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Coombrae Rest Home



Leading Coombrae Resident to Christ



Donated Church Chairs



Two months have passed, and we have been very busy. We had our annual family camp in January with nearly sixty people attending from three separate churches. Each pastor shared a message on spiritual growth: the individual, the family, and the church. It was a great camp.



Each month our family, a family from our church, and a family from another church prepare hymns, which we share along with the Word of God at two separate rest homes. They are so excited to see us, and I thank God for the opportunity to minister to them. It breaks your heart to see many of these people neglected by their families. I have been able to speak to many of these elderly people in the past year, and in three months two have received Christ. Debbie is so gentle and kind to them as she also tells them about Christ. Please pray that this outreach will reach more who are so near to passing into eternity.

We want to thank all of you who were willing to help us with a piece of property that we voted to purchase. I believe the Lord was testing our faith to see if we would step out and trust Him. We did, and then the owners sold the property out from under us. The results of the whole project has put a vision in the hearts of the people here. They have been faithfully giving to the building program and have also increased their giving to missions. We have a church building fund set up if you wish to contribute to helping us raise money for the next opportunity God brings our way.

Thank you for your prayers for Courtney Buhler. He is the one that contracted an unknown illness that was keeping him in bed and unable to work. The doctors do not know what caused him to get better, but we do. Your prayers, as well as ours, were answered as he is fully recovered and back at work. His family sends their heart felt gratitude.

Zelda is still with us, but getting worse. Her eyesight is going and the medication she is taking is not helping much with her pain from the tumor in her head. She was given six months, but God has given her 3+ years, in which she received Christ, got baptized and joined the church.

In the back right corner of the picture of the donated church chairs (that we recently received from Old Dominion Baptist Church (Thank You!)), is a young military man, which came forward during the service. He professed, that for thirteen years he had deceived others to believe he had received Christ, but in his heart, he had not. He received Christ while visiting a sister church in Auckland this past Christmas. He now wants to get baptized and join Harvest Baptist Church.

Thank you for your prayers, and support, Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin

Praises

Three souls saved for Christ ♦ Support given towards church project ♦
Donated church chairs ♦ Mr. Buhler's recovery ♦ Spiritual growth in church

Prayers

To see souls saved ♦ Continual physical and spiritual growth in the church ♦
Healing for Zelda, Lia (Pana's mum), and Jim (Mrs. Buhler's uncle), who have cancer ♦ Teen camp in April ♦ Raising support for our church and house fund