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Teen Choir



Church Service



Gift of Helps (Peter Reeve)



August has slipped by and we are already well into September. Sorry it has taken us so long to get this past month's prayer letter out.

Debbie told me that we have a man in our church that can walk on water. Let me tell you the real story. She was teaching a Sunday School lesson on how Jesus walked on water. She said, "Have you ever seen anyone actually walk on water like Jesus did?" One of the children raised his hand and said, "My daddy walks on water, but my mommy can't she is afraid of water." It was hard for Debbie not to laugh, because she realized the boy had misunderstood. Debbie explained and then focused on the fear he said his mother had. Often times it is the fear that keeps us from stepping out and doing what God wants us to do.



We have been working hard at equipping the people with tools to help them overcome their fear to witness. On Wednesday nights we started a video series by Ray Comfort called: "The Way Of The Master." It has drawn some interest as our attendance has increase. The people are feeling more comfortable about the whole idea of witnessing.

It has been great seeing some of our men step out and get active in the church. I have turned over the leading of our music to one gentleman who has already started a teen choir. He is also looking to start an adult choir. This is a big undertaking for him, and I would ask that you lift him up in prayer. Another gentlemen has asked if he could teach a Sunday School class. How exciting to see God working on maturing and leading these to serve him. I am in the planning stages of teaching a few classes, in hopes to prepare some of these men to preach.

We have just recently had a new family begin attending the church. They travel over thirty minutes one way to attend. They told me that they have not attended a church, in New Zealand, for over thirteen years. This has been the case because they could not find a decent church that preached the Word of God. They have been very excited, and we are looking forward to see how God will use them in the future. The gentleman has a Masters Degree in the Bible and is presently working on his Doctorate. He is keeping me on my toes, which is a good thing.

We have several evangelical activities coming up that we would covet your prayer for. There will be an annual Teen All-Niter on September 27-28. God has yet to provide us with help on this activity, so Debbie and I will be staying up all night with them and then driving them two hours home. I know we will be tired, so pray for our safety. We also have a Young Men's Retreat October 4-6. There will be unsaved at these activities, so please pray for salvations.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support. God bless you!
Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston.

Praises

- Men and women stepping out to help in the ministry
- God provided the church chairs we needed

Prayers

- Souls to be reached for Christ
- Church outreach activities - Teen All-Niter, Young Men's Retreat, Ladies Tea, Family Camp, Holiday Bible Program