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Harvest Baptist Church



Baptismal Service



Jordan Carswell's Baptism



This past month has been a truly exciting month for us as you will see in this prayer letter.

Thank you for praying for our permanent residence. We were pleasantly surprised when we got a notice in the mail that our application was approved. We are officially American Kiwis now. In the end, it was an undercover missionary for the Lord who approved our application. The gentleman was a missionary for over fifteen years. The Lord then released him to work in immigrations. What a blessing from God. We have heard that other missionaries have still not yet been approved who have been here for 8+ years.

We had a great turn out for Jordan Carswell's baptism. There were 34 people present and several of them had never heard the Gospel before. One person after the service asked if they could get a copy of the message that was preached to send it to their unsaved family. Jordan had both of his grandparents present and one of his school friends at the service. Please pray that those who heard the Gospel will receive it and ask Jesus to be their Savior.

A while back I mentioned that we had a church wide door-to-door outreach. In following up on the visitation cards, Debbie and I were able to lead a mid 20 year old man to Christ. He was raised Mormon and had many questions. In the end he prayed for Jesus to save him. He has asked me to come every Friday to disciple him on God's Word. Please pray that he will make a decision to come to our church. Presently he is living with his family who are devout Mormons. He knows that he has been taught lies by man and not the truth from God's Word. His culture will make it difficult to leave his family's church. His name is Malcom Jones.

Debbie wanted me to update you on Zelda. A few weeks ago she fell and broke several ribs, and possibly her arm. She missed several weeks of Bible study and church services. She is determined to not give up on God healing her, and has just started coming to church again and having Debbie come do a Bible study with her. Pray for God's healing.

We would like you to continue praying about a pre-holiday school program we will be hosting on the 3rd of August. This program is targeting the children and their family at the local school we meet at for services. It is our hope that through this program we will see a lot of the children and their families come to a week long holiday program (VBS) we will be hosting the last week of September. The program in September will be run by my sending church, Midlothian Baptist in Virginia.

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



Praises

- Permanent Resident Approval
- Malcom Jones - Salvation

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and spiritual growth at HBC
- Winter Teem Camp July 18-22
- Pre-Holiday Program in Aug. and Holiday Program (VBS) Sept.