

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## Michael Taylor (New Member)



MTT Team 2007



Zelda Is Home



We finally had some time, this past month, to get our hands around things; it only took four months. I guess it has taken its toll, as I have been suffering flu type symptoms for the past six weeks. I think that I am finally coming around, but it looks like the rest of the family is beginning to get it. People here have been calling it the hundred day cough. I have been coughing for nearly fifty days, so I guess I am half way there.



We had one join the church (Michael Taylor) this month and over thirty first-time visitors. There was a team from America visiting New Zealand that came on the last Sunday of the month. The team was lead by Bob and Joyce Landis. Two years ago they were with us, and wanted to be with us again this year. They have been called by God to prepare both young and old to serve God. Their ministry is called Make a Timothy Today (MTT). To see twelve young adults open to giving their lives to God for full-time service was a blessing and encouragement to us. We had our highest attendance with sixty-nine present for the service and seventy-five for the luncheon. It is interesting to know that Lewis Howell, who served for us while in America, was a part of the MTT team a few years back.

Thank you for praying for Zelda Campbell. She is now home and doing well. It was quite a struggle at first, as she got very weak a few days after arriving home. They found that her infection had gotten into her blood stream, and they were worried that she was going to have to return to the hospital. She was determined not to go back, so they assigned a nurse to visit her daily. They got it under control, and she is doing very well. The electric wheelchair has been a real blessing. I can't explain what a difference it has made, except to say that she has a freedom she has not had in a long time. The Lord has done a mighty work in Zelda's heart, and her testimony in the hospital touched many lives. Praise God!

It is always a blessing to hear back from those who have been touched in some way by God working here in New Zealand. We have received emails, letters, and calls from those that have been praying for us and encouraging us. We cried when we read an email from a thirty-two year old lady, who accepted Christ as her Savior because of our daughter Erin's testimony and courage to come forward and receive Christ. This lady had been serving in the church for what sounds like most of her life; she knew she wasn't saved, and decided if Erin could come forward, so could she. Praise the Lord!

Could you please check with your email provider about removing us from their SPAM list. We try to respond to your emails, but they keep getting rejected. Many are receiving our prayer letters, but not our reply's.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support. Because of your sacrificial prayers and giving, we are able to serve God and you here in New Zealand. God bless you! Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston.

## Praises

- New member, visitors, and Zelda's return from the hospital.

## Prayers

- Souls to be reached for Christ
- Church outreach activities - Visitation, Ladies Fellowship Night, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Teen All-Niter, Family Camp, Holiday Bible Program
- Wisdom on church chairs