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Youth Camp 2007



Child Dedication



Erin's Baptism



God showered His blessings on us this month. Of course, God always blesses, but this month in particular was very special to us. We had five saved, five baptized, and one child dedicated to the Lord.



We want to thank you for praying for our Youth Camp. God truly blessed as we saw five receive Christ; four of which Debbie and I personally were able to lead to Christ. We also heard that several others, after camp, made a personal decision to receive Christ as their Savior. Three of the five saved at camp we brought; two from our church (Andy and Paul MaGallanes) and one from a family that is not attending a church.

Probably one of the greatest gifts we, as parents, can receive from God is that of our own child accepting Christ as their Savior. Our daughter Erin had been struggling with her profession of faith, that she had made as a child. I guess I took for granted that she was saved, remembering what she had done at five. In fact, it never crossed my mind that she wasn't until she came and talked to me. She told me that she could not remember what she had done when she was five. We then spoke in detail about why we need a Savior. Once she understood, she prayed and asked God to forgive her for sinning against Him. She prayed that God would help her to turn from her sins, and asked Him to be Lord of her life. What a glorious day that was for us. I wonder how many others have gotten so busy that they look right past their own children. Please take the time with your children to make sure they fully understand why they are in need of a Savior.

The next Sunday Erin came forward to give a public testimony of her salvation, and said that she wanted to be baptized. That night, two others in the church (Courtney and Jennifer Buhler) also came forward and said that they had gotten saved two years ago, and that they wanted to get baptized. The next Sunday, Andy and Paul, who received Christ while at camp, came forward to be baptized. We had a total of five submit to Believers Baptism, and were baptized on the 29th of April 2007.

On that same Sunday, we had a child dedication service. Courtney and Jen Buhler dedicated Bethany Faith Buhler to the Lord. It was a blessed day; it was a blessed month in the Lord.

We again want to thank you for your continual prayers and support. These decisions "to be obedient to the Lord", are going to your account. Someday you will get to meet those lives you have made a difference in by sending us to the lost here in New Zealand. May God continue to bless and keep you! Your Missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston.

Praises

- Five(+) souls saved at youth camp
- Our daughter receiving Christ
- Five following the Lord in Believers Baptism

Prayers

- To reach the lost for Christ
- Physical and spiritual growth at Harvest Baptist Church
- Wisdom in leading and growing God's work
- Zelda's health
- Praying about purchasing 100 chairs at \$74.00 USD each.