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Woman of Virtue Class



Youth Camp



Teen Camp 2014



Praises

- 2 saved at Camp ● 5 going through Discipleship course ● Completed canvassing of 2 nearby cities ● Four students for the NZBBTP

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Church growth ● Saturday Outreach ● Brittany's Permanent Residence

We'd like to start off by thanking you for your prayers for Guy's health. Guy had a stress test in March that he passed with flying colors. They increased his medicine for acid reflux and also have him taking aspirin as a precaution. We had to go private with the test and pay ourselves since the wait was too long on the public system. They still do not know what the problem was, but it seems to have cleared up. Praise the Lord!

In March Brittany (our daughter-in-law), with Erin's assistance, started up the Women of Virtue program that Brittany has designed. This is based on the Proverbs 31 Woman and teaches the young ladies skills for both spiritual, as well as physical and practical application. It has been well received by the girls.

In April we started discipling four people in our church using the "ABCs of Christian Growth". We have seen great strides in their spiritual walk. One young man has been witnessing to his fellow Army soldiers and hopes to see some of them in our church some day. Erin has also been discipling, one on one, a nineteen-year-old female in our church. We have seen tremendous spiritual growth in her, and she has been making big decisions concerning her walk with the Lord.

Debbie has been holding three different Bible Studies each week with three different ladies. Each study is directed towards the need of that person. She is also heading-up the monthly Ladies Fellowships that strive to encourage and grow the ladies in the church to be better servants for the Lord.

The New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) has finished the first semester and started the second with four students. They will be traveling around the North Island this semester and will return to our church the end of June to study Eschatology for two weeks. We are excited to see these students grow in the Lord. The last time they were at our church in March, they helped us paint the exterior of the church. It was a huge blessing for our church.

The Lord has been blessing our Children's Program. We have seen new kids coming from the efforts of our children inviting their friends. In addition, we have two new teachers that are helping with the program. We praise the Lord for what He is doing with the children.

Our outreach continues strong. We have a couple men that go to the square (center of the city) and do flip charts on the "Good Person Test". Others are distributing the Gospel of John to each household in the city of Palmerston North. We completed our distribution of the Gospel of John and Romans, in newspaper format, to the cities of Feilding and Ashhurst, which are about ten minutes from Palmerston North.

The end of April our annual Teen Camp was held at Forest Lakes Christian Camp. We had a good turnout, but were saddened by a number of teens that were not there this year due to falling into sin. The teens were encouraged to stay strong and to support one another to stay faithful to the Lord. We saw two of the youth get saved, and many decisions to serve the Lord were made.

Logan and Brittany are settling down here in New Zealand. They continue to be a blessing to us as they do their internship here. They have started a new program in our Youth Group to get the teens more involved in reading their Bibles and memorizing scripture. We have seen steady growth spiritually in our teens. Both their jobs are going well. Please pray as they will be starting the process for Brittany's Permanent Residence soon.

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

