



The Bankstons to New Zealand

June 2002

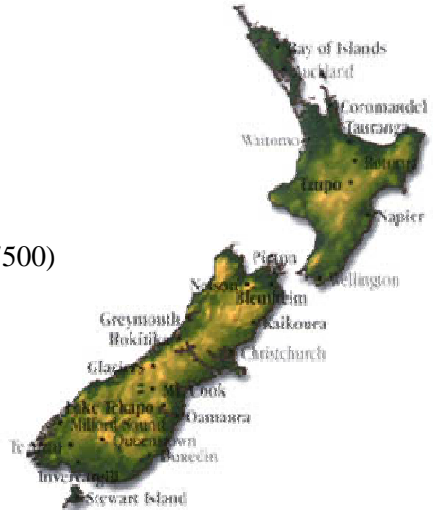
Praise

God has been so good to our family. This past month there were several new churches that said they would take us on for support, thank you! We have begun our fulltime deputation process, since being approved last month at the BBFI Fellowship meeting. We are looking forward to being in many of God's churches as we strive to raise our support to get to the field of New Zealand.

Logan and Erin have been so good for the past four years while we were preparing to be missionaries, that we wanted to do something special for them. We decided that we would take them to Kings Dominion; however, I did not have a peace about spending \$170. God works in mysterious ways, as my daughter and I found out when we went grocery shopping. We found some money crumpled up on the floor, which we reported immediately to the office. The Office said that no one had reported anything and that we could keep the money. It was a hundred dollar bill! The next morning we found out that Kings Dominion was closed so we decided to go to Busch Gardens. Even though the tickets were a few dollars more, we prayed and felt that God wanted us to go, so we did. When we went to get the tickets, the lady at the ticket counter asked if we had any discount coupons. We did not, but I did mention that I was an inactive Air Force Reservist. After she examined my I.D. card she handed us four tickets and said that they were complimentary. Praise the Lord!!

Prayer Needs

- Souls to be saved
- Christians surrendering to God's call
- Meetings for support
- Travel expenses
- Travel mercies
- Tickets for our family to get to the field of New Zealand (approx. \$7500)
- Children's home schooling (approx. \$2000)
- Mandatory Missions Retreat July 2002 (approx. \$1000)
- Missionary Candidate School August 2002 (approx. \$600)
- Good health
- To get to the field in 2003



Interesting Facts In New Zealand

- New Zealand has the first transvestite mayor
- If a Maori family has all boys they will make one of them act, talk, and dress like a girl
- A regular church attendee only goes to church on Christmas and Easter

Open Dates That Need To Be Filled (AM & PM)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June – 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 • July – 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 • August – 4, 7, 28 • September – 1, 4, 8 • October – (No Dates) • November – 13, 17, 20, 27 • December – 8, 11, 18, 22, 29 • January 2003 - Open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2003 – 2, 19, 22 • March 2003 – Open except 2nd • April 2003 – Open except 13th • May 2003 - Open • June 2003 - Open • July 2003 – Open • August 2003 – Open • September 2003 – Open except 28th |
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Milestone Completed

- Graduation April 30th
- Ordination May 9th
- BBFI Approval May 20th

Milestones Not Yet Met

- Raise Support
- Pack & Ship
- 2003 Departure