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Teen Camp 2005 - Taupo



MTT Team



MTT Bible Story



We have been really busy this past month and have worn ourselves out, which is probably why the whole family got sick at teen camp. We stayed sick the entire next week and had to cancel our midweek Bible study. We have now recovered and hopefully we can get back into the swing of things.

Teen camp was excellent! There were six teens that received Christ as their personal Savior. The camp theme was survival. The preaching focused on how God wants us to look at love, sex, and dating. Many of the teens committed themselves to living the way God wants them to. This is probably a subject that is not preached and taught enough. I know many of the teens have never been told what God's Word says about keeping themselves pure.

Malcom, the ex-Mormon that I was able to lead to the Lord needs prayer. I have not been able to get in touch with him after he prayed to receive Christ. I believe that his family is doing everything they can to keep me from disciplining him. I told him that his family would try and keep him from knowing the truth, so he knows what is going on. Please pray that he will have the courage to stand upon the Word of God and that he will get a hold of me so I can continue disciplining him. I know he truly understands and is fully aware of the false teaching he has been taught.

We have had visitors for the past four weeks and two of them have returned. One of them made a comment that they can't remember the last time they had heard the Gospel preached, and an invitation given. He said that most all the churches he has been in are deceiving the people and that as far as he can tell they are all destined to spend eternity in hell. He went on to say that they are all good people, but have no idea that they are being deceived. He thanked me for preaching the Gospel.

The MTT ministry team from America did a great job. We distributed 1200 fliers and advertised in the school newsletter for six weeks. We had thirty-six present for the mid-day program and fifty-two for the evening services, which included our people and the ministry team. We are praying that many of visitors will return and also tell others about our Holiday Bible Program coming in September. We are praying for 100 kids.

Pray that parliament does not pass the no spanking bill. They have already passed the prostitution and civil union bill, which legalizes prostitution and same sex marriages.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Your extra giving is making a big difference. Your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan, and Erin Bankston



Praises

- Six saved at teen camp and many committing to live God's way
- MTT Ministries being with us

Prayers

- Souls to be saved, physical and spiritual growth at HBC
- Holiday Bible Program in September
- Malcom to contact me so that I may disciple him
- Teen all-niter program coming in October
- Zelda's tumor in her head will shrink and go away. Praise God, it has not grown.