

The Bankstons to New Zealand

Praise

God has been so good to our family. We started deputation part time in January and are well on our way to reaching our support needed to get to the field of New Zealand. Thank you for all who are supporting us. I have finished my internship at Midlothian Baptist Church and have begun full-time deputation. Debbie and I finished our studies from Atlantic Baptist Bible College. Praise the Lord!!! I received a Bachelors of Christian Missions Degree and Debbie received a Certificate of Missions. We are looking forward to the task ahead of us and long for the day that we can be on the field of New Zealand. Praise the Lord for all His goodness.

Prayer

We presently need prayer in the following areas:

- Ordination (May 9th)
- Missions approval (May 20th - 22nd)
- Souls to be saved
- Christians surrendering to God's call
- Meetings for support (June-Sep & Nov-Mar)
- Travel expenses
- Travel mercies
- Tickets for our family to get to the field of New Zealand
- Children's schooling
- Good health
- To get to the field by April 2003

Points of Interest

- Debbie and I celebrated our 17th Anniversary April 20th, Praise the Lord (It has been Awesome)!
- New Zealand has the highest rate of woman suicides (per capita), and third highest male suicides.
- There are no predators in New Zealand (Except Man).
- The New Zealand Wizard is dying; unfortunately he has conjured up a replacement.

Progress

Our present Schedule is as follows:

- May 9 ~ Midlothian Baptist Church (Ordination), Midlothian, VA
- May 15-25 ~ BBFI (Missions Board), Springfield, Missouri
- May 29 (PM) Faith Baptist Church, Madison Heights, VA
- June ~ Open Dates Available
- July ~ Open Dates Available
- July 29-31 ~ Midlothian Baptist Church, Midlothian, VA
- August 1-2 ~ Midlothian Baptist Church, Midlothian, VA
- August ~ Open Dates Available
- August 8-25 ~ BBFI (Missions Candidate School), Springfield, Missouri
- September ~ Open Dates Available
- September 1-2 ~ Wisconsin
- September 18-22 ~ Battlefield Baptist Church, Gainesville, VA
- September 23-25 ~ Bethlehem Baptist Church (BBFI Fellowship Meeting), Fairfax, VA
- October - November 14 ~ West Coast
- November ~ Open Dates Available
- November 24 ~ Coushatta, LA
- December ~ Open Dates Available
- December 4 ~ Durham, NC
- December 14-15 ~ Page Valley Baptist Church, Luray, VA

- January ~ Open Dates Available
- February ~ Open Dates Available
- February 5-9 ~ Capital City Baptist, Columbia, SC
- February 12-16 ~ Community Baptist Church, Chantilly, VA
- February 26 - March 2 ~ Mid-Way Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
- March ~ Open Dates Available