

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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NZBBTP Students - 2015



Cody Hireme



## Praises

- 2 saved ● Canvassing Palmerston North and Masterton with gospel tracks
- Masterton work going well

## Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Outreach ● Brittany's Permanent Residence ● God to call someone to train for Palmerston work.
- Sante's working visa approval ● Mission trip to India ● Cody & Kyle's studies in the NZBBTP next year

Thank you for your continued prayers for us here in New Zealand. With the new work in Masterton (1 hour, 10 min. drive), the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) and the various ministries here in Palmerston North, we covet your prayers for strength and wisdom. The Lord is doing great things here, and you all are having a part in these ministries.



We started off the month of September with the NZBBTP students here in Palmerston North for two weeks. Guy taught the men in Church Practicals (Baptism, Lord Supper, Treasurer, Secretarial, Funerals, Weddings, etc.) and Debbie taught the women on Women in Ministry. During this time the men preached and built a woodshed, while the women planned and cooked the meal for the Wednesday night Bible Study. The students also helped teach the Children's Sunday School and planned an activity for the young adults.

One of our pianist, Laura, left in September for a three month mission's trip to Peru where she is working with one of our single lady missionaries that we support. She will be working in the Christian school, helping teach English, as well as the many ministries that are going on in the church.

Debbie continues to hold weekly Bible Studies with the women and she holds a monthly Ladies Fellowship. The women are continuing going through the study on "Choices" and had a scavenger hunt in September and attended the Night Market in town for some local craft shopping in October. We have also started a monthly College and Careers group, since most of our teens are now in their 20s. This has been well attended.

Our son, Logan, continues to help with the preaching, and is discipling a young man in our church that wants to attend the NZBBTP program next year. They meet each week and are going through the "ABCs of Christian Growth". Please pray for Kyle, that he will continue to grow in his walk with the Lord.

In September we saw a young mother come forward, after the message was preached in Masterton. Guy talked to her and had the opportunity to lead her to the Lord. We praise the Lord in how He is working on the hearts of the people in Masterton.

In October the NZBBTP students were back in Palmerston North for two one-week courses on Music taught by our daughter-in-law, Brittany. Because the program is growing and we have a shortage of accommodations for them, we are in the process of fitting out a shipping container to be used for a dorm for the men. This should be ready by the start of next year's classes in February.

One of the young men in our church, Cody, has taken a year off of his military duty and will be starting the NZBBTP in February. Cody got saved about 4 years ago and has gone through the Homiletics course and is now doing preaching on Sunday nights in Palmerston North, along with three other men. In January he and another man (Brent), will take a missions trip to India to visit one of our missionaries the church supports. God has used Cody to lead three other men to the Lord in the past two years. Brent has also led a couple of men to the Lord this past year. We are praying that God will use them greatly on this mission trip.

We were approached by another missionary couple, that has served here in New Zealand and have their Permanent Residence, about co-laboring with us to help with the Masterton church. Please pray with us for Jerry & Dawn Judd, as they raise their support to return to New Zealand.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support of these ministries. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston