

The Bankstons to New Zealand

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Praises

We saw three souls come to Christ during this past month. We also saw two families surrender to God's calling to serve Him fulltime. God is so good!

We have just five openings left in our schedule before we leave for New Zealand in May. If you would like us to come to your church, and you are interested in supporting us, please look over the available dates below and give us a call.

We presently have 56% of our support and know that God will provide the additional 19% needed before we leave. Many new churches have recently taken us on as their missionaries, thank you! We are praying that God will bless you all mightily. We are anxiously awaiting the day that you may all be able to take us on and help us reach the people of New Zealand.

Our Visa paperwork was finally sent off this past month. Please be in prayer that the New Zealand Embassy will approve our three year work visa. At the end of the three year work visa, we will submit for a permanent visa.

We stepped out on faith (not having our support yet) and purchased our tickets this past month. We could not wait any longer as the price of the tickets had increased by \$900.00 since mid last year. It is hard to believe that we finally have tickets in our hands and that we are just a few short months away from departing. We want to thank all of you who had a part in helping us purchase these tickets. May God bless you richly

Praise God, He has seen fit to meet most of our prayer needs. Some times we forget that God has everything under control. We want to thank everyone that has had a part in helping with our needs.

We have an extremely full schedule these next few months, so please continue to pray for us while we travel up and down the Eastern seaboard. We have put a lot of miles on our van this past year, and will be putting on a lot more in the months to follow.

<u>Prayer</u>

- That God will use us to win souls for Christ, while on deputation
- That those whom God calls to full-time service will surrender
- That we will be able to get our home rented before leaving for New Zealand
- Time to get our household goods packed and stored
- That our Visas will be approved before we leave

Needs

- 75%-100% support by end of May 2003
- Household goods approx. cost \$4500 received \$500

Scheduled/Open Dates

- 3/5/03 Heritage Baptist, Zebulon, NC
- 3/9/03am Barter Brook Baptist, Staunton, VA
- 3/9-11/03pm Victory Baptist, Staunton, VA
- 3/12-16/03am Neuse Baptist, Raleigh, NC
- 3/16/03pm Midlothian Baptist, Midlothian, VA
- 3/17-18/03 Key Largo Baptist, Key Largo, FL
- 3/19-23/03 Palmetto Ave. Baptist, Sanford, FL
- 3/23/03pm Liberty Baptist, Tavares, FL
- 3/26/03 Eastland Baptist, Orlando, FL
- 3/30-31/03 First Carolina Baptist, Columbia, SC
- 4/2/03 Faith Baptist, Prince George, VA
- 4/6/03am Calvary Baptist, Ashland, OH
- 4/6/03pm Trinity Baptist, Ashland OH
- 4/9/03 Tygart Valley Baptist, Beverly, WV
- 4/13/03am/pm Gospel Baptist, Salem, VA
- 4/16/03 Central Baptist, Dunn, NC
- <u>4/20/03am (Easter) OPEN</u>
- 4/20/03pm (Easter) OPEN

- Puppets (child & adult) approx. Cost \$250 received \$0
- Vehicle in NZ approx. \$5000 received \$500

• <u>4/23/03 – OPEN</u>

- 4/26-27/03am Layton Chapel Baptist, Spring Lake, NC
- 4/27/03pm West Fayetteville Baptist, Fayetteville, NC
- 4/30/03 Grace Baptist, Gaston, NC
- 5/4/03am Victory Independent Baptist, Roanoke, VA
- 5/4/03pm New Hope Baptist, Roanoke, VA
- <u>5/7/03 OPEN</u>
- 5/11/03am Blue Ridge Baptist, Amherst, VA
- 5/11/03pm Midlothian Baptist, Midlothian, VA
- 5/14/03 Battlefield Baptist, Gainesville, VA
- 5/18/03am Westside Baptist, Mansfield, OH
- 5/18/03pm Calvary Baptist, Ashland, OH
- 5/20/03 Jettersville Baptist, Jettersville, VA
- <u>5/21/03 OPEN</u>
- 5/23/03 Depart for West Coast
- 5/25/03 ?? Sunriver Community Church, Sunriver, OR
- 6/1/03 Tri-Cities Baptist, Gladstone, OR
- 6/2/03 Departure for New Zealand