before the church to meet the needs of those who are hurting. We do this both within our church context, through prayer, ministry and discipleship, and through the vehicle of Arise Care.

Through Arise Care we have been working diligently to show the love of Jesus in tangible ways, both in Aotearoa New Zealand and abroad. In the past 12 months we have been limited in the work we have been able to administer, primarily due to the financial resources available. Our heart's desire is to re-engage some of the work that has been paused and continue to increase our ability to meet needs.

Check out page 12-13 for more specifics about love.



Right: Volunteers in Selwyn.



# Reach

## *The Next Generation*

God has called Arise Church to reach the next generation with the gospel — to see young people find freedom, purpose and a place of belonging. So many leaders and contributors in the life of Arise, including many of the staff and pastors, came alive in Christ in their teenage or young adult years. We are declaring a new day for the young people of our nation right now!



Right: Christchurch Arise Kids during a Sunday service.

## Arise Kids

In Arise Kids we have continued to see tremendous growth and life as more families connect into church. We want to equip these children as young disciples, with great teaching and powerful environments of encounter with the Holy Spirit – Arise Kids Ministry is not a babysitting service or entertainment, it is formative and significant work. In order to continue to develop this area there is a need to employ more kids pastors and workers, as well as continue to develop high quality curriculum that is captivating for children.

## Arise Youth & Intermediates

For the intermediate and high school aged young people, there is a constant battle for identity, meaning and belonging. We know that only Jesus can truly satisfy these needs, and the world will offer many counterfeits. Arise Youth is not just a programme that fills in a Friday night, but a passionate ministry that is dedicated to discipling the next generation in the Word and way of Jesus. Through impacting youth services, quality life groups that are both fun and formative and special events like Summer Camp and Intermediates Camp, we are seeing young people come to know Christ in a personal and deeper way. Again, we want to release more youth workers and pastors to reach and care for teenagers. There are financial needs in transporting young people, hiring staff, creating or sourcing resources and subsidising costs for teenagers to attend camps and conferences.



Bottom: Arise Youth service in Wellington.





Top: Youth & Young Adults conference in Wellington.

## Arise Young Adults

For many people, their late teens and early twenties are the most important years of their life as they enter adulthood and set the course for the decades ahead. In our faith journey, these can be the years where our relationship with Jesus is either strengthened and deepened or falls away. Over the past few years, this age-group has been challenged with what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the 21st century. There has been cynicism, cancellations, disappointment, deconstruction and debate, as well as the rise of worldviews that do not align with scripture. Our heart yearns to see young adults discover a vibrant, real, personal relationship with Jesus and become resilient disciples. We believe that this offering will enable Arise to reach a new generation of university students and young adults in a new way — one that is authentic, deep and lasting.

## Across The Globe

Since 2018, Arise has supported Andrew & Shona Miller and their family as missionaries in Costa Rica. We have done this through New Zealand Christian Missionary Services (NZCMS). Over that time, the Millers have made an incredible impact for the Kingdom of God across Latin America and continue to do so.

Andy partners with an online Christian university called ProMETA that is training hundreds to reach thousands.



Below: Andy & Shona Miller and their family.

Andy is currently teaching a course for 60 church leaders across nine countries to strengthen and equip them to minister with a key focus on discipleship — the catch cry is “everybody sent!”

Andy and Shona are on the international leadership team for the mission movement for the whole of Latin America, connecting all organisations and church movements.

In this capacity Andy and Shona have also helped establish a home for kids at risk from gangs in Honduras. We are excited by all that God is doing in this part of the world and believe that this is good soil in which to plant. This offering will enable Arise to continue it’s support and partnership through NZCMS which has needed to be scaled back in the last season.



Love



Above: Serving food in schools at Breakfast Club in Wellington.

# Love

## *Arise Care*

The needs across our nation are great, but we believe in a faithful, generous and loving God who is calling His church to be part of the answer for the most vulnerable in our communities.

Arise Care is a core ministry of our church and one that many people of Arise contribute to by way of financial resource, donating goods and services or giving of their time, talents and energy to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Above: An Arise Care Serve Day in Porirua.

## Breakfast Clubs

Currently we continue to serve hundreds of children in schools through Breakfast Clubs, and the testimonies are both heart-breaking and encouraging as we are able to build relationships with the kids and their families.

There are more schools that would deeply appreciate an Arise Breakfast Club to provide food for students each week and we have a passion to see many more breakfast clubs launched across New Zealand. However, our current limitation is that we do not have enough finance or volunteers. This offering will help us launch or re-launch breakfast clubs in schools.



## Refugee Care

New Zealand receives up to 1,500 refugees each year, although in the last few years that has been significantly reduced due to a lack of resources. Historically, we have partnered with Red Cross and other agencies to provide care and support for these precious people as they arrive in this country. We acknowledge that it is clear in the Bible that God's people are to care for the refugee, and again, we have had to limit our support of this area over the past year. As it is a new day for every refugee that arrives in Aotearoa, we are believing that this offering will allow us to again be a ray of light and hope from Jesus, for each one.

We also have some ongoing partnerships with organisations that are doing incredible work around the world. Some of these partners you may not be aware of, so this year we want to highlight one of these relationships and encourage our church that we can and are making a difference around the globe. It is important to acknowledge that we have had to decrease our financial support to these partners in the past year, however we believe this offering can empower us to reignite this support.



## Open Homes Foundation India

For three years now, Arise has been partnering with Open Home Foundation India to assist in their work on the ground in some of the most poverty-stricken parts of that nation. The work is varied and complicated, and includes feeding orphans, establishing schools and settling Christian refugees, who have been driven out of their region of India, because of their faith. Whilst we have needed to pare back our financial support of this organisation in the last year, we believe this offering will empower us to continue to develop this relationship and see even greater impact made in India.

## More Love in Action...

This offering will also continue to empower us in many areas of Arise Care, such as caring for vulnerable women, equipping prison ministry, care packages for those in need, storehouses of goods in campuses around Aotearoa and emergency response. It could also enable us to develop initiatives as we continue to work with our partner agencies as they respond to the deep needs we know there are; in the areas of foster care, rehabilitation and domestic abuse.

Left: Arise Care gift packages for refugee aid.

Bottom Left: Homework club in Kolkata, India.





# A New Day Dawns For Every Campus of Arise

There is much we are believing  
God for across Arise. Here are  
some of the next dreams we have  
in every campus and location.

## Whangarei

Having a dedicated space on site to  
empower Arise Care to reach further  
into the Whangarei community and  
funding projects to impact our  
local schools.

— Aaron & Pauline Halvorson



Above: Assembling Arise Care food packages in Whangarei.

## Hamilton

A midweek lease facility that can host  
our youth services, discipleship training,  
Arise Care storehouse and staff offices  
so we are equipped to advance the vision  
of our church.

— Joe & Jess Bundy-Cooke



Above: Youth in Hamilton.

## Palmerston North

Investing in a permanent building  
for consistency of our church  
services and to provide a location  
for resourcing and reaching  
our community.

— Shannon & Amanda Hatch

## Kāpiti

Employing a pastor for this campus,  
to love, lead and disciple our community  
in Christ.



## Wellington

To continue to invest into and better resource our pastoral care, so that we can build a healthy church community and care for more people.

— Chris & Anna White



Above: Post-service in Wellington.

## Christchurch

We aim to invest into our Youth ministry and see it grow and impact our local campus, schools and surrounding communities.

— Hudson & Victoria Bond

## Selwyn

Employing a part-time kids leader to oversee our growing kids numbers and develop our kids ministry.

— Cam & Monique Gordon



Above: Arise Kids in Selwyn.

## Dunedin

Resourcing and staffing Arise Kids and Arise Care.

— Pat & Liz Cunliffe



Above: Packing Big Hearts boxes for Arise Care in Dunedin.

## Our Newest Locations

### Porirua

As we increase capacity in our venue, we need to create more space for children's ministry and parent's facilities also.

— Kellee Teal

### Masterton

Believing to be able to resource the hiring of a pastor to lead the great work taking place in the Wairarapa.



# Preparing to Give

Thank you for considering to partner with us to impact Aoteroa with the truth and love of Jesus. We are incredibly grateful that so many people are willing to put their hand to the plough and help in this season for Arise. We are amazed at what God has done already over 20 years — through you, our church, our faithful family of believers. We are full of faith and expectation for all that is to come.

In preparation for The Offering, please seek for yourself, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Pray

Please pray and seek the Lord to direct how you can be a part of building towards our vision and current needs through your offering. We know we can see many lives changed through our combined efforts.

Together, we believe we can make a difference to those in our church, our nation and the world.

“You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.”  
— Psalm 73:24

## Decide

After seeking the Lord, we encourage you to decide and plan how you might best be able to give. We understand giving is a sacrifice therefore we encourage you to budget and plan what best suits you.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”  
— 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

## Bring

We will come together as a church on Sunday, 20 August to bring our offerings. On this day we will share again the vision for the coming season, the needs of our church and the communities around us.





# How to Bring Your Offering

## Pledges

You can make a pledge of what you would like to give and pay this gradually. We'll then help you keep track of your pledge during the year.

**You can do this by:**

- Completing a pledge card at church or online at [arisechurch.com/pledge](https://arisechurch.com/pledge).
- Setting up an automatic payment.

## Lump Sum

You can give your offering in one lump sum if you prefer.

**You can do this through:**

- Online banking.
- Using the PushPay app.
- The Giving and Resources desk at church.

Your offering for 2023 can be received anytime from now until 30 June 2024. Pledges will also run through this date.

## Ways to Give

**Online Banking**

Account: 12-3157-0083012-04

Particulars: Name

Code: Tithe Number

Reference: 'Offering 23'

**Credit Card**

[arisechurch.com/pushpay](https://arisechurch.com/pushpay)

**Giving & Resources**

In every foyer.

## Contact us

Feel free to contact us any time if you have questions, or would like to request a tithe number. A tithe number helps to track all of your giving. Because Arise Church is a registered charity, you can claim back up to a third of all your donations each tax year.

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