

# *My Journey with Christ*

My name is Lucas Röthlisberger. I was born and raised in Switzerland and went to church since I can remember. I made my decision to follow Jesus when I was around 16 years old at a camp of our church. My reason to come to New Zealand for Bible College was to learn more about the Bible, to enjoy the great outdoors of New Zealand and to equip myself for ministry. Studying the word of God in such intensity opened my eyes to how much bigger God is than I thought. Studying the background of the books of the Bible gave me a new understanding of what the text might be saying and showed me how relevant the Bible actually was to the culture the churches were living in. The



Bible is full of stories of people who joined God's plans and so left the world changed. Still today God want us to do the same. Wherever we go, we are called to bring the Kingdom of God in and to bring change for good. Being away from home for around two years in a foreign culture and doing Personal Development classes also encouraged self-reflection. In order to grow we need to know ourselves. We need to know, where our

strengths and weaknesses are and where we need to pursue change with God in our thinking and behaviours. During my time here in New Zealand I was involved in Christian Surfers Ministry. I helped out in administration, lead Bible studies and wrote weekly Devotionals to bring the messages of the Bible relevant to the surf scene. After graduating from Bible College I want to pursue a career in conservation. I believe that part of God's plan is the restoration of his people and his creation. I want to be part of restoring creation so that future generations can enjoy the beauty of God's creation and experience God in a well functioning ecosystem.

