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Praises

- Five Baptised • New Members
- Three new students for the NZBBTP

Prayers

- Souls to be saved • Church growth
- Saturday Outreach • Guy's health issues
- Upcoming Teen Camp in April

Our new year started off with a wonderful Family Camp with other like-minded Churches. We had great messages preached to encourage us to keep on serving the Lord in the New Year. Debbie's message, "Having a Heart For the Lord", was very well received. Thank you for your prayers. The camp numbers rose with about 150 people attending.

January 9th, our son, Logan, and his wife, Brittany arrived back in New Zealand. After much prayer, Brittany finally received her passport back in hand, with a one year working visa in it, only two days before stepping on the plane. Some times God tests our faith, but He is always faithful.

Boot Camp was amazing with 10 young ladies and 12 young men attending. They spent two weeks ruffing it in the wilderness, learning how to cook meals on an open fire, training every day, climbing steep hills (to prepare for a 6 hour hike the final day), and learning basic skills to help them in the ministry. They learned song leading, starting a youth group, music theory, public speaking, first aid/CPR, survival skills, building BIVACs (shelters), Firearms safety and shooting, four-wheel driving, butchery, etc. There was great preaching and challenging of the campers. In the end, there were many decisions made to serve Christ, and live for Him. The campers left with a list of things to do at home/church in order to graduate the Boot Camp. Our teens have been serving as church greeters, leading Youth Group, teaching Sunday School, and our guys are leading the music. Thank you for your prayers.

We had another family join our church the end of January. This family had been with us for a several years before moving to Auckland and then to Australia. They are back in Palmerston North and have rejoined our church. It is great to have them back and they are already serving again.

The New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Programme (NZBBTP) has started up for the first semester. There are three students right now with another one joining them in May. They started off with Guy teaching Orientation & Computer Essentials for a week in February. He will be teaching Hermeneutics for two weeks in March. We are excited to see these students grow in the Lord.

Logan and Brittany are settling down and have been a real blessing to us and to the church since their arrival. Logan has been preaching, and they both have been leading the Youth Group. Brittany is now one of our pianist, and they have been singing specials in our church. Brittany is now teaching in our Sunday School and Children's church as well. They both have a real heart for our young people and the teens were excited to have them back with us. Logan has his job back at the tree nursery, but since the owner has purchased 20 acres of blackberries, he has been one of the ones that prepares the berries for shipment to the retail stores. Now he preaches & leads music with purple stained hands. Brittany has also received a job offer for an administrative assistant and will start her job March 3rd.

The last Sunday of February we had five get baptized at the river. One young girl, Nicole, who was being discipled by Erin, realized that she was not saved and is now saved, baptized and a member of our church. Three of the Buhler children also got baptized. Praise the Lord! Because of Guy having chest pains, and the doctors unable to diagnose the cause, Logan (our son) and Court Buhler assisted in the baptisms. Please pray that the doctors will identify the problem with Guy's chest pains.

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

