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Soane & Lovely Vaipulu



Charisma Vaipulu



Praises

- Spiritual & physical church growth
- The birth of Charisma Vaipulu
- Inis coming forward to make a decision

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- People's hearts to be opened to the Word
- Howells/Furlough (Oct 2006 Mar 2007)

We are burdened each month by lack of interest people have on the things of eternity. We continue to reach out to the lost, but they are happy and content to stay lost. There are times that I wish we all could experience, for just a moment, that which the rich man experienced when he was in Hell. If only I could find the words to reflect that torment that awaits all who deny Christ. The words that would penatrate the stuborn hearts of those that choose not to believe.



I have the Word (Jesus), that God has given me, but it breaks my heart that so many refuse to hear Him, and if they do they veimently refuse to believe. Regardless of our communication skills, by the grace of God we will continue to share the Word of life to those that will listen. Pray for strength, and that hearts will be prepared to receive and accept the Word.

Thank you for praying for Lovely Vaipulu. We received a call at 4:40 am on May 26th that she had given birth to a healthy baby girl, Charisma (see below). We received another call to pray for Lovely, as she was bleeding internally, and getting weaker by the minute. We were told that they were probably going to have to take her to the theatre (operating room) for exploratory surgery. We rushed to the hospital and had a time of prayer with her. God heard our prayers and the bleeding stopped. Praise the Lord, no exploratory surgery was needed. She and the baby are now home and doing well.

A lady, that we asked you to pray for, (Inis) came forward during the Sunday service. I asked her why she had come forward and she said that she was not sure if she was saved. After about thirty minutes, it was evident that she was saved but a baby in Christ. She wants to get baptized, so we have scheduled a baptismal service for the last Sunday in June. Zelda, who you have been praying that she would have the courage to get over her fear of water, also wants to get baptized the same day. We also have a young girl (Laura), who recently got saved that may also get baptized.

Debbie was asked to speak at a mother/daughter banquet for a church that is a couple hours east of us. She spoke on Joshua 24:15 "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." It went very well and she said that they all were very attentive, even the daughters. There were some that were there who were not saved. Please pray that the Gospel will penetrate their hearts and that we will see some fruit, some decisions for the Lord.

We have been getting back several rejected emails. Could you please resend us your email so that we have an up-to-date email address to send our monthly prayer letter to. Also note that our mailing address has changed slightly. They have changed our postal code to 4441. Again, please email or write us with your church name, street address, and phone number.

Your prayers and financial giving make it possible for us to be here in New Zealand. We are so thankful that God has allowed us this amazing opportunity to serve Him. It has definitely not been easy, but with your prayers and God we can do all things. We look forward to seeing many of you later this year or next. May God continue to bless you!

Your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston.