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We continue to experience God's blessing with each new day. This past month has been very busy transitioning the work back to the Reesors, as well as taking day trips to a new location that God has put on our hearts. We hope to be relocate to Palmerston North (PN) by the end of September. Please pray for us as we seek a place to live and a place to meet for services.

We have been blessed to have a young man, Seth Williams (16), come visit us for three weeks, from the US. This was the first time he had ever flown in a plane, or left the country. He himself saved up for this trip, and I

believe God blessed him. I had him preach a message the second Sunday he was here, and a young lady (Chantile - 15), that we have been praying for, received Christ as her savior. To God be the Glory!

While Seth was here, we were able to take him to our annual winter camp. He told us that this was the best camp he had ever attended. We had a little over one hundred people there and five got saved. The great thing about camp this year is it's focus. The theme was "Lord of Lords, and Return of the King." As you can imagine the teaching and preaching was centered around God being lord of your life, and if He is then we should be busy doing what He has asked so we are ready when He returns.

On our return trip home from camp we noticed that several of us (if not all) were not feeling good. It appeared as if we had all contacted some type of cold virus. We got back just in time for Sunday night youth services. I remember telling Debbie, on the way back, to just drop me at home because I was not feeling well. As we got closer to home, I decided that I would suffer through the services, as this was Seth's last Sunday with us. Even in the worst times God is still working. I was able to talk with a first time visitor and share with him Christ. The twenty year old man (Daniel) broke down crying, then prayed and asked Jesus to save him and be Lord of his life. Isn't God just awesome?

We are going to be in need of some ministry tools as we get started on a new work. If you could help us financially with some of the following items, it would be a real blessing: chairs, tables, sound equipment (speakers, cassette tape/CD player, mixer, sound board, etc...), microphones (wireless if possible) & stands, hymnals, pulpit, church sign, trailer to haul equipment, and trailer hitch for vehicle.

Thank you for your continual support. God Bless you.

## Praises

- Seven salvations this past month Prayers
  - Souls to be saved
  - Finding a new home in PN
  - Wisdom in starting new work •
- Location for new work
- Facility for new work
- Equipment for new work