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Snow Storm



Logan & Brittany's Wedding Photo



Praises

- Reports that Harvest Baptist is doing well
- Youth still active in outreach
- Money donated for church residing

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Church growth
- The keeping of Harvest Baptist Church while on furlough
- Additional supporting churches
- Safety while traveling

After returning to Debbie's mom's house after a month of travel, Guy called the Dodge dealership to make an appointment to get the van serviced. The mechanic explained to Guy that the van didn't need to be serviced until we had gone 6,000 miles, and that it had only been a month since it was last serviced. Guy proceeded to tell him that we had traveled over 6,000 miles the past month and needed to get the van serviced. It never ceases to amaze us how many miles we put on a vehicle let alone air miles, while on furlough.



The month of March we were in three back to back conferences. We started out in Virginia and left in the middle of a snow storm. We then drove to South Carolina for our second conference before driving cross country to New Mexico for our third conference. We were greatly blessed by each conference and were able to meet back up with friends we had made the last time we were there, as well as make some new friends. We were able to see some people come to know the Lord as their personal Savior and make decisions for Christ. Thank you so much for the great hospitality each church showed us while we were there. You all were a true blessing to our family. From New Mexico we drove to Colorado and then to Kentucky, both for new support. We praise the Lord for His leading us to partner with these churches.

We returned back to Pennsylvania to spend Easter with Debbie's mom and family. The first of April, after about a week in PA, we headed back to Virginia and reported to many of our supporting churches in that area. It was great to be with churches that have supported us over these past 10 years while in New Zealand, and some even before we were on the field. They all were a true blessing to us. We also were able to be in two more churches in Virginia for new support. Again, we praise the Lord for partnering us with churches that are excited about missions.

After saying goodbye to Debbie's family we drove from Pennsylvania to St. Louis, MO, to return our van to Righteous Rides. We will be flying to Oregon to see Guy's family and finish our furlough. It will be nice to have a little family reunion before we leave for New Zealand. We were so blessed to have a van from Righteous Rides, a Christian group just outside of St. Louis, MO. The van really helped us in our travels, and kept the cost of a vehicle down.

It is always hard leaving a mission work to report back to sending churches, and often times even harder to return to a work that has been without a Pastor/Missionary for a big part of a year. I am pleased to report that the men in the church are doing an amazing job filling the pulpit and teaching. The Ladies also are doing a great job with children's Sunday School, Junior Church and as well as planning meals for various services. What a blessing it will be for us to return to a work that appears to be increasing rather than decreasing after a furlough. I believe the Lord is doing a great work in the hearts of the people at Harvest Baptist Church. Please be in prayer for Tim Dann, as I continue to train him for full-time service and care for the church.

We would like to give a BIG thank you for the churches that have donated for the recladding (residing) of our church building. It is a huge blessing to our people, to see the hearts of the churches in America. Though we are still about ten thousand (USD) short of having the funds to complete the residing, we are going to seek out quotes to have two-three sides done this year. We are also short of about five thousand (USD) for finishing the rewiring.

Thank you for your prayers and support. God bless, your missionaries in New Zealand: Guy, Debbie, & Erin Bankston