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Children's Church – Palmerston North



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Praises

- Logan's call to Assistant Pastor
- 5 salvations
- Judd's co-labouring in Masterton
- Additional services in Masterton
- Cody's ministry training & calling from the Lord to reach his people

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and Spiritual Church growth in Masterton & Palmerston North
- Furlough preparations for 2018

Many issues will be decided in the upcoming New Zealand elections. There will be decisions on abortion, gender identity, anti-smacking, and assisted suicide. With a new report just coming out that shows New Zealand has the highest suicide rate in the world, we need your prayers. As we see the signs of the time, we are reminded of the urgency to get the Gospel out to the lost.



We have seen the Lord really work in Sunday School/Jr. Church classes. There have been three children in the last month or so who have received Christ as their Savior. One little boy has been coming for three years and came to Debbie wanting to get saved. Two of our bus kids also got saved within a two-week period. We praise the Lord for these salvations.

In July we attended a sister church's Family Camp in Taupo, with guest speaker Tom Ferrell. It was a true blessing to hear some powerful preaching and it was an encouragement for the Pastors/Missionaries that attended. There were two people that got saved during this conference.

The beginning of July, Jerry & Dawn Judd's container was delivered and they have moved into their rental in Masterton. They are getting settled and the people from the church have really welcomed them. We have been handing out flyers, with the Gospel on them, that includes the new services that we started offering on Wednesday night and Sunday morning, beginning. It has been a true blessing from the Lord to have the Judd's co-labouring with us on the new work we began two and a half years ago. Please pray that this work will continue to grow.

The end of July, Guy received a call from a young man who had received one of our flyers in his letterbox. He wanted to meet with Guy as soon as possible to discuss his eternity. Guy met with him, and he repented and trusted Christ that day. He only had a few days left until he moved to Argentina, so Guy didn't have time to disciple him. Please pray that he will find a good church in Argentina and begin some discipleship classes.

The end of July our church voted to call our Son Logan as their Assistant Pastor. In August Logan began working two days a week for the church. Logan will be filling in full time for Guy when we return on our furlough in April next year. Please pray for Logan in his new role as assistant pastor of Harvest Baptist Church.

Guy was asked to preach twice at a sister church in Hamilton, where our daughter and her husband attend. The Pastor and his wife were on a holiday as well as on a mission trip to Africa. Guy had the opportunity to speak with a first-time visitor, and was able to present the Gospel to him. He made a profession of faith, trusting Christ with his life. He has been attending the church since that time. We praise the Lord for these opportunities!

Cody Hireme has been doing great with his studies in the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP). God is really using this young man to reach his own people here in New Zealand. It is his desire to do an internship with us next year. He then plans to help the newly planted church in Masterton.

We again wish to remind you that we are planning a furlough next year (2018). We plan to be on the East Coast from mid-April until end of August and on the West Coast from early September to mid-December. If you would like to have us come to your church, please notify us so we can coordinate our meetings.

Your continual prayers and support of these ministries is much appreciated. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston.