

# The Bankstons in New Zealand

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**Family Camp 2003**



**KBC Christmas 2003**



I don't believe we could have squeezed anything else into the month of December. Being this busy kept our mind off of the fact that this was our first Christmas away from home. We had a great Christmas, inspite of being so far from our family. We missed you all though.

We experienced one of the greatest months since we arrived here. We had two people get saved after our Christmas program. This was the first program we have ever done and we could really see God working. There was well over 70 people present in addition to the cast of 28.



We just returned from our annual family camp at Silverstream Christian Lodge. This was a relaxing and yet exciting opportunity for the whole family to spend time with other believers as well as non-believers. God again was working on hearts while we were there and two people came to Christ, one of them was from our church. Also at the camp a young lady from our church rededicated her life. Our youth were very active as they sang several specials, as well as did a mime (see picture). There were between 40 and 50 people who attended the camp.

Our warmest thank you to all, that sent a little extra to make our Christmas special. The kids were excited to receive the gifts and so were we. Your giving enabled us to do something special for many of those that needed financial help in going to the family camp.

Several churches and individuals have increased our monthly support, which is helping us raise our support goal. Thank you for your faithful giving and we really appreciate your prayers. As you can see God is truly answering them, so keep them coming!

KBC is running out of room and would like you to specifically pray that God will financially enable us to remove a wall that will allow us to add an additional 30 seats.

God Bless you all and we pray you had a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Praises**

- Three salvations this past month
- Vehicle fund and support goal raised

**Needs**

- Finances, to enlarge Kapiti Baptist Church's (KBC) sanctuary

**Prayers**

- Souls to be saved
- Growth at KBC & larger sanctuary (your prayers are working)
- Safety on upcoming Teen Camping Trip