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March Baptisms Soane Vaipulu (Tongan)



Lovely Vaipulu (Soane's Wife)



Caitlin Carswell



Praises

- Spiritual & physical church growth
- Three baptised, and one salvation

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Wisdom for me to serve God's people
- Howells/Furlough (Oct 2006 - Mar 2007)

It is obvious that God is working in the hearts of the people in our church. Laura, who is a young girl in our Children's Sunday School class, got saved. We also had three submit to follow the Lord in Believer's baptism, one family presented themselves for church membership, and another family has been talking to me and is considering membership.

The Vaipulu family (to the left), who have submitted for church membership, is expecting a little girl in May. Lovely has been having labor pains for the past two months, which is too early, so the doctors have been monitoring her very closely. The baby and the mother are fine, but the baby is very large. Please pray that all goes well for her and the baby. She is the one who got saved in February. This will be Harvest Baptist Church's second baby (another way to grow the local church).

Thank you so much for praying for the Men's Retreat. It was amazing. There were twenty-seven men that attended, of which Harvest Baptist Church brought eight. We had a special speaker that came from Australia (Fraser Young), who spoke on the same theme we had for the Ladies Retreat last month found in Joshua 24:15, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." A twenty-four year old man, from Kapiti Baptist Church, raised his hand acknowledging that he needed to get saved. Pastor Tom Reesor is following up with him, so pray he receives Christ.

We would like to ask you to pray for the Howells. Lewis and his family, Kim, Deborah, and Elizabeth, are trying to raise their needed support to come and oversee the work here at Harvest Baptist Church while we are home on furlough. Lewis just recently went through a colonoscopy and a polyp had to be removed to be checked. The doctors were not concerned, but wanted to check anyway. They are presently around 50% of their support. It is their desire to come over and stay as full time missionaries to New Zealand after filling in for us, as they feel the Lord has called them to serve Him here in New Zealand. This is such a hard field, which is evident as we just got word that one missionary just recently resigned. Please pray that they will be able to raise the needed support, travel money, and moving expenses needed before September of this year.

If you would like us to be with you while on furlough, please go to the following webpage to see our schedule and availability: www.bbfioceania.org/bankston/furlough.htm.

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving. Some of you have increased our support, and we thank you for that, as the cost of living here continues to increase. We are thankful the exchange rate is getting better.

God bless! Your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan, and Erin Bankston.

