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Magallanes Family



## **Praises**

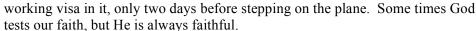
- Five Baptised New Members
- Three new students for the NZBBTP

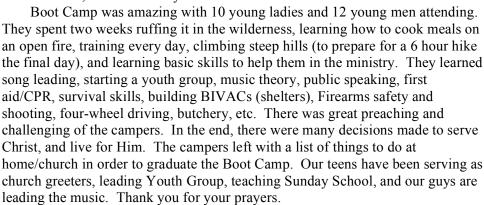
#### **Prayers**

- 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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





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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

