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We have been in New Zealand just over six weeks and all is well. We have had several challenges, but praise the Lord, God has seen fit to get us through them. God is teaching us that He is in total control.

We have seen three baptisms and fourteen souls come to know Christ since the middle of June. Praise the Lord! The fourteen that came to know Christ was during “Teen Camp 2003” in Taupo, which we just returned from. Like any teen camp there were both good times and bad times, but through it all God’s Word challenged the kids (and adults) to make the right choices. We are already looking forward to next year’s camp.

My first Sunday sermon went very well. Many began asking questions concerning salvation. We have had the chance to witness to some of them, but no one has made a decision for Christ, yet. Please pray they will soon. We have some marriages where only one member knows Christ. Please pray that their whole family comes to know Him soon.

Our support level has increased from 81% to 84%, praise the Lord! Please continue to pray that God will provide so that we can be a part of your ministry while here in New Zealand.

We still need to raise additional funds for our household needs, and a vehicle we bought here in New Zealand. It is a 1998 Honda eight passenger van that is being used to transport members to and from church services. It has been very useful in transporting our members to different activities, like youth camp.

You are all such a blessing to us and please keep praying that our support will come in. Thank you for your continual prayers & support. We are praying God’s blessings upon you all.



Our Used Van



Teen Camp 2003



Kapiti Baptist Church

Praises

- Three Baptisms last month
- Several new faces at church

Prayer

- Souls to be saved
- Reesor’s furlough travel mercies

Needs

- Additional 16% support
- Household: \$4500 / rec. \$2500

- Synthia (for piano) is a great success
- We were received well by the church

- Growth at Kapiti Baptist Church (KBC)

- Vehicle: \$9700 / rec. \$3230