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Child Dedication



Daphne (Salvation)



Youth Camp 2006



We had a great month with one person saved at Harvest Baptist Church and four other teenagers came to know Christ as their Savior during the 2006 Youth Camp. We also held our first child dedication service last month with a church luncheon that immediately followed the service.

Daphne is a young teenager that got saved from our church. She had only come to our church one Sunday when we received a call asking if she could go to camp with us. The place she was staying at needed to find somewhere for her to live for two weeks during the school holidays. We did not know Daphne prior to her coming to church that Sunday, but we as a family prayed about it and offered to have Daphne stay with us for the two weeks (one of which would be at camp). I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with her one on one prior to camp and she accepted Christ as her Savior. We have been told that since she received Christ as her Savior there has been a huge change in her life. She is still coming every Sunday and is attending a discipleship class. She approached me the other day about getting baptised. We are hoping to baptise her the last Sunday of August. Pray that her lost family will attend.

The life of a youth here in New Zealand is very hard. Many come from broken homes and the children are scattered among the relatives. It is not uncommon for the children to be abused both mentally and physically several times before they are a teenager. All they need is a little love, compassion, discipline, and the Truth (God's Word). There are times I wish I could adopt some of these kids.

The youth camp was awesome again this year. Besides the four teens getting saved, we had one of the teenagers that had surrendered to missions last year, return to the camp. She had raised money to go to Peru for a year as a missionary. The whole camp prayed for her and the day after camp she got on a plane and flew to Peru. It was so neat to see those teens get excited about one of their camp buddies doing what they had surrendered to do. I think it motivated a lot of others to get serious about serving the Lord.

Pana & Buelah, and Soane & Lovely both wanted to dedicate their children to the Lord, so we held our first baby/child dedication service. We gave a charge to the parents, and they made a vow to God to raise their children God's way. This was a real blessing as many of the relatives came to watch the dedication. I am sure that the service was not what the relatives were expecting, as most of them practice infant baptism. The Gospel was preached, so many of the families heard for the first time that Jesus is the only way one can be saved. Pray that some received His Word and will return.

The other day I spoke with a young man in the NZ military and he told me that if he went to church or started acting like he knew he should, he would be rejected by the other soldiers. He felt in order to survive he had to live like everyone else. I told him about Christ and he knew that he would have to repent, but was not willing to take the chance of being hurt. Please pray for him, that he will realize that eternity is more important.

We want to thank all of you for making it possible for us to be here serving our Lord and Savior. Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston

Praises

- Spiritual & Physical Growth
- Daphne Received Christ
- Four Souls saved at camp

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Furlough (Oct 2006 - Mar 2007)
- Holiday Program (Sept. 25-29)

