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Debbie at Ladies Retreat



Residing Project



Young Men's Retreat



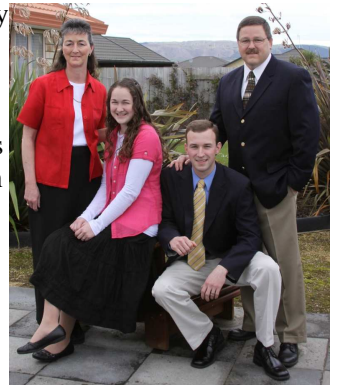
Praises

- Monies raised for Parking Lot
- Souls saved and rededicated to the Lord

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Spiritual & physical church growth
- Money raised for church re-siding

Our weather is getting better with Spring officially here. It is nice to hear the birds singing again and to have nice sunny days. August brought the annual Ladies Retreat that was held in Hamilton, five hours north of us. Debbie was one of the guest speakers this year, and she took three ladies with her. She spoke on "Being a Testimony for the Lord". Besides hearing from God's Word, one of the ladies from our church taught a craft. This year's retreat was attended by about eight different churches and had about fifty ladies attend.



In October I took three young men to the annual Young Men's Retreat. This was the third year for this retreat and it focused mainly on serving God with your life. Bro. Gilbert Anger, from Australia, spoke during the week. On Thursday he asked for any men feeling called by God, to serve Him full time, to meet with him later that day. All three men that came with me went forward. During this retreat I met with some of the pastors about starting some Bible training courses for these young men. They were very interested and we have scheduled a follow-up meeting to discuss further. To God be the glory.

We have been ministering to a lady for the past six months, and we are starting to see God work on her heart. She came one Sunday many months ago, but was not receptive at all to the Gospel. She called us many times to help her in a time of need and one time she finally let us sit with her and present the Gospel to her. She is starting to be more receptive, and she has been to church the last two Sundays. Please pray that she will come to see the need for Christ in her life.

Thank you for praying for Tim Dann, who has surrendered to serve the Lord. His health is still not good, but is stable at the moment. If you could please keep him lifted up before the Lord, we would appreciate it.

Logan is doing great at West Coast Baptist College. He is really enjoying preparing to serve the Lord. Thank you for those that have supported him with care packages and prayers. I believe he will be traveling next Summer doing the Neighborhood Bible Time (NBT) ministry and preaching.

Recently I was able to sit down with a young man that has a great zeal for the Lord. He was concerned about his eternal security and desired me to help him. After much discussion, he made a decision to pray and ask Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. Debbie also had an opportunity to sit with his mother and discuss her salvation. She felt the need to rededicate her life. It was so refreshing to see a family so hungry for the Word of God and a desire for Him. The young man is desiring to serve God, with his life, in his home town. Please pray that God prepares him for this task.

After much delay from the engineer, we received the plans for the carpark and drainage. The soil test came back good for soak holes, but City Council has yet to approve them. Because of the delay, City Council gave us a six month extension. We asked the contractor for a new quote to include the drainage plan, and it came back with an increase (\$24k - \$30k), due to inflation and government taxes rising from 12.5% to 15%. We will need to take much of the raised money for the residing of the building to meet this new price. We will be submitting the plans to the City Council for approval in the next few weeks. Please pray for this process that it will be approved, and we can get the carpark done soon. We appreciate those that have sent money towards our building projects. Because of the increase in costs we are short about \$6k to replace the asbestos siding.

Thank you for your prayer support, and financial giving. God bless! Your missionaries: Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston.