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Holiday Bible Program (2006)



Debbie Teaching - Bread Making



Decisions for Christ (HBP-2006)



Another amazing month has passed. Even though we have been extremely busy preparing to return to America for a short furlough, God has been doing some exciting things at Harvest Baptist Church.

We asked you to pray for Zelda Campbell, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in March 2005. She was told that she had only six months to live, but God has answered our prayers and we celebrated her one year anniversary this September. What an extreme blessing she has been to us all. We have seen her receive Christ as her personal Savior, get baptised, and just this month join the church. She is so excited and yet so depressed. She told me that there is nothing she can do for the church, or for God, as she is wheel chair bound, and has very little use of the right side of her body. I told her that she has done more for God and His church than she knows. She has been such an inspiration to us all, and she brightens our week up every time we see her.

God has also answered our prayers for Spiritual and physical growth. We have just recently seen several new families come to our church. I have talked to them about their spiritual condition and from what I can tell they have received Christ as their Savior. Please pray that through the Word of God their children will also receive Christ.

Thank you so much for praying for the Howells. They made it safely to New Zealand, and we have been preparing them to oversee the work God has started at Harvest Baptist Church. We only had a week to get them ready before we had to leave. On top of that, we squeezed in a week long Holiday Bible Program (same as a Vacation Bible School). We really enjoyed the week we had with the Howells, and I know that they will do an awesome job. Please continue to pray for them as we know the devil will do all he can to discourage them and destroy a work that God has started.

What a blessing the Holiday Bible Program (HBP) was this year. This was only our second children's program since the church began two years ago. Last year we had twenty-three on the first day and a total of seventy-six children go through the program with two receiving Christ as their Savior. This year we had sixty on the first day, with a 103 total attendance, and ten asked Jesus to save them. It was an extremely hard week, but God truly blessed. We are so thankful for all that had a part in prayer, financial support, and assistance with the program. So many had a part this year, not only in New Zealand, but also in America; again, thank you.

We made it safely to America, and have started to re-acustom ourselves to the food and the driving. Believe it or not, our first meal was a good all-American hotdog. I have only made a few mistakes, by driving on the left side of the road. I know that I will soon be readjusted. Please keep us in prayer for travel safety as we begin our furlough.

We would like to be with everyone, but know that is not possible. Regardless of whether we are with you or not, please know that you are all in our prayers. Thank you for your continual prayers and support. Pray that souls will be saved during our travels.

God Bless! ~ Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston

Praises

- Spiritual & Physical Growth
- Zelda joined the Church
- 10 salvations at the HBP

Prayers

- Howell family and Harvest Bapt.
- Travel Safety while on furlough
- Souls to be saved

