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First Family Camp 😊



Baptist 😊



Sunday School Children Who Moved 😞



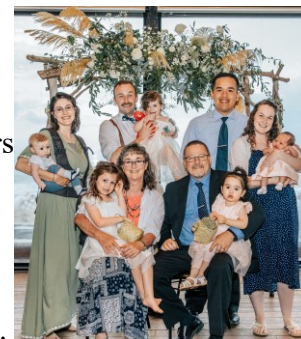
Praises

- Several new people attending church services • 2 Saved; 1 Baptized
- Homiletics & Discipleship classes going well • Moved to Level 2

Prayers

- Souls to be saved • Logan & Brittany's Deputation • Repeal Euthanasia law • Teen Camp in October

Things are starting to get semi-normal again. As of August 12th we moved from Level 3 to Level 2, and except for contract tracing, we are allowed to move more freely around the country. The borders outside of New Zealand are still closed and if we leave New Zealand, we have to quarantine for two weeks upon returning. The personal cost to do so is approximately \$3,900 per person, in a government approved facility. We are praying this will be lifted.



We have seen God bless in amazing ways in July and August. In July one of our young girls in our children's program received Christ as her Saviour, while attending a Friday night Champions in Action (CIA) lesson. The lesson was on the Rapture. She fully understood and asked the leader how to be saved. She bowed her head and asked Jesus to save her. Praise the Lord! In August, Guy went to a man's house, that had been attending our church for a little while, and went over salvation with him. He also received Jesus as his Saviour and 3 weeks later, after going through a lesson on Baptism, was baptized.

In July our church held it's first Family Camp, at a location about 30 minutes from our town, Palmerston North. Even though we had a small number attend (15), we had a great time, with good preaching, food and fellowship. Next year we will be inviting Harvest Independent Baptist Church to join us (the church we started in 2015).

Guy has been teaching a course on Homiletics with three people from our church. Two of the men are training to be able to preach, while one of our ladies is going through the class to be able to lead devotions for our Ladies Fellowships and speak at our Ladies Retreats. They are excited in learning more about preparing and presenting messages from the Bible.

We have extended our outreach in two towns about 20 minutes outside of Palmerston North. Each month we have one Saturday where we load up our twelve-seater van and go to a location and canvass the area. These are small towns with no Independent Baptist work. Some of our people put John/Roman booklets and flyers from our church, with the Gospel on the back, into the mailboxes. We have others that go door-to-door presenting the Gospel to people. We have had a good turnout for these outreaches. Other Saturdays we are canvassing the town of Palmerston North.

Guy has finished his discipleship with two of the young men in our church and they are now serving in the church. One of our New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program alumni, that had attended of our church, got married in July and moved to her husband's town 7 hours north of us. We also had three of our Sunday School children that have been with us for seven years move an hour away and are attending another like-minded Independent Baptist Church in their town.

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