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Here is the Buhler family: Courtney, Jen, and their five children. They have been attending our church for the past six months. It was very hard for them, but they felt they had to leave the church they had been going to their whole life. The church was preaching a different Gospel, and they did not want to confuse their children.

Please pray for this family as they feel some immediate family bitterness. Most of their family is going to the other church.

Please pray for the churches of NZ in general. Pray that they will preach the Gospel, and teach the Word of God as God has given it to us. It is not our desire to have people leave their church and come to ours.



I can't believe that January has come and gone already. It will not be long before we will be packing to head back to the work God has called us to do in New Zealand.

These past months have been great! We have been helping a family who wants to surrender to serve God full time. They do not know whether God is calling them as missionaries or not, but they do know that God is calling them to surrender. Please pray that God will prepare the way and give them a clear direction.

We were just at a week long missions conference where another young couple, with children, surrendered to be missionaries. I am excited that God has allowed my family to have a part in these families surrendering to serve our Lord and Savior. I believe there are many others who have been called to be missionaries, but are too afraid of fully trusting God to take care of them. We are losing labourers faster than we can replace them. Matthew 9:37-38 says, "...the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." If God is calling you, please don't delay, pray for strength and then surrender.

An update to those of you who have been praying that Sandra (Peter's unsaved sister) would recover from being hit by a car. She never came out of a coma, but before she died Peter sat next to her and shared the Gospel with her. Only God knows if she was able to hear, and if she received Jesus as her personal savior before she passed away. I know this has been very hard for Peter and his family. Please take a few moments to pray for them.

We have been encouraged by so many people since we have been back. It is truly a blessing to know that you all have been praying for us and the people of New Zealand. We truly need your prayers, as not a month goes by, that we don't get discouraged. We truly want to see more fruit: souls saved, spiritual growth, and lives surrendered to God, not only in New Zealand, but here in America. I often wonder if I could not do more for God here in America, but then God reminds me of those fifty-seven souls that received Christ in New Zealand. It is your prayers and your giving that is making a difference to many in New Zealand. Please know that when we are down, your prayers are there to lift us up. Without them, we would not be able to do the work God has called us to.

God Bless, your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston



Praises

- New visitors each week at Harvest Baptist Church
- Two families being called to full time service

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and spiritual growth at Harvest Baptist Church
- Wisdom in leading the church
- Zelda's health is getting worse, she now has a feeding tube
- Peter Reese and his family, for the loss of his sister Sandra
- Travel protection while we are on furlough
- The Howell family, who is filling in for us while we are in America