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Giddy, all. It is now 12:30 pm on Friday here in Christchurch, New Zealand and 7:30 pm on Thursday in Michigan. I safely arrived in Christchurch on Wednesday after a very long but uneventful journey which took me through Dallas, Los Angeles, Auckland New Zealand, and finally to Christchurch New Zealand. With each new layover en route, the aircrafts became more and more filled with Antarctic Bound travellers. By the time we reached Christchurch, the plane was probably half people who were bound for the ice. Most were employees of Raytheon Polar Services, the contractor who provides most of the logistic support for the United States Antarctic Program. These include plumbers, electricians, cooks, dishwashers, engineers, mechanics, and so forth. Fewer were scientists and educators, like the ANDRILL group I am a part of.

We arrived to sleet and hail - something we did not expect for Springtime weather. Many of us had to buy warm clothes to get us through out stay in New Zealand! Ironically, much of our cold weather gear was either shipped to the ice already, or we have not yet received it!



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Most of the ARISE team is staying at a charming B and B called The Windsor House which is not far from the central square where Christ Church is located, after which the city is named. Our days have been very busy doing educational outreach to school students on a school holiday, a parent workshop on ANDRILL and An Inconvenient Truth (One of our educators is a member of Al Gore's lecture team), and meetings at the Antarctica New Zealand HQ with members of the New Zealand side of ANDRILL.

We have been frustrated not to have the blog site available yet, so I want to let all of you know that I am sending everything to the Bach School website. I will be in touch soon!

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