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Logan & Brittany's Arrival



Teen Camp 2012



Ongoing Church Repairs & Projects



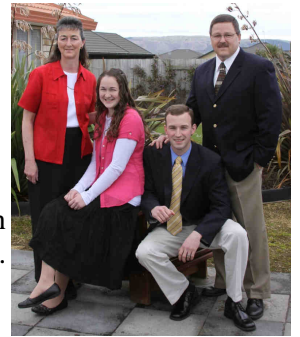
Praises

- Two Souls Saved ● Discipleship Classes
- Churches supporting NZBBTP

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Spiritual & physical church growth ● NZBBTP ● Brittany's work visa ● Logan & Brittany's trip

The last few months have passed by so quickly. We are excited that my son (Logan) and his fiancé (Brittany), have come to spend their summer with us; they arrived May 11th. They have both adjusted to the jet lag and are busy serving in the church here. Both of them needed a job to earn money for their last semester at West Coast Baptist College. Logan had no trouble securing a job with his previous employer, but Brittany was in a predicament. She was required to have a job offer before she could apply for a work visa. Logan's boss found her a job, as the school administrator, for a private Christian school. She is presently volunteering her time until the work visa paper work is approved. Please pray that it goes through soon as volunteer work does not pay much (smile). Also pray for Logan and Brittany as they accompany our church on a trip to Vanuatu (in August). They will help our missionaries and bring hymnals to a new village.



In April, we had our annual Teen Camp at Forest Lakes in Otaki, New Zealand. It was better attended than we had expected; oh ye of little faith. We originally thought we would only have around 75 teens, but it turned out there were 115. We always seek God to work on individuals hearts during this camp, and again He did not let us down (He never does). There were only three campers identified as unsaved this year, and one of them was in Kyle's room. I led Kyle to the Lord three years ago at camp, and this year he was able to lead this boy to the Lord with the help of another Pastor. Praise God for this blessing! Please pray for this young man to be discipled. What was so amazing at this camp was that around 40 young men came forward to begin preparing to serve the Lord in their local church. Pray that Satan is bound and that these young men stay strong in their calling to serve. Last prayer letter I mentioned that those who attended the boot camp in January would be honored at Teen Camp if they completed all required tasks before teen camp. Well, Tim and Erin, from our church, and 7 others from other churches, received a certificate for their faithfulness to complete all their tasks in their local church and community.

We have just finished our first term of the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP). Tim, Erin (our daughter) and Lydia were the first to attend the launch of this new program. They all really enjoyed it and many churches have gotten involved with it. We now have four more like-minded churches excited to help in teaching and training future servants of the Lord. Many of the parents and churches have said that their young people are already planning to attend the program when they are old enough. Please keep the program in pray as we look to begin the next term in July. Also pray for the meeting coming up on the 17th of June. Several of the national pastors and missionaries will be meeting to discuss next term, as well as next year's schedule.

Our youth group has matured to a point that I am now taking them through a witnessing program, which they are very excited about. Two of them have already been to the mall handing out tracts. My wife Debbie received a call, at 9:30 pm, from one young lady who was so excited that she handed out her first tracts ever. Praise the Lord!

The time has come that we are planning our next furlough. We will be leaving late December this year and returning to the field in June 2013. It is our intentions to try and visit as many supporting churches as possible, but also to raise some additional support. We're also planning to attend Logan & Brittany's wedding Jan 5th and their graduation on May 8th.

Thank you so much for your faithful giving so that we may serve the Lord, and reach souls for Christ. Your missionaries: Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin.