

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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NZBBTP Online Classes



Church level-2 seating - Groups of 10



## Praises

- Several new people attending church services
- Training Program continued, but online
- Homiletics & Discipleship classes going well

## Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Logan & Brittany's Deputation
- Repeal Euthanasia law
- Wisdom in ministry for this time of COVID-19.

*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a Good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou Dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee Withersoever thou goest. ~ Joshua 1:9*

We are in uncertain times, but we can rest assured that God is in control of the situation. After we moved down to Level 3, we were allowed to go and visit our church people, at a distance. We baked up some goodies and took them to some of the elderly people to check on them, and also went out a second time to visit our bus kids and bring them some treats. They were all very happy to see us and it was good to hear that they were all well and no one had caught the virus. For Mother's Day we put packages together and delivered them.

May 14<sup>th</sup> we dropped to Level 2, but churches were only allowed to hold service with 10 people plus staff. Restaurants and bars were opened and allowed to have 100 people, but they could only be 10 at a table. A couple weeks later they finally moved the number for churches to 50. On June 9<sup>th</sup> we moved to Level 1 and were able to meet regularly again.

Throughout all the levels the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) continued, but online only. They had two weeks of Eschatology via Face Book Messenger with Guy, which had some disadvantages, but overall, it worked well. The students did great in their studies and will be able to resume their travels in July.

Since we have been able to resume our normal church services, we have had several new visitors. Four Filipino men, that are working in the area, were amongst the visitors. We met with them and found out that they are here in New Zealand on a 2/3-year work visa, and their families are back in the Philippines. They are working on how they can get their families to join them; we are praying for them. We have witnessed to them and two of them profess Christ. One of them has decided to allow us to disciple them, so a Filipino man in our church has set a time on Saturdays to meet with him; two others have decided to join them. Please pray for these other men to receive Christ as their Saviour.

Guy has resumed his discipleship classes again and we also resumed our Children's Programs, College & Careers and Ladies Fellowships. Guy also started a new Homiletics class and has three people, from our church, attending the class.

In June we had a couple from South Africa attend our services. They told us that they had been to so many churches and our church was going to be the last one. If our church didn't work out, he was going to start a home church. They have been with us for over a month now and have been a real blessing. They have a real heart for soulwinning. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we took our large van over to a neighboring town (Woodville), to canvass it with flyers & door knocking. Though this couple had only been with us a little over a week, they joined us and were a blessing.

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

