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Kids Prepare Pizza @ Winter Family Camp



Elisha – Grandson with Seizures



Praises

- Brittany received a case worker for her residency visa
- Man wanting to be baptized & join the church
- Still allowed to outreach
- Good Winter Family Camp

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Brittany's Resident Visa Approval
- Elisha's Seizures
- Upcoming Lady's Retreat/Men's Prayer Advance/Church Anniversary & Missions Conference

It's always good to have visitors come to church. It's even better when they stay. We have been blessed with a few new people attending and one of our former families returning from the South Island. In April, we had a man start to attend our church and has been faithfully attend. Guy has started discipleship with him every week, which is going very well. After finishing the study on Church and Baptism, he came forward one Sunday and asked to be baptized and join the church. He really wants to be baptized in the river, so since this is winter, we will have to wait a couple months before this can be done. We also have had two older ladies attending. They commented that it was really nice to hear preaching from the Bible. To God be the glory!



In July we had our annual Winter Family Camp. We had a good turn out from our church and also a few attended from two other Independent Baptist Churches. Guy held two sessions each day teaching from Philippians, while Debbie and another young lady took turns teaching the young children. We had lots of time of games and fellowship which was a blessing to all. Everyone said they had a great time and look forward to next year.

Guy started teaching Homiletics to one of the young men in our church. It will be great to have another man to help fill in when we head back for furlough next year. At present, we are currently starting the process and hope to be back from the end of May through the end of November. Please pray for the church here, as this is always a hard time for them to go through. We are praying that some of the other Independent Baptist Pastors in New Zealand will be able to come and help do some preaching each month along with some of the men in our church. We will also need at least one more teacher to help with Children's Church as Debbie will be gone.

Many of you have been praying for our daughter-in-law's Residence Visa (Brittany). She has finally been assigned a case worker and was asked for more information. This usually means it will be approved soon. They submitted all the additional paperwork they were asking for, and we are now praying that it gets approved soon.

Finally, could you please keep our #6 grandbaby (Elisha), in prayer. A couple days before he had his first birthday, in August, he had a seizure. It was really bad as he stopped breathing, but Guy and our daughter Erin got him breathing again. Since then, he has had another small seizure. With socialized medicine you have to go through a lot to see a specialist. Since he has now had two seizures, he is on the list to see a pediatric specialist. Please pray he gets an appointment soon, and that he has no more seizures. (Update: Another bad seizure today (9 Sept) - appointment scheduled 3 Oct.)

The next couple months will be busy with Ladies Retreat (Sept), our 18-year Church Anniversary (October), and Men's Prayer Advance and Missions Conference (November). Please keep these activities in prayer.

Thank you so much for your continual prayers and faithful support. You are making a difference here in New Zealand. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston