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Zelda's New Wheelchair Ramp



Barnard Receives Christ



The New Youth Group



I will have to say these past two months have been our busiest months since arriving in June of 2003. You know how you always say that when you get back home you will be able to slow down. We actually thought that when we returned to New Zealand, we would get to slow down a bit from our recent furlough. That was just a dream I guess, as we have been going hard out since we returned.



I had mentioned to Lewis, who filled in for us while on furlough, that we were going to be starting an evening service when we returned. He began holding a service for his family and mentioned that if anyone wanted to join them they could. This past month, we had to move our Wednesday night and Sunday night services to the school hall, as we just did not have the room in our home any longer. This has been great, even though it has involved a little more planning and time to arrange the services.

We began a youth group in early May, and we meet every other Friday night. I am taking them through basic Bible truths, as three of the five are new Christians. On occasion, we have 2-4 others join us. We are really enjoying working with them, but praying for God to lead others to help.

Zelda Campbell, who has a cancerous brain tumor, had a fall in late May. She went to the hospital to get x-rays, and found that she had broken her hip and needed surgery. Four weeks after surgery, she developed an infection and had to have the incision re-opened and cleaned. She has been in good spirits even though she has been at the hospital for six weeks, two in isolation because of the infection. Please pray that the incision heals and that she is able to return home soon. Several in the church have helped build a wheelchair ramp and clean her home. She will be getting an electric wheelchair, which will improve her quality of life a hundred fold.

One of our members started bringing a co-worker (Barnard) to church. After attending several weeks, Barnard realized that he was not saved and I had the pleasure of leading him to the saving knowledge of Christ. He had been taught that his good had to out weigh his bad if he was ever to have a chance of going to heaven. He now realizes that it is through Christ and Christ alone that he will be able to go to heaven. He was so excited that he came forward the next Sunday morning and told everyone that he had accepted Christ as his Savior. Praise God!

An update to the no spanking/smacking bill I mentioned in a previous prayer letter; we lost, and they passed it into law. What's next?

Thank you for your continual prayers and support. Some of you have increased our monthly support; thank you. The exchange rate continues to climb; we have seen it go from .47 to .80. May God continue to bless and keep you! Your Missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston.

Praises

- One soul saved
- Still seeing visitors come as the Lord leads

Prayers

- Souls to be reached for Christ
- Workers to help with ministries
- Zelda's recovery and return home
- Still praying about purchasing chairs at \$74 USD each.