

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## Church Picnic/Outreach (Local Park)



## Junior Church Outreach



## Praises

- Church growth (spiritual & physical)
- New members
- A missionary to relieve us for furlough

## Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Baptism service in March
- Commitment to join the church
- Our furlough (Oct 2006 - Mar 2007)
- Ladies retreat Feb, & Men's retreat Mar

If the beginning of the year is a glance at the coming blessings from God, we are in for a great year. Last year our attendance averaged around 19, this month we averaged 28. Which means God is drawing people to the church (both saved and unsaved). I can only attribute this to your faithful prayers for our growth, and our commitment to continue to go out and compel the people to come into God's house.

We had been praying that a family of four, which has been attending our church for about eight months, would join our church. God answered our prayers, and they have now become apart of our church, working together to minister to the people and reach souls for Christ. There is another family of five, who have been attending for about five months, that we are praying will join the church. In order to serve in a leadership position, they have to be members. God has given us a lot of talented people, but many of them will not commit to be members. We know God has a plan, and we are leaving it in His hands.

Just within the past month a family of four (Tongans) have started attending our church. I have found that the language and culture has made it difficult in communicating God's Word to them. The family has said that they want to join the church, but I am still trying to determine if they have trusted in Christ and Christ alone as their Savior. Pray with us that God will help in this matter. They have been taught so many different things and are very confused. They are awesome people and we love them dearly.

We have one who has come forward for baptism and another who needs to get baptized, so we have scheduled a baptismal service for the first week in March. There is one other who has been saved and needs to get baptized, but is terrified of water, so pray for her (Zelda).

Some of you may or may not have heard we are coming home on a short six-month furlough. We hope to be in America the first part of October 2006 and return to New Zealand in March of 2007. If you are interested in having us in your church, please email us and we will see if we can arrange to be with you. It would be nice to partner with a few new churches, that are looking to expand their ministry, to reach the lost in New Zealand. If you know of a church that may be interested, please email us their name and telephone number so we can contact them. I have listed below where we will be, and possible dates that we might be available. Nothing is set in stone this early.

Your prayers and financial giving make it possible for us to be here, thank you so much. Thank you also for your extra giving and Christmas offerings; they have been a true blessing to us. God bless! Your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan, and Erin Bankston



## Available Dates

### Washington/Canada

- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> am/pm

### Pennsylvania/Ohio

- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> am/pm
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup> am/pm
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> am/pm

### Florida

- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> am/pm

### Oregon/Washington

- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> am/pm
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> am/pm

### VA/WV/MD/NC

- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> am/pm
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> am/pm
- Jan 21<sup>st</sup> am/pm
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> am/pm

### Pennsylvania/Ohio

- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> am/pm
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> am/pm

### North Carolina

- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> am/pm

### Oregon

- Mar 11<sup>th</sup> am/pm