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## Boot Camp 2012



NZBBTP Students



## **Praises**

- Two Souls Saved ● Discipleship Class
- Churches supporting NZBBTP

## **Prayers**

- Souls to be saved ● Spiritual & physical church growth ● NZBBTP ● Discipleship class ● New converts church attendance

We started out the year with a Boot Camp for dedicated Christian teens wanting to serve the Lord. It was a two week intensive camp that taught the teens skills to serve in their churches, as well as on the mission field. Each day they got up early and did a one hour kick in the wooded area around the camp. This was to prepare them for a final four hour kick in the Waikato ranges. They learned how to build a bivauc, kill/skin/gut and butcher a sheep, four-wheel drive skills, medical/life saving skills, and outdoor cooking. They also learned song leading, teaching children, chalk art, ushering, speech skills, and soul winning skills. The teens were challenged with taking these skills back to their churches and applying them. Upon completion they will receive a certificate and t-shirt at Teen Camp in April.



We saw two people come to know the Lord as their Savior. Praise the Lord! We had a young man call us up for assistance. He had just moved to Palmerston North and still had a week to start his job and needed a little food and assistance. We went to him with some food and shared the Gospel with him. He had been in church as a child, but said he had never heard the Gospel before. Please pray for Andrew, as he was beat up shortly after leading Him to the Lord and hasn't been able to come to church yet. We also had a lady call and inquire about our church last month. We went to her house to talk to her and presented the Gospel to her and she was gloriously saved that day. She has been to our church and has asked to be discipled.

We are continuing with our Discipleship course with another mother and her son. They eagerly looking forward to each lesson, and we have seen real growth in both of them since starting.

After two years of planning with the other Independent Baptist Churches on the North Island, the New Zealand Bible Baptist Training Program (NZBBTP) started on March 9<sup>th</sup>. There are presently three students: our daughter Erin, Tim Dann who is in our church, and Lydia Mooyman from Auckland. They began at our church with Guy teaching them Hermeneutics & Computer Essentials and Applications. The last few days with us, Debbie taught them children Sunday School skills, Children's Church ministries, puppetry, and Guy did a session on soul winning. They took an active part in serving in our church and doing outreach while with us. They are now in Wellington, two hours south of us. They will be there for their next class and are being put into different ministries of that church, as well as preparing to be counselors at our upcoming Teen Camp. They will finish up the semester in Hamilton, four hours north of us. Please keep these students in your prayers, and also that we will see more students join the program. These students will promote the program at Teen camp in April.

We are looking forward to our son, Logan, and his fiancée, Brittany Hooper, being with us for their summer break. They got engaged in march and are planning to get married June 1, 2013, after their graduation from West Coast Baptist College. While here, they will be helping in all aspects of the ministry, as well as going with the church to Vanuatu (a small island to the northwest of New Zealand) to visit one of our missionaries that the church supports. Logan and Brittany are feeling called to Vanuatu, so this will be a survey trip for them. Please pray for this trip, which will be August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. They will return to school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We know times are rough and many of you are deeply sacrificing for my family and I to be here serving the Lord and reaching souls for Christ. Thank you for making this possible. Your missionaries: Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin.