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Christmas Bells 2005



Christmas 2005 at the Park



It is amazing how time passes by so quickly. God has blessed us so much this past year. Here are just a few things to remember:

- Handed out over 40,000 tracks & brochures
- 15 salvations & one baptism
- Average attendance increased from 18 beginning of the year to 26 (last Sunday we had 33, year high was 56)
- Three new church members
- Purchased sound equipment, hymnals and furniture for church
- Received our permanent residence to stay in New Zealand
- First annual HBP (Holiday Bible Program) with two saved.
- Spoke in numerous meetings, fellowships, camps and retreats.
- Hosted a marriage seminar and a youth all-nighter



There is a whole lot more that can be added to the above list that your prayers and financial giving has made possible. Thank you so much for your faithfulness.

This year we decided to do a Christmas program at a local park (Summer time here). Everyone in our church had an active part in the program. Some handed out tracks and invitations to our Christmas service, while others did puppets, hand bells, and organized games. At one point we had about 60 people watching. We were a bit concerned that we might be persecuted, as the Salvation Army was banned from singing carols just a few weeks before we had our program. The program was well received, and we had no complaints. The Gospel was given. Thank you for your prayers.

On Christmas Sunday our attendance was very low. With Christmas falling on Sunday this year many of our people were out of town with relatives. Even though it was low, we were able to do a small program involving puppets and bells focusing on Jesus' birthday and the reason God sent His son. We had a first time visitor who came and is still coming. In fact, this past Sunday he brought his parents. I spoke with them about where they would spend eternity and they said heaven and proclaimed Christ as their personal Savior.

Thank you again for your prayers, and sacrificial giving to this ministry. We pray God gives you an awesome harvest of souls for 2006.

Praises

- Blessings from God in 2005
- God giving us people like yourself, who are willing to sacrifice their time and treasures to allow us to represent you here in New Zealand

Prayers

- Souls to be saved in 2006
- Physical and spiritual growth at Harvest Baptist Church
- Upcoming Ladies and Men's Retreat (February and March)
- Zelda Campbell healing (Brian Tumor)
- Perseverance as we see the decline in freedom to proclaim the Good New of Christ
- Workers for Holiday Program in September