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Brent Outreaching In South Island



Still Need Help With NZBBTP Van



Sunday School With Those Cody Brought



Praises

- Wonderful Heritage Camp
- Three souls saved
- Cody's help with the ministry

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and Spiritual Church growth
- Judds to arrive in NZ by June 2017
- 12 seater van for NZBBT Program (Short \$12K)
- Comfort dealing with Erin getting married and moving away in March.

We are so thankful for the faithful prayers and Support that we have received while we have been In New Zealand for the past 13 ½ years. We could not be here without your support.

We started off 2017 with a wonderful Heritage Camp (Family Camp) up north in Hamilton. We had a great turnout and the preaching was wonderful. We had one of our families from the Masterton work come along, and they really enjoyed themselves. We came back refreshed and renewed.

One of the men in the church joined several other men on the South Island to do some street preaching and handing out tracts through many cities. Of course, they had much rejection and mockery, but also, they had many blessings along the way. Some were very interested in what they were sharing and some decided to ask Jesus to be their Savior.

In January, we saw two people come to know Christ as their Savior, and then in February we had one more. One young lady was invited by one of our church members and was going through a very difficult time. She came to church, heard the Gospel and decided to repent and ask Jesus to save her. A couple weeks later Guy talked to a young man that had been coming to our church for a little while and he got saved. In February, we had one of our young guys, Cody, lead a young man to the Lord who had been coming to church every once in a while. One of our young ladies has been discipling the lady that got saved, and the other two men are still considering discipleship. Please pray for these three.

At the end of January, we attended the Australia-New Zealand (ANZ) Pastor's conference in Auckland (7 hours north). Logan and Brittany were able to attend with us. We really enjoyed the preaching and fellowship with other Pastors and their families. Guy had the opportunity to preach, along with several other pastors/missionaries on the North Island.

The month of January and February we were blessed with having one of our New Zealand Baptist Training Program (NZBBTP) student, Cody, staying with us while he was on his school break. While here he helped Guy with building projects, outreach and preaching at both Palmerston North and Masterton. One day he was out distributing flyers and invited several young children he met on the street. Cody asked their parents if they could come and five have been coming along to church every Sunday since. They are so excited about coming and learning all about Jesus.

In our Wednesday night Bible Study, we have started going through the ABCs of Mature Christians. Our church has gone through the ABCs of Christian Growth a couple of times over the years, but this year we decided to go through the next level. It has been a real blessing to dig deeper into God's Word and grow and mature in our walk with our Savior.

The Judds, who will be helping with the work in Masterton, have been on deputation raising their support and have reached 76%. They are praying about being here by the middle of June this year. Upon their arrival, they will stay with us until they find a place in Masterton. They will be helping with the Masterton work by offering more services to them. We have only been able to do night services once a week. But with the Judd's help we can offer them morning services and mid-week Bible Studies. The people are anxiously waiting for their arrival. Please pray they raise the needed support to leave in June.

Your continual prayers and support of these ministries is much appreciated. We can see the Lord's hand here in New Zealand, and can feel the prayers of all of you back in the States. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness.

God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston.

