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NZBBTP Students



NZBBTP Student Preaching



Elisha's Dedication



Praises

- Brittany received her Residence Visa
- Great Ladies Retreat and 18 Year Anniversary Celebration
- Elisha doing great after infusions

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Granddaughter Ella's Homeschool exemption
- Upcoming Men's Prayer Advance & Missions Conference
- Furlough

We reported last time about our grandson, Elisha, who had a seizure just before his first birthday. He had two more seizures which allowed the medical system to finally accept him for further testing. After some blood work it was discovered that his Vitamin D was critically low. They immediately started infusions for both Vitamin D and Calcium. After spending a week in the hospital he was released with his parents having to administer oral Vitamin D and Calcium three times a day for three months. This was very hard at times, but after two months his levels were up to a good level and now he only has to take a drop of Vitamin D once a day until he is five years old. Thank you so much for all the prayers!



We will be back in the States next year for a six-month furlough. We are planning to be on the East Coast June through August and on the West Coast September through November. Please contact us if you would like us to visit your church. Please pray for our church during this time. Furlough is always a hard time for missionary churches. We have a couple men to preach and hope to have some guest speakers, but there's a lot of things that will be lacking without a pastor during that time.

The end of September Debbie took two of our ladies to the Ladies Retreat in Hamilton. This was the first retreat since all the COVID restrictions. It was nice for everyone to get together again and there were about 100 ladies in attendance. We had some ladies that couldn't go due to work, but thankfully the sessions were recorded so they could watch later.

Many of you have been praying for our daughter-in-law's Residence Visa. She finally received it!! Thank you for all the prayers. Please be in prayer for their daughter Ella's Homeschool exemption. She is enrolled in ABeka for 2nd grade and is doing a great job! They put in for her exemption, but the government keeps asking for more and more things and are making it complicated for them. Please pray it comes soon!

In October our church held it's 18-year Anniversary. It was a great service. We had a good group and even a few visitors. Another Independent Baptist Missionary was our guest speaker, and he preached a great message of encouragement. Towards the end of the service our grandson, Elisha, was dedicated to the Lord. We rejoice in this decision. We finished the morning off with cake and finger food.

The New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) students were here again for another four weeks for New Testament Survey. This group of nine, 4 men and 5 ladies, are always a blessing to the churches and they helped out in many areas of the church. The men often preach, and they all helped in Sunday School/Kid's Program.

In October we were notified that one of our long-time members, who had Parkinson's and had moved to be closer to his family, went to be with the Lord! He truly had a strong Christian testimony, and we were blessed to have known him.

Thank you so much for your continual prayers and support. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston