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Teen Survivor Camp 2004



Well 2004 has come and gone; wow does time fly! I tell the people to not dwell on the past, but that is so hard when you think back to all the blessings God has given us this past year. Here are a few things that God did this past year:

At Kapiti Baptist Church

- Several surrendered to serve the Lord in the following areas:
 - Sunday School
 - Choir
 - One Full-Time Missions
- Began “Faith Promise Giving”
- Repaired Kapiti Baptist Church
- Thirteen Salvations
- Nine Baptisms

At Harvest Baptist Church

- Began Harvest Baptist Church in October
- New Church Members
- Two Salvations (One Muslim)
- Began Children’s Programs:
 - Children’s Church
 - Children’s Sunday School
- Acquired Sound Equipment
- Handed out over 8000 brochures and tracks



As you can see this past year we have been so blessed by our Lord and Savior. We want to say thank you for supporting us so that the Lord could use us this way. What a difference your giving has made in New Zealand.

December was a blurr, as we had our church Christmas picnic (summer here), organized a children’s Christmas program, ministered at an assisted living facility, and helped organize and run a teen survivor camp the week between Christmas and New Years. The focus of the camp was “It’s More Than A Game”. We wanted to challenge the teens in a way that they would ask the Lord to use them. The atmosphere and unity in the camp was the best I have ever seen. We are praying and expecting great things out of these teens in the future.

Thank you to those that have helped towards the sound equipment. We were able to get the equipment we needed. Now we just have to learn how to use it. I’m glad God is a God of Grace.

Thank you for your prayers, and sacrificial giving to this ministry. We pray God gives you an awesome harvest of souls for 2005.

Praises

- 2004’s blessing from God
- Approval of our Expression Of Interest for permanent residence

Prayers

- Souls to be saved & growth at Harvest Baptist Church
- Next step in permanent residence approval (once we get the paper work in we should hear within three months of that date)
- Our Men’s and Ladies Retreats (February and March)