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New Family Attending (New Believer)



New Believer



Ten Year Anniversary



Praises

- 6 going through discipleship course •
- Canvassing Palmerston North with gospel tracks •
- Four students in the NZBBTP
- Three souls saved • 10 Yr. Anniversary

Prayers

- Souls to be saved • Physical and Spiritual Church growth • Outreach •
- Brittany's Permanent Residence • A national to be called by God to train for this work.

The Lord has been amazing the last few months in working on the hearts of the people. In September a young lady came forward after the invitation and Debbie was able to lead her to the Lord. She and her children have been attending our services since August. In October, Guy met with a man that had been attending our church and came forward to join the church. After meeting with him, the man realized that he was not saved, and received Christ that day. Praise the Lord!



A young Army soldier in our church, Cody, went to Papa New Guinea for training and while he was there he witnessed to an American Marine. They talked for quite awhile and the Marine received Christ. The Marine did not have a Bible, so Cody took his brand new Bible and gave it to him. He then encouraged him to find a good church to attend when he got back home.

The New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) students were with us for two weeks in September and two weeks in October studying "New Testament Survey". They did a great job in their classes. In addition, they participated in outreach, conducted one of our Youth Group activities and the men both preached in our church services.

We had the privilege of having two young ladies from Virginia with us. They were a real blessing to our church. They helped with whatever needed to be done and became involved in all of our programs and outreaches. We saw the Lord really work in their lives and it was hard to say "goodbye", for now. They are praying for God's direction in their lives, and we look forward to seeing them again, either here in New Zealand or in the states on our next furlough.

October 12th Harvest Baptist Church celebrated their 10th Year Anniversary. We had prepared special music, small gifts and a reception following the service. We had 76 in attendance with 10 visitors. We had been praying for one of our families, who had been out of church for 3 months to return. They did, and they have been attending the services since then.

Our church neighbor came over and approached us about buying their house. We prayed about this opportunity, took the church through the house to see the potential for using it for Sunday School classes, Children's church, NZBBTP classes, etc... We held a meeting and decided not to purchase the building, but to continue fixing up what we have and possibly add to it in the future. Through all of this, the people have been motivated to increase their giving to the building fund.

Debbie spoke at the September Women of Virtue program, on Music, Movies, and Media. We had a good turnout. She handed out booklets on godly music, The Blessings and Pitfalls of Social Networking, and also booklets on drinking alcohol and dress. It was all received very well. Some of the ladies that were not able to attend, asked for the material and notes that had been handed out. They all said music is a big area where they struggle.

As we read the news and see the events that are happening around the world, we know that our time is drawing short. We feel an urgency to get the Gospel to as many people as we can. It is exciting for us to see our people reaching out to the lost in their neighborhoods, schools, and work areas. We still have the freedom to preach the Gospel, but as we see reports, even in the United States, of our religious rights being taken from us, we need to stand strong and persevere.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you also for those that sent money in for our vehicle, increased our support or sent special love offerings. God bless, your missionaries in New Zealand: Guy, Debbie, & Erin Bankston