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Each month, I will include a picture of someone in our church (Harvest Baptist) that I would ask you to pray for.

This is the MaGallane family. They have applied for their permanent residence in New Zealand and would covet your prayers that it would be approved. This is also the family that has just recently joined our church.

They have very little, because they came from the Philippines with only their suitcases. They had been without their children for almost a year before they were able to reunite with them. Candy's mother Nancy (left) is also included in their residency paperwork.



As many of you may already know from our last prayer letter, we are back on a short furlough. We have mixed feelings being back in America. On one hand we are sad, missing those that God has called us to minister to in New Zealand, but on the other hand we are excited to rekindle our relationships with our family, friends, and supporting Churches.



We have been in only a few churches since we have been back, but we have been blessed already. We visited one of our supporting churches in Oregon that has a bus ministry. It was awesome to hear that God's people were willing to volunteer their time to go out and get those who are not able to come on their own. One young man had just received Jesus as his Savior two weeks earlier. It is our passion to see people surrender to serve God. Please pray that God uses us to reach the lost while here in America, and that He uses us to help others to know that our God is capable of equipping anyone to serve full-time.

We had the opportunity to spend time with some friends who do not know the Lord. It was a blessing to be a light for the Lord as they allowed us to pray with them and for them. We are praying that God will use that time to tender their hearts to His eternal saving Word. Debbie and I both had the opportunity to share the Good News with them. They did listen but were not ready to accept. Please pray that God will keep the door open, and that they will seek for understanding.

We have been checking in with the Howells, who are overseeing the Lord's work for us in New Zealand. They are doing an awesome job. Doing the Lord's work is not without persecution though. Brother Howell informed me that he has been continuing the outreach of going door-to-door handing out literature and sharing the Gospel, if given the opportunity. In his endeavours, he received a call asking for a written apology for giving out God's Word. He was also approached physically, which was a test on his character. He informed me that it was very hard to control the flesh, but was able to compose himself and invite the gentleman to come to church. I believe that we are all approaching a time that physical persecution will become the norm. Please pray for brother Howell and his family (Kim, Elizabeth, and Deborah).

We will be doing a lot of travel for the next few months and are planning to be with several supporting and non supporting churches. I know that this time of the year is not the best time to travel, so please keep us in your prayers for travel mercies. We would really like to be with everyone, but know that is not possible. Regardless of whether we are with you or not, please know that you are all in our prayers. Thank you for your continual prayers and support.

God Bless! ~ Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Health and safety during our travels
- The Howell family
- The MaGallane's residency
- Physical & spiritual growth at Harvest Baptist Church
- Raising funds for additional sound equipment
- Wisdom with church growth