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Kapiti Baptist Church Rally



Harvest Baptist's Newest Members (Beulah & Pana Daunakamakama)



(Peter Reeve)



A short update on Kapiti Baptist (where we were at when we first got here). Ten workers from Quebec, Canada came to expand the church to seat an additional thirty people. God is truly blessing as the seating has been very tight for the past few months, so thirty extra seats will really help Kapiti Baptist Church. Before leaving they had a rally with skits presenting the Gospel. There were probably ninety or more people present at the rally.

Last month I told you about Zelda, a sixty-five year old lady who has a brain tumor and is on hospice. She has not been well enough to come to church, so we have been visiting her. We offered to do a Bible Study with her at her flat (home) and Debbie and Joanne Carswell began the study last week. It is going really well. She keeps telling us that she really wants to go to church, even though she is wheelchair bound and not well. We have been telling her that we would come and get her if she wants. Well, this past week she called and said that she wanted us to come get her. She came to her first service and was so happy. Please pray that she will continue to be well enough to come.

Please pray for the baptismal service we will be having at the end of the month. Jordan Carswell, who came forward for baptism several weeks ago, will be our first baptism at Harvest Baptist Church. The church is quite excited. Zelda also needs to be baptised, but is not quite ready, so please pray that she stays well enough to get baptised when she is ready.

A ministry team from America is coming on a missions trip next month and has asked if we would host them for a day. I am trying to get the primary school, where we hold our services, to allow them to have a one day program after school for the children. They are not allowed to present the Gospel (very sad), but can teach Biblical stories. They are also allowed to display literature on a table that the children can take home with them. Please pray that we are able to do this and that it is well attended and received. We are so burdened for the children here, who have no respect for their parents, their elders, or God (who they do not know),

To the left you will see a few of our newest church members. We are so excited at how God is working at HBC. This past week a young man (Joseph Afeaki) was led to the Lord by a young lady in our church. Please pray as Debbie and I will be visiting him tonight. Pray also that we will get the opportunity to present the Gospel to his family as well.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Your extra giving is making a difference. Your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan, and Erin Bankston



Praises

- Zelda - Bible study and attending church
- Joseph Afeaki - salvation

Prayers

- Souls to be saved (remember Joseph's family)
- Physical and spiritual growth at HBC
- Our permanent residence approval (should hear in July)
- American ministry team outreach, and Winter teen camp in July
- Baptism service goes well, and Zelda decides to get baptized