

# The Bankstons in New Zealand

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**Teen Sand Sculpturing Contest**

**Jonah & The Whale**



**Elephant**

**NZ Baptist Bible Fellowship**



When we look back on February we can see God's hand at work.

We stayed very busy preparing for the New Zealand Baptist Bible Fellowship meeting (NZBBF), which we hosted. The meeting was well received by local pastors and church members. We had eight pastors/missionaries present from the North Island. On Monday night we had over sixty people from surrounding churches attend. Below is a picture of our young ladies singing a special (they were awesome!). We also had several others sing specials from KBC.



Even with all of the hussle and bussle in preparing for the meeting, we saw God working. A few days before the fellowship meeting one of our young ladies surrendered to missions, and the Sunday following the meeting a gentleman accepted Christ as his Savior. To God be the glory!

We have been praying about the repairs that need to be done on the church. We voted to step out on faith and start a building program. We have already raised about a third of what we need. We originally estimated that we needed \$8500.00, but the cost has since been re-quoted at \$14,000.00 NZ. We know God has things under control and that we will be able to get the repairs done. We hope to start by the end of March. Pray the wall will stay standing until then.

In February, Debbie started a Bible Study on, "The Fruit of the Spirit," with the young teenage girls. Six girls signed up to attend and the class has been going great. I started a new Bible Study series, with the adults on Wednesday night and have split the teens off into their own class. This has been working out well, but we are praying that God will call others to help teach. Please pray with us.

We would like to ask everyone to continue to pray for our support; we are short \$200 a month. In addition to our support, please pray with us on where God would like us to start a new work once the Reesors return from furlough in June.

Thank you for your continual support and prayers. God Bless...

**Praises**

- One of our young ladies surrendering to missions
- A gentlemen received Christ as his Savior

**Prayers**

- Souls to be saved
- Finances to repair KBC
- Friend Day March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Easter Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ladies Retreat April 16-17
- Junior Camp April 19-22
- Missions Conf. May 7-9
- Teen Camp July 12-16
- Personal support increases