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## 2005 Holiday Bible Program (HBP)



## Midlothian Baptist Church (American mission team who helped with HBP)



## Two Savations at HBP



What a month we had in preparing for our first Holiday Bible Program. We spent many long days and late nights preparing for what we hoped to be our biggest youth outreach since the Lord established Harvest Baptist Church. Our sending church, Midlothian Baptist, had a huge part in making this program successful. Many hours were probably spent in preparation and training the twelve individuals before they came to New Zealand. Many from our church took time off from work to help out as well. It was all worth the hard effort, as two children received Christ as their personal Savior. In the end, God gets the glory for all He has done.



The program ran Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Our attendance increased daily (26, 38, 45, 47, & 65). We had over eighty different children attend. Many of the children said that this was the best thing they had ever done in their whole life and wanted to know if we could do it again the next week! Though we are exhausted, we are already praying and planning for next year's program. We are praying that we will have enough workers needed to do the program next year. Check our webpage for pictures of the Holiday Bible Program.

We had a marriage seminar Tuesday through Thursday evening the same week that the Holiday Bible Program was running. For the past seven months our church has been praying for one of the couples that attended. They were present every night, and decided to start some counseling in hopes of repairing their marriage. Please keep this couple in your prayers as I will be counseling them weekly. There were a total of sixteen people, both couples and individuals, that attended the seminar.

While the mission team was here from America, we did door-to-door visitation and handed out brochures and fliers almost every day. Through this effort, we were able to get several to come to the HBP and the marriage seminar. In addition, heaps (a whole lot) of people heard the Gospel. I had one gentleman say he wanted to receive Christ as his Savior until he heard that he must repent of his sin and begin living as God's Word says. In the end, he said that he would have to think about it. Many are happy to add Jesus onto their lives, but to repent and change their lives is something completely different. Pray that Mark will make a decision to receive Christ.

I want to thank all of you who took time to pray for us and for these activities. I believe that without your prayers and financial giving none of these things would have been possible. Two saved, glory to God!

God bless! Your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan, and Erin Bankston

## Praises

- Successful HBP (two saved), and marriage seminar.
- A new family of five attending church for last three weeks.

## Prayers

- Physical and spiritual growth at Harvest Baptist Church.
- Marriage couple reconciliation and Mark to receive Christ.