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Pippa & Sophie Receive Christ



Church Residing (unpainted)



All-Nighter 2013



Praises

- Three saved ● New Members ● New Families ● Residing & Rewiring started ● Great All-nighter ● Erin's Growth & Involvement

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Church growth ● Saturday Outreach ● Logan & Brittany's "Partner Visa"

There is so much we need to tell you that I am not sure if it will all fit on one page. Where do I start? Well let's start with praising the Lord for three salvations in August. Pippa and Sophie Cairns were led to the Lord by their parents, shortly after joining our church, and I lead a young college student named April to the Lord while witnessing on the street corner. We have seen several in the past year come to know the Lord because of handing out tracts and witnessing on the street.



Erin began discipling one of the young ladies in our church this past month. During their first lesson, it came apparent to the young lady that she needed to be baptized, as she had never been baptized after she received Christ. Erin is also teaching this young lady how to play the piano, as she has a heartfelt desire to one day serve the Lord in our church by playing the piano. Erin has been playing the piano for all services, teaching Children's Sunday School, and did the Ladies Fellowship Night devotion. The New Zealand Baptist Bible Program has helped Erin to mature and be a real blessing to us all.

We were finally able to work out a plan with council that would not require us to apply for a building permit. There was an exemption clause that we fell into allowing us to commence without having to do extensive internal alterations to the building. At present time we have been able to finish three sides of the building with rusticated weatherboard. We have not been able afford, as of yet, to put up a church sign. Because of this, several of our church attenders have passed our building only to hear from their child, "Daddy, you just past the church." The new cladding has drawn much attention of the surrounding businesses and residence. We still need to paint it as the weatherboard is only primed and ready to be painted.

Because of sickness and personal needs the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program had to postpone this semester classes. One of the students who lost their mother from cancer, earlier this year, need to help his father move and reestablish his engraving business. The other two students needed a break because of health and personal reasons. The program will commence again in February with three new students.

In October we had and three new families start attending the church and three people joined the church. God has been blessing so much that we're overwhelmed. I believe that all of this is due to the faithfulness of the church people to get the Gospel message out. Our church meets every Saturday to distribute the Gospel of John and the book of Romans (in a news paper format) to residence in the town of Feilding and Ashhurst. I believe that we will have completed canvassing these two towns in the next month or so.

We held our annual youth group all-nighter in October. This year we had two guest speakers, from Wellington and Wanganui, and 28 youth from four churches attend. I do not know how Debbie and I are able to do it year after year, but we manage to stay awake, and keep the kids active all night long. The youth always look forward to this event and they always get a charge and challenge from the pastors to be faithful to the Lord and His church, be an example to others, and this year "choose your friends carefully."

In closing we want to again ask you to pray for our son Logan and our daughter-in-law Brittany, as they submit their documentation for a "Partnership Visa." Though Logan has his permanent residence here in New Zealand, Brittany will not be allowed to stay without the approval of this visa.

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