

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## Youth/Boot Camp



Bible Conference



Family Camp 2010



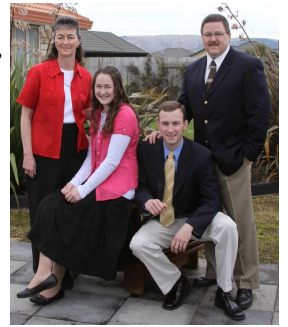
## **Praises**

- Monies raised for Parking Lot ● Consent to seal parking lot ● God's grace to endure difficult times

## **Prayers**

- Souls to be saved ● Spiritual & physical church growth ● Money for the church to be re-sided

This has been one of the toughest years for our family. Guy had to return to America for his dad's passing in July, and Debbie is with her dad, who is very sick with lung cancer (please keep him and his family in prayer). Thank you for helping with Debbie's passage to America. In addition to this, we have had to shift home (move) for the sixth time since we have been here in New Zealand. I pray that some day we will be able to purchase a place that we can call home, at least until the Lord redirects us to start another work here in New Zealand.



As many of you know we have been saving and raising funds to meet the city councils requirement for the parking lot to be paved. In mid December we were granted a building consent, by council, to begin the work, but the suppliers all went on holiday and will not return until mid January. The work should begin by the end of January and take about three weeks, provided the weather cooperates. The official quote came through on the cost of the parking lot and it was much higher than the verbal quote on the phone. The price went from \$24k to \$42k, ouch. Praise God, He has met the need, but we are still saving for the much needed residing of the building.

We have been to many events and outreach activities the past couple of months. It is our desire to see families, as well as individuals, grow in the Lord. In November we had a one night boot camp to prepare the youth/teenagers to take the next step in their walk with the Lord. The beginning of December we brought many of our church members to a Bible conference to improve their family walk with the Lord. Finally, at the end of December eight from our church went to a family camp, hosted by another church, which focused on marriage and raising godly children.

I am presently working with several other national pastors and missionaries to begin a Ministry Training Program of New Zealand. This program will be used to hopefully prepare those that have been called to full-time service. Our desire is to work together with them, and their local church, to train and raise up the next generation to serve the Lord. The program would be at least two years and would be a modular based system. The modular system will work best to get all the pastors and missionaries involved with those who are called to full-time service. Please keep this program in prayer as it is in its developmental stages. It is our desire to have it up and running by February 2012. We presently have twelve students that have expressed extreme interest and eight pastors/missionaries willing to do the training.

We thank you for your continual prayers for Tim Dann and Zelda Campbell. Tim has surrendered to full-time service, but is still too weak to commence training. His body is not able to draw nutrition from the food he eats. At present time they are treating him as lactose intolerant and gluten free. Zelda is presently dealing with a total body breakout of blisters that break, bleed and then scab over and itch terribly. She is not a pretty sight, but even with all this she still comes to Sunday services and Wednesday night prayer and Bible study. She is such a testimony to us all. March of 2005 she was on hospice and given six months to live. Since then she received Christ, got baptized, and joined the church. The doctors cannot figure out why she is still with us, but we know why. God has a purpose for her life. She has since brought a friend to church, who was baptized and joined the church. In addition, we have another lady who has been inquiring about our church.

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